



HA LONG MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE STRENGTHENING OF ASEAN ANTICIPATORY ACTIONS IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

1. We, the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (hereinafter referred to as “ASEAN”), namely Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam at the 11th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) and 12th Conference of Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) in Ha Long, Viet Nam on 12 October 2023;

2. We emphasise our continued efforts towards realising the ASEAN Vision 2025 on Disaster Management to position ASEAN as a pioneer in transforming the disaster management landscape in the Southeast Asian region and beyond, and strengthening its leadership to maintain ASEAN Centrality, through a people-centred multi-layered and cross-sector governance, financially sustainable, and networked and innovative approach by 2025. We are cognisant of Indonesia’s ASEAN Chairmanship theme in 2023 “ASEAN Matters: Epicentrum of Growth” which calls for ASEAN to be more adaptive, responsive, and competitive - thus we will continue to build a disaster-resilient ASEAN through promoting risk-informed development in all of its dimensions;

3. We reaffirm our commitment to support the implementation of the ASEAN Framework on Anticipatory Action in Disaster Management. We are committed to achieving its objective to help advance the implementation and scaling up of anticipatory action approach in the ASEAN region to protect people, assets, and livelihoods from imminent danger to reduce disaster-related loss and damage in ASEAN member states. We further express our support for ASEAN to spearhead the promotion of anticipatory action for the global community to accelerate the implementation of global frameworks, including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and Sustainable Development Goals;

4. We appreciate the leadership of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in enhancing anticipatory action in the region as the Chair of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) in 2023. Inspired by the theme of **“From response to anticipatory action and resilience: ASEAN’s journey towards global leadership in disaster management”**. We emphasise the importance of strengthening disaster risk management systems to deliver anticipatory action, including but not limited to the following three building blocks – “risk information, forecasting and early warning systems”, “planning, operations, and

delivery”, and “promoting pre-arranged finance” of the ASEAN Framework on Anticipatory Action in Disaster Management;

5. We endeavour to improve **risk information, forecasting and early warning systems** at the regional and national levels. In this regard, we continue to strengthen the capacity of all ASEAN Member States and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) in sharing disaster risk information, particularly the enhancement of the Disaster Monitoring and Response System (DMRS), and the ASEAN Disaster Information Network (ADINet). Furthermore, we encourage the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) to integrate anticipatory action triggers into regional and transboundary disaster risk assessment. We also encourage the ACDM and AHA Centre to explore mechanisms for quality data sharing regionally and with partners while enhancing capacity for impact-based forecasting and inclusive early warning systems in the region;

6. We underscore the need to enhance **planning, operations, and delivery** of anticipatory actions in disaster preparedness and response at the regional and national levels. To this end, we continue to advance the implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on One ASEAN, One Response: ASEAN Responding to Disasters as One in the Region and Outside the Region. We encourage the ACDM and AHA Centre to integrate regional planning for preparedness, anticipatory action and response into a comprehensive approach, while taking into consideration gender equality, disability and social inclusion;

7. We encourage to promote **pre-arranged finance** for a successful anticipatory action in disaster management. In this connection, we continue to strengthen ASEAN’s financial resilience in dealing with disasters through promoting inter-sectoral cooperation on risk financing and insurance to implement regional initiatives such as the ASEAN Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance (ADRFI) and the Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Insurance Facility (SEADRIF). We further encourage ACDM to consider anticipatory action allocation in disaster risk management funds, as appropriate;

8. We emphasise the value of cooperation, partnerships and technology transfer for early action with countries and sub-regional, regional and international organisations and institutions in enhancing disaster risk reduction in the region, particularly to facilitate learning and strengthen the risk information, plans, and evidence-based anticipatory actions;

9. This Statement is issued by the 11th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management held on 12 October 2023 in Ha Long, Viet Nam.
