

7. Policy on Foreign Affairs and International Economics

7.1 Develop relations with neighbouring countries in every dimension and at all levels to cultivate good understanding and mutual respect in order to promote stability, security and prosperity in the region through the promotion of cooperation in all areas under various sub-regional frameworks as well as expeditiously resolving issues with neighbouring countries through peaceful means based on relevant treaties and laws.

7.2 Promote cooperation to strengthen ASEAN during Thailand's chairmanship as well as to realize the goal of creating an ASEAN Community as stipulated in the ASEAN Charter by making ASEAN a people-centred organization, encouraging member countries to collectively respect human rights, pushing for ASEAN to play a leading constructive role in international fora, and expanding cooperation with other Asian countries through various cooperative frameworks both within Asia and between Asia and other regions.

7.3 Promote close cooperation with Muslim countries and international Islamic organizations to create correct understanding of and support for Thailand's efforts in resolving the issue of the southern border provinces.

7.4 Strengthen cooperation and strategic partnership with countries that play important roles in global affairs as well as Thailand's trading partners in other regions to maintain and expand cooperation in the areas of politics, security, economics, trade, finance, investment and tourism, while searching for new markets to promote cooperation on resources, raw materials, science and technology and new knowledge.

7.5 Promote Thailand's interaction with the global community in setting international standards, particularly on agricultural trade, rules and regulations on intellectual property, preservation and restoration of peace and security, promotion and protection of democratic values, human rights and humanitarianism, conservation of the environment and energy and resolution of related issues, cooperation to resolve all transnational issues that affect human security, as well as promoting Thailand as regional headquarters for international organizations and increase technical cooperation with developing countries.

7.6 Support entry into international agreements, bilateral and multilateral, that are beneficial to Thailand; expedite the ratification of agreements already signed and revise those that create negative impacts on the people and society.

7.7 Promote public awareness and understanding of global changes that affect Thailand so as to forge consensus in the formulation and conduct of foreign policy.

7.8 Build confidence among foreign countries and access at the public level by promoting correct understanding and confidence in Thailand's politics and economy, in order to maintain Thailand's good image as well as support people-to-people contact with foreign countries to promote positive attitudes toward Thailand and the Thai people among their public and governments and the international community.

7.9 Protect and promote the rights and interests of Thai nationals, Thai workers and the Thai private sector abroad and support the strengthening of Thai communities abroad.