



Joint Statement of the 24th ASEAN-Republic of Korea Summit on Cooperation on the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP)

WE, the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Republic of Korea (ROK), gathered on the occasion of the 24th ASEAN-ROK Summit on 6 September 2023 in Jakarta, Indonesia;

NOTING with satisfaction the significant progress made in ASEAN-ROK cooperation through relevant ASEAN-led mechanisms since the establishment of our Dialogue Relations in 1989;

REAFFIRMING our commitment to advancing ASEAN-ROK strategic partnership into a more substantial, dynamic, and mutually beneficial relationship as stated in the *ASEAN-ROK Joint Vision Statement for Peace, Prosperity and Partnership* in 2019 and the *Joint Statement of the 22nd ASEAN-Republic of Korea Summit on Advancing ASEAN-Republic of Korea Cooperation for People-centered Community of Peace and Prosperity* and to working together toward a new chapter in ASEAN-ROK relations;

RECOGNISING ASEAN Centrality and its leading role in developing and shaping an open, transparent, inclusive, and rules-based regional architecture;

REAFFIRMING the objectives and principles of the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP) which provides a guide for ASEAN's engagement in the Asia-Pacific and the Indian Ocean regions, while encouraging external partners to work with ASEAN to undertake practical cooperation on the four priority areas identified in the AOIP through ASEAN led-mechanisms;

WELCOMING the Korea-ASEAN Solidarity Initiative (KASI) and its subsequent implementation, which further realise the ROK's commitment to deepen and expand ASEAN-ROK cooperation, strengthen the region's capacity as the epicentre of growth, and support ASEAN's lead in shaping the economic and security architecture and ensuring that regional dynamics will continue to bring about peace, security, stability and prosperity for the peoples, while upholding ASEAN Centrality;

NOTING that the AOIP and the ROK's Indo Pacific Strategy (IPS) share relevant fundamental principles in promoting peace and cooperation, and that the IPS demonstrates the ROK's commitment to a free, peaceful, and prosperous Indo-Pacific region;

WELCOMING the ROK's support for and cooperation with ASEAN through the AOIP, with a view to promoting mutual trust, mutual respect and mutual benefit, through ASEAN-led mechanisms, thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of peace, stability, and prosperity in the region;

HEREBY decide to:

1. Support ASEAN Community building efforts through ASEAN's major strategies and initiatives, including the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and ASEAN Community's Post-2025 Vision, the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 (MPAC 2025), and the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan IV (2021-2025) and their successor documents.
2. Broaden and deepen the ASEAN-ROK Strategic Partnership, including through the full and effective implementation of the ASEAN-ROK Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Vision Statement for Peace, Prosperity and Partnership (2021-2025) through relevant ASEAN-led mechanisms, and welcome the ROK's proposal to establish the ASEAN-ROK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) in 2024.
3. Contribute to reinforcing the ASEAN-centered regional architecture that is open, inclusive, transparent, and upholding international law, promoting dialogue, cooperation, mutual trust and confidence, addressing challenges and seizing opportunities arising from current and future regional and global environments.
4. Support the principles of strengthening ASEAN Centrality, openness, transparency, inclusivity, a rules-based framework, good governance, respect for sovereignty, non-intervention, complementarity with existing cooperation frameworks, equality, mutual respect, mutual trust, mutual benefit and respect for international law, including the UN Charter, the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the SEA (UNCLOS) and other relevant UN treaties and conventions, the ASEAN Charter and relevant ASEAN treaties and agreements and the EAS Principles for Mutually Beneficial Relations (2011), which form the basis of the AOIP.
5. Reinforce ASEAN-ROK cooperation in the four priority areas of the AOIP, namely maritime cooperation, connectivity, UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030, and economic and other possible areas of cooperation, including but not limited to the following:
 - i. Maritime cooperation: Maritime policy dialogue, maritime safety and security, enhancing maritime law enforcement, maritime connectivity, preservation and protection of the marine environment, biodiversity

- conservation and management, prevention, elimination and minimisation of marine pollution, maritime scientific research, maritime commerce, sustainable management of marine resources, and supporting small-scale fishing communities to ensure food security and economic development, in accordance with international law, including the 1982 UNCLOS;
- ii. Connectivity: Infrastructure including sustainable and innovative financing for infrastructure development, people mobility, youth and people-to-people exchange, sustainable and smart cities, digital connectivity, open, secure and resilient supply chains;
 - iii. UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030: Public health, environment and climate change, forest conservation and restoration, gender equality and women empowerment, inclusive and productive employment and decent work, workforce and human resources development, reskilling, upskilling, life-long learning, occupational safety and health, social welfare and development, rural development, good governance, inclusive digital transformation and innovation, as well as SDGs monitoring and reporting, water management, smart agriculture and just and sustainable energy transitions, as well as supporting the implementation of the Complementarities Roadmap 2020-2025 ;
 - iv. Economic and other possible areas of cooperation: ASEAN-ROK Free Trade Agreement (AKFTA), Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), trade facilitation, MSMEs, circular economy, carbon neutrality, science, technology and innovation, green and digital economy, e-mobility, labor markets, combating terrorism, violent extremism and other transnational crimes, cybersecurity, disaster management and humanitarian assistance and sub-regional cooperation, to support efforts to narrow the development gap in ASEAN, particularly the cooperation frameworks with the ROK's participation such as the Mekong-ROK and the BIMP-EAGA-ROK Cooperation Frameworks, and the Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS).
6. Explore ways to invite cooperation with interested parties in the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean regions on specific areas of common interests to implement the four priority areas of AOIP, where appropriate, while maintaining ASEAN Centrality and Unity without creating new mechanisms.
 7. Increase the utilisation of existing platforms and institutions, including the ASEAN-Korea Centre in Seoul, the ASEAN-ROK Financial Cooperation Centre in Jakarta, and the ASEAN Culture House in Busan, ASEAN Cultural Center in Bangkok, and ASEAN Centres in the ASEAN Member States, as well as other related institutions

such as Asia Culture Center in Gwangju to further promote mutually beneficial cooperation, as well as effective utilisation of funding support from the ASEAN-ROK Cooperation Fund and the AKFTA Economic Cooperation Projects Fund;

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