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ABBREVIATIONS

4IR	Fourth Industrial Revolution
ACCF	ASEAN-China Cooperation Fund
ACGF	ASEAN Catalytic Green Finance Facility
ACPHEED	ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases
AFSIS	Agriculture and Food Security Information System
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
AKCF	ASEAN Korea Cooperation Fund
AOIP	ASEAN Outlook on Indo-Pacific
APAEC	ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation
APHECS	ASEAN Public Health Emergency Coordination System
APRF	ASEAN Pharmaceutical Regulatory Framework
APT	ASEAN Plus Three
APTCS	ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Strategy on Food, Agriculture and Forestry
APTERR	Asean Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve
APT SOHMD	ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting for Health Development
ASEAN	The Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASEAN+3 FETN	ASEAN Plus Three Field Epidemiology Training Network
ASEAN EOC	ASEAN Emergency Operations Centre
ATC	SEAN Technical and Vocational Education Council

AUAE JSCC	ASEAN-UAE Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee
AWGHEM	ASEAN Working Group on Higher Education Mobility 2025
B2B	Business-to-Business
CCT	Clean Coal Technology
CCUS	Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage
CCUS/T	Carbon Capture Utilisation and Sequestration
COP28	28th Conference of the Parties
COPAS	Canada-OECD Project on ASEAN SMEs
COVAX	COVID-19 Vaccine Global Access
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease of 2019
CSA	Climate Smart Agriculture
DIFAP	Digital Integration Framework Action Plan
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone,
EPR	Extended Producer Responsibility
ESG	Environmental, Social, and Governance.
EU	European Union
G2G	Government-to-Government
HIRED	Harnessing Impact with Resilient Employability Digitally
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IP	Intellectual Property
IPC	Inter-Professional Collaboration

JAIF	Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund
LTMS-PIP	Lao PDR – Thailand – Malaysia – Singapore Power Integration Project
MBT	Mitigation of Biological Threats
MPAC	Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity
MRV	Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification
MSMEs	Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises
NDC	Nationally Determined Contribution
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organisations
P2P	People-to-People
PIP	Power Integration Projects
R&D	Research and Development
RDA	Recommended Dietary Allowance
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SFM	Sustainable Forest Management
SEAMEO	Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation
SHARE	EU Support to Higher Education in ASEAN Region
SPS	Sanitary and Phytosanitary
STEAM	Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics
SuFiA	Sustainable Fish Asia
TB	Tuberculosis
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training

UAE	United Arab Emirates
UHC	Universal Health Coverage
UK	United Kingdom
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
U.S.	United States
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WHO	World Health Organization
YSEALI	Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative

CROSS TRACK JOINT STATEMENT

Preamble

We, the youth of ASEAN assembled at the ASEAN+ Youth Summit 2023 in Jakarta on August 19th 2023, called upon the ASEAN Leaders to promptly adopt the policy recommendations through impactful, direct, and effective efforts around five priority issues i.e. Digital Literacy and Inclusion, Food Security, Health, Green Economy, and Future of Education and Work towards a peaceful, fair, cohesive, equitable, prosperous, and inclusive ASEAN Community,

We reaffirmed our commitment to the ASEAN Charter, ASEAN Work Plan on Youth 2021-2025, ASEAN Community Vision 2025, and past joint statements of the ASEAN Youth Dialogue,

We called upon the ASEAN Leaders to support youth in exercising their active citizenship at the micro, meso, and macro levels by empowering and involving them in all decision making processes through open, participatory and meaningful avenues,

We acknowledged the transformative power of digital tools as a force for change towards a stronger and more prosperous ASEAN. We recognised the need to harness digital literacy and expand financing pathways for youth enterprises through the development of infrastructure, education, financing, ecosystems and cross-sectoral partnerships to build a better future for ASEAN youth,

We acknowledged climate change and other breached planetary boundaries as the defining challenges to a sustainable future, especially in ASEAN. To take steps in addressing these challenges, ASEAN must ensure its developments are in harmony with nature, provide support to environmental actions, and build resilience for vulnerable communities,

We realised the importance of improving food accessibility and security for ASEAN countries. To address challenges of food waste, responsible consumption practices, awareness, climate mitigation, and malnutrition, ASEAN must promote circular food systems, sustainable communities, agriculture funding, regulations, and research empowerment through innovation,

We recognised the importance of inclusive, accessible, and high quality of education and work to harness the potential of youths for a sustainable, prosperous, and united ASEAN. ASEAN should focus on universal quality education, educators' role, school-to-work transition, up- and re-skilling, international exchanges, and prohibition of workplace discrimination,

We called upon ASEAN Leaders to strengthen the region's health resilience for its preparedness and response to future health threats through the One Health Approach. We reaffirmed SDG 3 as the foundation to achieve all SDGs by highlighting the importance of leaving no one behind in gaining access to quality healthcare; achieving that through a Health-in-All-Policies approach.

Hereby declare:

We recognised that the success of all Joint Statement policy recommendations rests on funding being secured and underlined the vital role of financing to construct, operate and/or maintain projects that implement the recommendations. To scale-up and accelerate the implementation of such projects, we recommended leaders to utilise long-term, state-backed finance and to develop partnerships with the business community that mobilise and channel private sector capital into the projects. We also called for financings to adhere to industry standards (e.g. the ASEAN Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance, Green Loan Principles and Green Bond Principles) and, in particular, to integrate best practices on environmental protection into financing activities;

We emphasised ASEAN Member States and other stakeholders to prioritise strong intergenerational multisectoral collaboration on delivering the Joint Statement's policy recommendations and, more broadly, on ongoing efforts to build a robust, resilient and adaptive society that champions transparency and accountability through effective monitoring and evaluation tools, impact assessment-based decision-making and adoption of recommendations suggested from research and development and open data platforms for public involvement in continued implementation;

We encouraged ASEAN Member States and related stakeholders to safeguard human security and advance the Joint Statement's policy recommendations through the development of reliable, resilient, inclusive, and accessible infrastructure whose operation and purpose should be aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals 7, 9, 11 and 13. The development of such infrastructure should involve environmental and social due diligence and planning, engagement with local and indigenous communities, grievance mechanisms, monitoring processes and transparent reporting. Above all, the resulting infrastructure should account for the well-being of all citizens through universal and resilient design, reduction of barriers to essential services, integration of digital systems and natural ecosystems, and the enrichment of professional ecosystems through physical and digital spaces for capacity-building and collaboration;

We called upon ASEAN+ leaders to increase the quality, quantity and variety of capacity-building initiatives for all youths across ASEAN, especially for those from

vulnerable, marginalised and low socio-economic communities, to ensure their holistic and sustained development, and active participation in advising and delivering the Joint Statement's policy recommendations. This is to be achieved by increasing investment, incentives and improving implementation of informal and formal capacity-building across all sectors focusing on different types of literacy skills and knowledge through sharing best practices, knowledge and skills to empower human resources to create dynamic and adaptive industries across the region;

We acknowledged the importance of partnerships and common goals to accelerate the sustainable development, just transition, and more broadly, the implementation of the Joint Statement's policy recommendations across ASEAN member states. This is to be achieved by empowering international partnership between ASEAN and Non-ASEAN partners, as well as intra-ASEAN collaborative programmes involving NGOs, communities, organisations, private sector, academia, media, and government by creating platforms to facilitate knowledge exchange and capacity building between ASEAN countries towards regional standardisation, innovative advancements, and incubation programmes for economic growth acceleration throughout industries.

ASEAN+ YOUTH JOINT STATEMENT

DIGITAL LITERACY AND INCLUSION

1. We urged a robust delivery of ICT and digital infrastructures to ensure affordable, equitable, decent quality internet, connectivity and technology including in underserved and remote areas by:
 - a. Enacting accountable procurement processes, public-private partnerships, independent oversight bodies, strategic financing, strong data governance and a concrete regulatory framework;
 - b. Applying a risk-based, user-driven and community-based approach;
 - c. Encouraging active participation of youth in the planning, implementation and monitoring of infrastructure projects;
 - d. Initiating a baseline study to map out existing platforms and networks across the region;
 - e. Adopting three archetypes of a country's digital transformation phase such as accelerated, differential and deferred*;
2. We proposed the creation of an ASEAN Regional Digital Literacy Curriculum Framework and an ASEAN+ Digital Skills Empowerment programme, whereby the former serves as a guideline to enhance the integration of digital literacy in formal and informal education and the latter emphasises harnessing digital talent beyond the classroom through a hands-on approach, driven by international collaboration; We also called for the integration of cybersecurity awareness training, data privacy and data security education. These proposals can be achieved by:
 - a. Clearly defining digital skills in pedagogy, including foundational, advanced and soft skills in a digital context, so as to boost employability rate and generate strong digital talent;
 - b. Implementing a dynamic baseline digital skills curriculum at all educational levels to ensure that delivery of digital education is relevant to the needs of different target groups and the ASEAN economy;
 - c. Developing innovative knowledge management strategies for scalable, impactful and effective delivery;
 - d. Providing “school-based, centre-based, enterprise-based, community-based, project-based, peer-based and context-driven” capacity building in the form of digital courses, certification, standardisation, workshops, link-budding, interactive activities and mentorship programmes;
 - e. Enhancing resource accessibility through concerted efforts to ensure localised availability and affordability; promoting widespread access;
 - f. Recruiting and equipping educators with the tools, skills and resources to offer high-quality digital literacy education;



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- g. Empowering agents of change who can utilise their technological expertise through an ASEAN+ Digital Skills empowerment programme that provides training, mentorship, career preparation support and resources through internships/apprenticeships, opportunities to develop soft skills and technical skills, capstone projects, link and match systems and exchange opportunities within ASEAN+ countries;
 - h. Applying the Scout, Shape and Shift* framework for upskilling and reskilling;
 - i. Establishing and utilising digital hubs in local communities as a public resource in local community centres, libraries and schools;
3. We encouraged a penta-helix approach for the creation of sandboxes* and digital communities. This involves active engagement and collaboration with civil society organisations, aiming to enhance knowledge management and capacity building. We also affirmed the vital role of regular forums for stakeholders to exchange best practices, share knowledge, engage in mutual learning and foster long-term cooperation. Furthermore, we recommended the provision of financial assistance to parties that contribute positively to digital literacy and inclusion;
4. We strongly advised ASEAN Member States to expand the financing pathways available to youth enterprises by developing a sound regulatory framework and alternative collaterals (e.g IP), applying behavioural data and imposing a reasonable interest rate. We recommended mapping methods for youth-led enterprises to initiate their startup funding, delineating established operational protocols and increasing emphasis on seed funding and grants to facilitate the rise of the digital economy within ASEAN-oriented businesses and startups requiring support;
5. We called for a strong and integrated community, platform and ecosystem that champion sustainable growth for youth enterprises and further promote digital entrepreneurship by:
 - a. Integrating financial literacy, accessibility design, user experience standards and digital entrepreneurship knowledge into a comprehensive capacity-building programme;
 - b. Establishing a youth enterprise business portal and service desk to support youth entrepreneurs through the ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs Council, to increase accessibility of information related to financing requirements and available instruments;
 - c. Enhancing ASEAN Digital Startup Incubators and Sandboxes with cross-border initiatives like research and development, seed grants and best practice sharing to bridge skill gaps, improve market access and increase growth capital for regional startups;

FOOD SECURITY

1. We strongly advocated for the promotion and implementation of effective strategies to foster circular food system, minimising food waste and ensuring sustainable food supply chain through:
 - a. Implementation of policies on food portioning and imposition of fines for food wasting by food and beverage business actors;
 - b. Implementation of policies and monitoring system of food waste problems at neighbourhood level of each ASEAN member states countries;
 - c. Leadership in initiating an ASEAN youth-based campaign to promote food sharing instead of wasting, in collaboration with local communities, businesses, and organisations;
 - d. Establishment of a measurement system to ensure sustainable agricultural practices, including the application of appropriate fines and incentives for positive impacts on ESG aspects;
 - e. Promotion of the utilisation of food waste as fertiliser and other agriculture-supporting products by facilitation stakeholders on how to recycle, reuse, and monetise;
 - f. Creation of a platform to collect and donate edible food wastes from food businesses;
2. We strongly advocated for the creation of a sustainable community within ASEAN member states, aimed at fostering equality and promoting the growth of agriculture and food industries through following measures:
 - a. Extending existing hubs and deals with partner countries for knowledge, skill, and data exchange platforms within ASEAN member states (e.g. AFSIS);
 - b. Initiating youth-led workshops and campaigns that raise awareness of the significance regarding nutritious eating;
 - c. Facilitating collaborative innovation among ASEAN youths through a joint research programme;
 - d. Formation of an economic pact to prioritise intra-ASEAN member states' exporting after fulfilling domestic self-sufficiency, followed by partner countries;
 - e. Facilitating bulk importation of specific commodities from partner countries, particularly for items in which self-sufficiency cannot be reached within the ASEAN region;
 - f. Implementation of an incubation programme for MSMEs and Startups in the food and agriculture sector for ASEAN member states' youths, which includes provisions for financing and mentorship;
 - g. Recalling the importance of natural conservation and biodiversity and implementing agricultural measures according to such environmental standards for future generations;

3. We proposed a Joint Food and Agriculture Funds, financing platform made only for the ASEAN food and agriculture sector to attract more investors and fundings:
 - a. Joint Food and Agriculture Funds will be sourced from existing and new external parties fundings for ASEAN. Withdrawal of fundings could be done through proposals from ASEAN member states;
 - b. Facilitating a fund management team consisting of representatives from each ASEAN member state to work on the effective utilisation and execution of the funds;
4. We strongly advocated for the implementation of regulations and governance to promote equal accessibility to nutritious eating for all rural and urban areas through the following strategic measures:
 - a. Implementing standardised regional food production and handling procedures based on safe human consumption and hygiene;
 - b. Integrating technology to promote high traceability and data transparency in the food supply chain to promote real-time monitoring of the food supply chain, thereby ensuring equitable access to both rural and urban areas. Technologies such as MRV tools, blockchain, and others can be explored to achieve this goal;
 - c. Establishing a programme to address hunger and nutrient deficiencies in underserved regions through provision of food and vitamins according to the demographic and psychographic assessments of each region, especially in schools, food banks, NGOs, and other platforms (e.g. Free meal programmes for school students, food and vitamin banks, etc.);
 - d. Increasing taxes for junk food-based businesses and providing incentives for food-related businesses that meet the RDA standards;
5. We strongly advocated for the creation of a robust and innovative R&D framework to foster a resilient approach amidst the volatile nature of the food industries. To achieve this, we propose the following strategic actions:
 - a. Facilitating and implementing the adoption of cutting-edge technologies to ensure more climate-smart agriculture practices. Embracing advanced agricultural technologies will fortify the sector against environmental challenges and promote sustainable food production;
 - b. Monitoring and assessing the developmental needs of research and development programmes in each ASEAN country. This proactive approach ensures that research efforts align with the region's evolving challenges and opportunities, fostering a dynamic and adaptive food industry;
 - c. Allocating dedicated financing towards innovation and the exploration of food alternatives to diversify food sources; This encompasses the promotion of accelerated biodiversity findings to enhance the availability and resilience of our food supply;

GREEN ECONOMY

1. We strongly recommended initiating and implementing the framework for green job mapping for MSMEs across ASEAN. This framework will be inclusive of but not limited to programmes, workshops and networking support to assist enterprises in building capacity on the know-how, raise awareness and familiarity with the green economy and market available in the region:
 - a. Further exploring areas of investment micro-funding opportunities to help MSMEs expand their operations through targeted marketing and entrepreneurship programmes by encouraging the adoption of sustainable practices, better access to finance capabilities and inductive business upskilling programmes to address the finance gap and empower MSMEs to thrive in the green economy;
 - b. Requesting the setups of funding and financial support from regional governmental bodies such as but not limited to ASEAN Business Council and other relevant agencies to help the MSMEs to gain access to financial resources, expand marketing resources and upscale the workforce to upgrade the green economy;
2. We demanded the urgent development of sustainable infrastructure including, but not limited to, energy and transport infrastructure to support the implementation of net zero promises made by ASEAN Member States and to build climate resilience for safeguarding the well-being of the most vulnerable populations:
 - a. Accelerating a just green transition through setting standards and mobilising investment on future infrastructure development to minimise environmental footprint by reducing fossil fuel dependency in the daily activities of the ASEAN community through implementing circular infrastructure, developing just and inclusive energy systems to mitigate renewable energy intermittency, promoting sustainable, reliable, accessible, and affordable transportation ecosystem such as but not limited to electrification of public and private transportations to promote modal integration;
 - b. Protecting human security and biodiversity through infrastructure development by requesting knowledge transfers from partner countries in design and/or implementation of effective disaster detection and warning systems, buffers against natural disasters with Nature-Based Solutions and multi-use infrastructures to effectively withstand and respond against common stressors, developing frameworks for essential subsea infrastructure to withstand extreme events, establishing holistic water management systems, and establishing contingent infrastructure to facilitate evacuation and relocation;
3. We recommended the streamlining and further support of meaningful youth participation and engagement platforms including, but not limited to, dialogues with policymakers in decision-making processes related to the environment and sustainability. The engagement must be inclusive of the following items:

- a. Emphasising that youth representatives will be inclusive of communities throughout ASEAN member states of both urban and rural areas. The participation of youth must be meaningful to the decision-making processes on regional and global levels, and proper reporting on youth's impact on the decision to quantify and ensure that youth voices are respected and ideas are considered;
 - b. Establishing an ASEAN Youth Steering Committee on Environmental Governance and Green Economy to assist, manage, and facilitate better and more inclusive directions by youth towards operations within ASEAN;
4. We strongly recommended the development of a holistic regional monitoring framework and environmental assessment to track progress toward a greener and more sustainable future by improving the national statistics of industrial, municipal, and supply chain waste data collections with the following particulars:
 - a. Including predetermined environmental thresholds of main pollutants in solid, liquid, and gaseous discharge parameters, which serve as a foundation for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) enforcement, waste management improvement, conservation protections, as well as the implementation of carbon market, ecolabel, and internalising environmental cost;
 - b. Creating an action plan and/or roadmap to assist ASEAN Member States participation in addressing multi-stakeholder challenges in adhering to proper environmental governance of green economy and renewable energy transition;
5. We strongly urged ASEAN Leaders to establish an ASEAN Loss and Damage Framework to empower a just approach for ASEAN nations in mitigating the effects of and adapt to climate disasters of increasing severity focusing on accessibility of adaptation funding and protecting biodiversity within the ASEAN regions via conservation efforts based on the following particulars:
 - a. Emphasising the importance of the addition of adaptation context towards addressing climate disasters to reduce losses sustained by the ASEAN region long-term, balancing mitigation and adaptation on climate disasters by using Nature-Based Solutions such as but not limited to the ASEAN Catalytic Green Finance Facility (ACGF);
 - b. Acknowledging the importance of empowering and enabling indigenous peoples and vulnerable communities in conservation and adaptation efforts through the application of indigenous knowledge towards fostering an ASEAN that is resilient towards the effects of climate disasters, and urged the prevention of further loss of biodiversity in the ASEAN region through observation and affirmation of 30by30 principle as well as furthering cooperation in Conservation and Sustainable Management of Biodiversity and Natural Resources, Blue Economy and Marine Connectivity as highlighted on the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Blueprint 2025 and the ASEAN Outlook on Indo-Pacific;

FUTURE OF EDUCATION AND WORK

1. We called on leaders to establish universal quality education which ensures equal access to education for every child from, including but not limited to, different socio-economic backgrounds, and in rural and urban areas across the ASEAN region by:
 - a. Redeveloping curricula in all levels of education systems to promote inclusive, integrated, flexible, and dynamic teaching and learning. This includes improvements that meet industrial needs and skilling programmes to provide a smooth school to work transition;
 - b. Providing minimum standard learning facilities in every school throughout the region to improve the quality of the study environment for learners. This includes decent school infrastructure, access to adequate school supplies, and reliable connectivity infrastructure;
 - c. Providing sufficient and sustainable grants/scholarships/fund assistance/special merit awards to learners from marginalised or low socio-economic backgrounds that support their primary, secondary, tertiary education, and widen access to international exchanges;
 - d. Ensuring better social, emotional, and cognitive development among youth through increased accessibility and enhancing the quality of early childhood education. This includes sharing of best practices with regard to curricula, learning methods, teaching pedagogies, and teacher training;
2. We called on leaders to improve the quality of learning by transforming the role of educators by:
 - a. Reskilling and upskilling educators to add more value to their students of all ages and socio-economic backgrounds, including through the use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) tools. This includes providing educators with dedicated training programmes and appropriate instructional materials;
 - b. Providing educators with competitive benefits, salaries, and support to ensure their career paths positively benefit their well-being;
 - c. Facilitating exchange programmes for all levels of educators between ASEAN+ countries to improve their understanding of different teaching methodologies and learn the best practices from international perspectives;
3. We believed that by narrowing the skills and knowledge gap, we can ensure a smoother transition between school and work, including by:
 - a. Exploring more collaborations between universities and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) providers to jointly formulate best practices for implementing career exploration programmes, job shadowing opportunities, career fairs, workshops, internship or apprenticeship in the curriculum, and to help establish cooperation with industries in their respective countries to accept internship students from across countries;

- b. Enhancing and amplifying cooperation with private sectors or industries to work hand in hand and support student internship or apprenticeship programmes. The private sectors or industries are encouraged to provide decent remuneration and accommodation during the programme;
 - c. Facilitating joint university research initiatives across ASEAN+ countries to address common challenges in the school to work transition and facilitate insights and knowledge dissemination to relevant education stakeholders in the origin country;
 - d. Investing in and expanding access to study-abroad opportunities, foreign university scholarships and/or grants, and exchange programmes to support ASEAN youths to gain a comparative outlook;
4. We encouraged increasing investments in decent and sustainable work by:
 - a. Developing centres of excellence that deliver inclusive upskilling and reskilling programmes. These centres should be open for all to broaden and deepen skill sets, to enable seamless transition and progress within industries, and future-proofing career prospects in light of the green and tech jobs transition and, as well as the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR);
 - b. Guiding employers from the private and public sectors to increase graduate and entry-level job opportunities that recruit young people on a merit basis, pay a living wage, provide career development opportunities, and ensure a safe, accessible and non-discriminatory work environment;
 - c. Facilitating international exchange and collaboration opportunities for young professionals across all ASEAN+ countries by establishing structured opportunities for stretch assignments in every industry across ASEAN+ countries and supported by creating a dedicated, simplified and streamlined visa regime for early-career and mid-career employees;
 - d. Convening all stakeholders annually, especially educators and employers, to identify sufficient work placement opportunities, design and revise work placement programmes according to the needs of ASEAN to be implemented within the decade;
 - e. Strengthening cross-sectoral partnerships to provide symmetric, accurate, and comprehensive labour market information. This can be done by utilising digital technology and school posts at the institution's physical location;
5. We encouraged employers to make workplaces more inclusive and accessible, and to prohibit workplace discrimination, including based on race, ethnicity, gender identity, age, disability, religious beliefs, or national origin. This will protect employees from exploitation and harassment. Compliance with these recommendations will empower every individual to live a good quality life, achieve financial independence, and plan for the future;

HEALTH

1. We realised the urgency to achieve Universal Health Coverage to provide equal access to self-reliant healthcare resources, especially for marginalised and vulnerable populations. To achieve better coverage, we advise ASEAN stakeholders to:
 - a. Developing stronger and more resilient financial mechanisms to ensure sustainable allocation of funding to meet the demands of the healthcare industry respective to the country context;
 - b. Promoting research that reinforces the disaggregation data methodology and transparency in the portrayal and dissemination of relevant data to formulate policy indicators that assess social, economic, and political determinants of health;
 - c. Ensuring the fulfilment of sexual and reproductive health rights and access to mental health services;
 - d. Strengthening primary and community-based healthcare systems, which empowers the role of community health workers, patient support groups, and community leaders;
2. We encouraged the optimization of digital health technology, not limited to Artificial Intelligence, to achieve more inclusive healthcare services through:
 - a. Data collection platforms for modelling, surveillance, risk assessment, and monitoring as means to prepare, detect, and respond to public health emergencies which allows for timely and evidence-based decision-making hinged on real-time data;
 - b. Knowledge-sharing hubs to share best practices on healthcare management among ASEAN countries and exchange information to strengthen public health responses;
 - c. Telemedicine, authorised medical records, streamlined reports and audits for pharmacovigilance to improve the quality and accessibility of healthcare;
 - d. Capacity-building measures include dialogues, exchanges, and technical assistance to increase knowledge on implementing robust digital health technology, regardless of the country's capabilities;
3. We reiterated the importance of providing a holistic and people-centred healthcare service that integrates these principles:
 - a. Healthcare practitioners must involve patients in decision-making without stigmatisation;
 - b. Hence health interventions are given through thorough consideration of patients' values and best interests;
 - c. Supporting Inter-Professional Collaboration (IPC) on establishing end-to-end care to optimise patient treatment;
4. We recognised the burden of emerging and re-emerging diseases, further exacerbated by the climate crisis and urbanisation. Therefore, we reiterated the

importance of strengthening multistakeholder, regional, and global collaborations to maximise pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response mechanisms through the implementation of health action plans to:

- a. Mitigate and respond to future health threats, such as zoonotic diseases and antimicrobial resistance, through the One Health Approach;
 - b. Build resilient health systems which provide coordinated mechanisms to face disaster and non-disaster-related health emergencies arising due to risks of the climate crisis and urbanisation;
 - c. Strengthen efforts to ongoing epidemics like HIV/AIDS, TB, and Malaria by 2030;
 - d. Accelerate continuous and new research, development, and investment of vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostic tools;
5. We called on ASEAN member states to involve youths proactively in regional and global health governance, such as but not limited to national and international health organisations, conferences, exchanges, and decision-making bodies to allow progression on the following items:
- a. Prioritisation of youth health empowerment programmes in health policies such as but not limited to prevention of risky behaviours and promotion of healthy lifestyle, sexual and reproductive health and rights, mental health, and overall well-being education and awareness;
 - b. Programmes to equip ASEAN youths to be more literate in health governance to play a role in strengthening ASEAN's role as the stature of stability amidst global challenges;
 - c. Establishment of the ASEAN Youth Steering Committee on Health to assist better and more inclusive directions for ASEAN's health governance.

ASEAN+ DECLARATION

ASEAN-Canada Declaration

We, the youth delegates of ASEAN and Canada gathered on the occasion of the ASEAN+ Youth Summit 2023, held in Jakarta, on August 19th, 2023,

We reaffirmed the synergistic relationship between ASEAN and Canada demonstrated through the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-Canada Enhanced Partnership¹ (2021-2025) and joint projects such as the Canada-OECD Project on ASEAN SMEs (COPAS) that enable both parties to work together so that all ASEAN citizens can mutually share the benefits of the technological change and digitalization,

We acknowledged the partnership between ASEAN and Canada in addressing agriculture and food security challenges in order to foster regional prosperity and resilience. Guided by ASEAN and Canada's shared commitment to sustainable development and innovation, we embark on this journey to address pressing challenges and opportunities within the agricultural sector, especially through knowledge, experience, and monetary assistance,

We recalled the significant progress achieved in the ASEAN-Canada relationship over 46 years and reaffirmed that the ASEAN-Canada partnership is essential to continue the sustainable development of the ASEAN Community's Post 2025 Vision. We appreciated Canada's consistent support for ASEAN under ASEAN Corporate Social Responsibility Network, the ASEAN Outlook on Indo-Pacific (AOIP) and the ongoing negotiations for an ASEAN-Canada Free Trade Agreement. We determined to highlight the role of youth in enhancing ASEAN-Canada cooperation towards a thriving economy and environment for generations to come,

We acknowledged the ASEAN-Canada cooperation in education which ensures young people have access to a good quality of education. We committed to enhancing academic exchanges that allow the sharing of best practices knowledge to succeed in the future especially through the advancement and utilisation of the Canada-ASEAN

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<https://asean.org/plan-of-action-to-implement-the-joint-declaration-on-asean-canada-enhanced-partnership-2021-2025/>

Scholarships and Educational Exchanges for Development² programme for the prosperous, sustainable, inclusive, and prepared individuals for the future workforce,

We recognised Canada's support for ASEAN's commitment in the health sector, as stated in the ASEAN-Canada 45th Anniversary Commemorative Summit Joint Statement and the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-Canada Enhanced Partnership (2021-2025). We emphasised the importance of enhancing cooperation towards building ASEAN's capacity and capability to respond to future health threats via resilient health services that are accessible to all, especially youth populations. ASEAN citizens must have the resources to live healthy and productive lives which will contribute to ASEAN and the global community,

We hereby declare:

We recommended to accelerate the digital economy in ASEAN through cross-sectoral partnerships in digital literacy and enhanced access to financing for youth enterprises through the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-Canada Enhanced Partnership (2021-2025) e.g. clause 2.7 and 2.9. We proposed stronger joint efforts to improve digital literacy and inclusion, including the development of ICT infrastructure (e.g., minimum access to internet services via broadband internet), talent exchange, digital infrastructure, reskilling, and upskilling. We demanded to deepen our cooperation through the Canada-OECD Project on ASEAN SMEs to expand access to financing, innovative technology, and digital transformation (e.g., knowledge sharing, training opportunities, and intra-industry connections), specifically targeting youth enterprises. We acknowledged the importance of collaboration between ASEAN-Canada to implement the ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025, ASEAN Digital Integration Framework Action Plan 2019-2025, the ASEAN Plan of Action on Science, Technology, and Innovation, and Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025;

We committed to strengthening collaboration for a sustainable and food-secure future. Through the harmonisation of agricultural practices and the streamlining of trade regulations (especially between the Canadian Agricultural Youth Council and ASEAN youths involved in the agriculture sector), our goal is to enhance food security in both regions through industry, civil society, and policymaker dialogue and cooperation. Through the SEED program, we will foster a culture of knowledge-sharing and technological advancement, particularly aimed at providing youth with the capacity to embrace sustainable farming practices, including water and soil conservation. Additionally, we encouraged the sharing of knowledge, technology, and financial assistance from Canada to ASEAN countries in order to enhance disaster resilience in agriculture and promote research and development towards regional best practices.

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<https://www.educanada.ca/scholarships-bourses/can/institutions/asean-anase.aspx?lang=eng>

This also encompasses sharing technology related to decarbonizing food production and mitigating methane and other carbon emissions through methods such as carbon capture, utilisation, and storage (CCUS);

We committed to realising a just energy transition towards green growth and climate neutrality, linked with ASEAN and Canada's goals to increase energy efficiency and the share of renewable energy in the energy mix, underpinned by cooperation and investment projects in ASEAN Member States. We seek the implementation of ASEAN-Canada initiatives and programmes, including financing, collaboration, and knowledge sharing for green MSMEs development, and the empowerment of ASEAN youth to engage in policy discussions and advocate for the sustainable economy that protects the needs of future generations. We requested stronger enhancement to map out more green and sustainable job opportunities and sectors enshrined in ASEAN-Canada Enhanced Partnership 2021-2025;

We demanded the enhancement of cooperation in education, including student and academic exchanges, teaching staff skills development, fellowship programmes, academic attachment and research collaboration, and the exchange of data and other information on education including those on professional practice. We requested for expansion of cooperation into entrepreneurship and STEAM. We recommended ASEAN and Canada to initiate deeper cross sectoral partnership particularly with Canadian technology companies and academic institutions in order to support the implementation of a Consolidated Strategy on the 4IR, development of education infrastructure, and school-to-work transition programme in a form of sandbox;

We committed to collaborate on building ASEAN's preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities against health threats and health-related hazards, especially those prioritised under the ASEAN Post-2015 Health Development Agenda. We welcomed Canada's commitment to strengthen ASEAN's health security through targeted investments in the ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED). We requested further involvement and consultation to explore Canada's long-term Mitigation of Biological Threats (MBT) Programme in order to support the implementation of the ASEAN Post-2015 Health Development Agenda and the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework. This can be done to reinforce disease surveillance and early warning systems, various data-sharing and monitoring technologies, research, and innovation. We encouraged the involvement of youth in these developments, specifically via networking and exchange opportunities.

ASEAN-EU Declaration

We, the youth delegates of ASEAN and the EU, gathered on the occasion of the ASEAN+ Youth Summit 2023, held in Jakarta, on August 19th, 2023,

We emphasised the beneficial and mutualistic relationship between ASEAN and EU, which highlighted through the EU-ABC Digital Advocacy Group, ASEAN-EU Joint Ministerial Statement on Connectivity (2020), EU's Global Gateway Initiative (2021-2027), ASEAN-EU Commemorative Summit 2022, and EU-ASEAN Youth Summit, and its continuation as a strong commitment to support ASEAN as the epicentrum of growth. We further emphasised the initiative to expand support for the development of ICT infrastructure (e.g. Copernicus Capacity Support Action Programme for the Philippines and EU-Singapore Bilateral Digital Partnership) to encompass all ASEAN member states,

We emphasised ASEAN-EU effort on sustaining the ASEAN-EU Plan of Action 2023-2027, especially in the era of climate change and international conflicts, focusing on the needs to further enhance knowledge and experience sharing especially in regards to sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) matters, fisheries cooperation, Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), and Joint Working Group on Palm Oil as a mean to protect ASEAN citizens' rights to sustainable and healthy food system,

We reaffirmed our shared commitment to the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Paris Agreement, and post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. We appreciated the EU's continued strong support for the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management and including through the ASEAN Centre for Climate Change once it is established. We emphasised the importance of the ASEAN-EU Youth Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change as a valuable platform to enhance policy dialogue and amplify the voices of ASEAN-EU youths, thereby empowering them to actively contribute to collaborative efforts on environmental, climate change, and sustainable development issues. We emphasised the importance of fostering the pivotal role of youth in the context of ASEAN-EU cooperation, particularly in the fields of environment, sustainable development and climate change,

We emphasised the long standing cooperation between EU and ASEAN on supporting capacity building of youths between both regions through Erasmus+, SHARE, Horizon Project, and seek to strengthen the programmes between both regions. We appreciated the EU's Global Gateway that has a purpose to broaden and increase its strong cooperation and support of higher education and research in Southeast Asia

among the five main areas of focus, specifically in reinforcing student, academic mobility, and EU-ASEAN university networks,

We strongly valued the ASEAN-EU partnership in strengthening surveillance and response efforts towards emerging infectious diseases, including pandemics and potential health threats due to disasters through the ASEAN-EU Plan of Action 2023-2027. We reaffirmed EU's commitment to further explore transformative and digital solutions for ASEAN's recovery after COVID-19 and uphold the rights to well-being of youths, children, women, and vulnerable populations through equal access to healthcare, as stated in the ASEAN-EU Health Summit 2021³. We acknowledged the increased attention between ASEAN and EU towards health discourses, and USE this opportunity to further expand multinational cooperation in health, in tandem with ASEAN and EU's robust multi sectoral partnerships in other sectors, i.e, security, democracy, and economy,

We hereby declare:

We recommended strengthening cross-sectoral partnerships in digital literacy and access to financing for youth enterprises through sandbox, ecosystem, training of trainers, talent exchange, tools, resources, research, innovation, and knowledge sharing. We called upon stronger joint efforts in improving digital literacy and inclusion especially through practical workshops, grants competitions, hackathons, exchanges, and fellowships. We requested to deepen our cooperation in providing access to financing for youth enterprises including sharing best practices between financial institutions, startups, and the young entrepreneurs communities. We acknowledged the importance of collaboration between ASEAN-EU to implement the ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025, ASEAN Digital Integration Framework Action Plan 2019-2025, and Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025;

We recognised the importance of facilitating an ASEAN-EU youth-based platform for data transfer in regards to topics covering food industries, especially on critical subjects such as sanitary and phytosanitary measures, fisheries, forest management, and the palm oil industry. We also encouraged ASEAN's collaboration as a commodity exporter to EU countries after achieving self-sufficiency within ASEAN. We invited collaboration between the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability and ASEAN Climate Resilience Network to facilitate climate conscious and secure agriculture engagement between agricultural actors. Notably, as ASEAN stands as a major hub for palm oil production, we earnestly encouraged ASEAN-EU to foster closer collaboration in enforcing the palm oil

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<https://www.eu-asean.eu/inaugural-asean-eu-health-summit-discusses-transformative-solutions/>

industry and sustainable palm oil cultivation, especially on food-related products (e.g. monitor the implementation of deforestation policy, technology and knowledge assistance from EU, investments on local palm-oil businesses, etc.);

We strengthened our shared endeavours regarding our strong engagement on environment and climate change through concrete ASEAN-EU initiatives and programmes, including policy dialogue, financial support, as well as technical expertise. We reaffirmed commitments in realising a just energy transition towards climate neutrality, linked to ASEAN and EU goals to increase energy efficiency and the share of renewable energy, underpinned by cooperation and investment projects in renewable energy in ASEAN Member States, as well as the inclusion of youth in the ASEAN-EU Energy Dialogue. We sought continued cooperation on the circular economy, including by building on the recommendations from the gap analysis study on circular economy for plastics, and welcomed the establishment of the ASEAN Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform as part of a joint initiative between ASEAN and the EU;

We strengthened the cooperation in digitalisation of higher education and skills and other economic areas, which is another focus of the Global Gateway connectivity flagship. We called upon ASEAN-EU countries to harmoniously collaborate in promoting regional mobility and the credit transfer system as an integral part of SHARE scholarships. We requested an advanced regional cooperation, competitiveness, and internationalisation of ASEAN higher education institutions and students, contributing to an ASEAN Community and beyond through the EU SHARE programme. We recommended joint research between ASEAN-EU to address common challenges in school to work transition and facilitate further dissemination for related education stakeholders. We strongly valued an exchange programme for teachers of all education levels to increase the quality of education;

We requested enhanced cooperation in building a resilient health system in vigilance for emerging health threats & hazards through the One Health initiative, and also support building vaccine security through the COVAX initiative. Supporting the finalisation of the ASEAN Pharmaceutical Regulatory Framework (APRF) will ensure the supply of essential medicines, especially during health emergencies. Continuous commitment to support Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for vulnerable populations, including youths, women, elderlies, and migrant workers can be refined with strengthening collaborations of young scientists, researchers, and policy-makers through the exchanges (ie. SHARE, Erasmus Programme), joint researches (ie. HORIZON Europe) and youth engagement programmes.

ASEAN-UAE Declaration

We, the youth delegates of ASEAN and the UAE gathered on the occasion of the ASEAN+ Youth Summit 2023, held in Jakarta, on August 19th, 2023,

We recognised the institutionalisation between ASEAN and UAE which has been demonstrated through First ASEAN-UAE Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee (AUAE-JSCC) Meeting and the fundamental role of embarking mutualistic and valuable cooperation into digital literacy and inclusion through G2G, P2P, until B2B interactions aimed to further empower youth in the region and maximising the digital economy opportunity for a prosperous ASEAN,

We acknowledged the relationship between UAE and ASEAN in solving persisting food security issues through technical and knowledge assistance from the UAE. We also acknowledge the urgency to define critical areas that need to be addressed to promote a resilient food system. Through this partnership, the UAE and ASEAN can address similar challenges together, such as tackling the risk of water scarcity,

We emphasised strengthening the economic relationship between UAE and ASEAN member states which ratified on our mutual benefits and interest through ASEAN-UAE Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee (AUAE-JSCC), to support the COP28 net zero methane emissions by 2030, improving energy efficiency and pathways outlined on 7th ASEAN Energy Outlook, and accelerate green transition especially through capital investments from UAE also the urgency to define, commit, and implement partnerships that support infrastructure that provide significant socio economic co-benefits,

We recognised maintaining and strengthening the socio-cultural relationship between UAE and ASEAN member states also the urgency to define, commit, and implement partnerships that support and facilitate equal access to education throughout the region, and minimise the gaps in human capital quality between urban and rural while ensuring a smooth work-to-school transition to generate a high quality of talent in the region and mitigating the risk that possibly created from the future of work and education,

We determined to build a resilient healthcare system that is accessible for all, especially for vulnerable populations, to effectively respond to future pandemics and public health emergencies with the support of the UAE and the outgoing commitment of ASEAN. We committed to safeguard the health and well-being of the people and create an equitable collective future of ASEAN and UAE, leaving no one behind,

We hereby declare:

We recommended establishing a cross-sectoral partnership in digital literacy and access to financing for youth enterprises, especially the creation of technical and joint working groups dedicated to this issue. We called upon stronger joint efforts in improving digital literacy and inclusion including development of ICT infrastructure, digital infrastructure, digital skills education curriculum, digital capability, capacity building (Dubai Future Foundation), knowledge management, skilling, and accelerator programme. We demanded to deepen our cooperation in access to financing for youth enterprises including financing (Khalifa Fund for Enterprise Development), ecosystem, digital entrepreneurship, financial capabilities, incubation, training, and sustainable market creation. We further requested the creation of a specific platform and sandbox that can be done by AUAE-JSCC specifically targeting ASEAN youth. We acknowledged the importance of collaboration between ASEAN-UAE to implement ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025, ASEAN Digital Integration Framework Action Plan 2019-2025, and Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025;

We requested to define key sectors for technical and monetary assistance as well as capacity building such as climate smart technology, research on food technologies and innovation, and access to financing primarily for agriculture and food startups or MSMEs run by youths. We encouraged knowledge and experience transfer programmes to further accelerate the implementation of new technology and methods towards sustainable agriculture and the food industry that are climate resilient, for example implementing water management systems in agricultural practices in the UAE to ensure productive harvests. We also promoted the opportunity for ASEAN countries to further promote their local produce in the UAE market;

We recognised the involvement of ASEAN and UAE youths to protect the climate and strengthen our trade on the green economy. We reaffirmed this commitment to facilitate opportunities, innovation investment, exchange, internship, technological transfer and the sharing of information for youth on energy diversification, and decarbonization projects on emerging low-carbon technologies and systems, such as clean coal technology (CCT), fuel ammonia, hydrogen and biomass energy, and carbon capture utilisation and sequestration (CCU/S), carbon recycling, and so on. We urged deeper collaboration between ASEAN and UAE on adopting measures that tackles the disparity in relevant climate change measures in a just manner such as loss and damage, climate adaptation, biodiversity and climate financing;

We requested to deepen our collaboration on providing good quality of education through redeveloping the curriculum for vocational and higher education to meet industrial needs, skilling programs, and smooth school-to-work transition. We called upon a cross-sectoral partnership between ASEAN-UAE stakeholders to collaboratively provide equal access to education infrastructure and credible

information. We encouraged partnership in strengthening early childhood education to build better and strong fundamental youth character and behaviour through youth-to-youth engagements. We demanded to facilitate exchange and internship opportunities for students and teaching staff to improve the quality of education;

We called upon strengthening collaboration in building capacity and technical assistance in ensuring equitable access to vaccines, diagnostics, and essential healthcare resources. Expressing excitement to UAE's consultation in exploring strategies to reinforce monitoring and evaluation of health systems to support evidence-based decision-making, we further committed to sustaining the involvement of youths in efforts through joint research initiatives, engagement, knowledge exchange of healthcare professionals, public health education, and awareness campaigns for disease control strategies and drafting of relevant policies concerning on health and well-being aligned with the ASEAN Youth Development Index.

ASEAN-UK Declaration

We, the youth delegates of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the United Kingdom (UK) gathered on the occasion of the ASEAN+ Youth Summit 2023, held in Jakarta, on August 19th, 2023,

We reaffirmed that digital literacy and inclusion are essential for sustainable development and inclusive growth across our respective regions and expressed our confident belief that cooperation between ASEAN and the UK through the Plan of Action to Implement ASEAN-UK Dialogue Partnership (2022-2026) (“the Plan of Action”) and ASEAN-UK Digital Innovation Partnership will help to bridge the digital divide in the region and empower people of all ages, genders, and backgrounds to participate fully in the digital economy,

We encouraged the further implementation of the Plan of Action with a key focus on food security, safety, climate-smart practices, circular economy and sustainable agriculture, which are to be achieved through accelerating the implementation of digital technologies for agricultural production. In addition, food hygiene, nature-based solutions, ecosystem-based approaches, and investment in natural capital are policy areas that require further attention and development within the ASEAN-UK Dialogue Partnership (2022-2026) (“the Partnership”),

We observed that collaboration is needed: it must strengthen ASEAN and UK ties under the principle of a transparent, non-discriminatory, and fair-trading system. We are determined to consolidate the role of MSMEs and youth in leveraging innovation to combat climate change. We also emphasised the UK and ASEAN's long history of collaboration and cooperation and committed to future partnership through the support of national and multilateral initiatives,

We acknowledged the past and existing collaboration between ASEAN and the UK across diverse areas relating to education, vocational training, and labour. These range from education best practice; teacher training; education standards harmonisation; professional exchanges; and vocational training, as demonstrated by: the Joint Ministerial Declaration on Future Economic Cooperation (“the Joint Ministerial Declaration”), the Plan of Action, and the role of UK as the advisor to Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO), to SEAMEO Technical and Vocational Education and Training Council, to the Harnessing Impact with Resilient Employability Digitally (HIRED) programme, and to the ASEAN Technical and Vocational Education Council (ATC). These initiatives promote a prosperous, sustainable, inclusive, and equitable growth while ensuring that all citizens have the skills and opportunities they need to succeed,

We acknowledged the shared leadership between ASEAN and the UK in enhancing the region's health security and their urgent action, especially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, as noted in the Joint Ministerial Declaration. We urged ASEAN and the UK to strengthen existing collaboration to prevent, detect, and respond to future health security threats, such as antimicrobial resistance, future epidemics, or emerging and re-emerging diseases. To those ends, we called for increasing investment towards resilient healthcare systems, improving research and knowledge-sharing, and exploring strategies to increase youth engagement in those efforts to implement the ASEAN's Declaration on a Culture of Prevention for a Peaceful, Inclusive, Resilient, Healthy, and Harmonious Society,

We hereby make the following calls to action:

We recommended strengthening cross-sectoral partnerships in digital literacy and access to financing for youth enterprises through the Plan of Action. We called upon stronger joint efforts in regulating data, governing emerging technologies, expanding access to digital infrastructure, as well as advancing digital literacy. This is to be achieved by developing a regional framework for a baseline digital skills curriculum and capitalising on further opportunities for ASEAN-UK talent and information exchange. We seek to deepen our cooperation in digital entrepreneurship, supporting young entrepreneurs by collectively building the capacity of institutions and national ecosystems. We urged the expansion of scholarships from the British Council and Chevening into short course programmes related to digital literacy, digital economy, and digital entrepreneurship with more inclusive target beneficiaries. We also called upon the UK to provide support for training activities, in cooperation with ASEAN digital education platform providers, to reskill and upskill the relevant workforce. We acknowledged the importance of collaboration between ASEAN-UK to implement the ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025, ASEAN DIFAP 2019-2025, and MPAC 2025;

We recognised the importance of exchange experience programmes for ASEAN-UK countries to facilitate the transfer of knowledge concerning technology and methods advancement to address food security issues and in adherence to certification purposes. We highlighted the following priority areas for action: food hygiene and safety, climate-smart practices, sustainable agriculture, nature-based solutions, and ecosystem-based approaches, including policy driven by relevant stakeholders such as, but not limited to, indigenous and migrant communities. Furthermore, we strongly encouraged investments and training programmes from the UK aimed at empowering ASEAN youths in entrepreneurial or research fields related to these topics, particularly in the domain of sustainable fishing and management of marine resources;

We deeply committed to further collaboration in economic cooperations and youth entrepreneurship programmes that prioritise sustainable and climate-friendly initiatives

through open challenges, mentoring, and financing, and to provide projects with development of technologies, reporting mechanisms that produce understandable and comparable metrics which are accessible to young people and MSMEs, and capacity-building in fields that prioritise low carbon and circular supply chains, mainstreaming nature, biodiversity, and climate, to promote a circular economy in all product categories beyond waste management and recycling solutions, and supported by ASEAN Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance. We also pledged to support a stronger mechanism of partnership in adopting more resilient marine-based and blue economies as echoed by the UK's expertise in maritime cooperation with ASEAN, by endorsing the Global Ocean Alliance and its 30by30 objective;

We called upon the British Council and the Chevening Scholarship to enhance the inclusivity of outreach and impact in ASEAN, by developing funded initiatives such as accessible workshops, study-abroad programmes or localised short courses that target broader beneficiaries including youth not in education, employment, and training and other marginalised youth groups. We also called upon ASEAN and the UK to facilitate exchange opportunities for teaching staff at primary, secondary, tertiary, and vocational levels to share best practices across regions. Exchange opportunities, accompanied by dedicated visa regimes, should also be developed for early-career professionals so that they can build networks with foreign counterparts at industry conferences and complete short-term overseas “stretch” assignments. We called for a cross-sectoral partnership between ASEAN-UK educators and employers to not only propose improvements to education curricula, skills programmes and national educational infrastructures that meet industrial needs, but also to design work placement programmes and symmetric labour market information mechanisms that promote a smooth school to work transition;

We called upon the UK to “future-proof” and update the funding mechanisms it created during COVID-19 to reinforce ASEAN's response towards the pandemic, by initiating joint efforts in collaboration with ASEAN partners to prepare for and respond to future health security threats and reduce burden of infectious diseases. This is to be achieved through: increased engagement on science and technology, information-sharing, promoting healthy lifestyles, research and development of vaccines and therapeutics, and multisectoral dialogues to implement the “One Health” approach. We called upon ASEAN and the UK to increase youth engagement in this area by providing exchange or mentorship opportunities that are delivered by the UK to ASEAN's young researchers and healthcare professionals, which support ASEAN's implementation of the Declaration on a Culture of Prevention for a Peaceful, Inclusive, Resilient, Healthy and Harmonious Society. We recommended initiating discussions to develop the Better Health Programme in ways that strengthen the local healthcare system and workforce and reduce the burden of the non-communicable diseases in ASEAN.

ASEAN-U.S. Declaration

We, the youth delegates of ASEAN and the U.S. gathered on the occasion of the ASEAN+ Youth Summit 2023, held in Jakarta, on August 19th, 2023,

We recognised the longstanding, valuable, and mutual relationship between ASEAN and the U.S. particularly regarding digital literacy and inclusion through ASEAN-U.S. Special Summit 2022 Joint Vision Statement clause number 7, 13, 17, and existing joint efforts that have been done through the U.S. Mission to ASEAN to such as Billion Futures Program and the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) further empower, champion growth of ASEAN youth, and demonstrate the commitment of ASEAN and U.S. to working together to promote digital literacy in the region and to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to benefit from the opportunities that digital technologies offer,

We called upon the elaboration of action plans to implement the ASEAN-U.S. Special Summit 2022 Joint Vision Statement especially promoting trade and investment, facilitating resilient global supply chains and seamless regional connectivity, and enhancing collaboration in biotechnology, smart farming, both precision agriculture and climate-smart agriculture (CSA), and food science,

We recognised the cooperation between ASEAN and the United States that has long been indispensable particularly in economic cooperation which also pays attention to the principles of sustainability and environmental friendliness through ASEAN-U.S. Special Summit, 2022 Joint Vision Statement, clauses number 3, 5, 20, 22, and 23; and putting in mind the commitment through Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-U.S. Strategic Partnership (2021-2025) clauses number 2.1.3, 2.7.1, 2.7.3, 2.7.4, 2.7.5, 48, and 50,

We acknowledged the intensive and close collaboration between ASEAN and the U.S. in the skilling and education field which has been demonstrated through ASEAN-U.S. Dialogue, U.S.-ASEAN Special Summit, U.S.-ASEAN Science, Technology, and Innovation Cooperation Program, U.S. Mission to ASEAN, and USAID to ensure young people need to have access to quality education and training programmes that teach them the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the future,

We acknowledged United States' commitment in providing public health assistance to ASEAN by supporting regional mechanisms - as stated in the Joint Vision Statement of the ASEAN-US Special Summit 2022 and the Joint Statement of the ASEAN-US Special Session of the Health Ministerial Meeting - such as most notably the ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED) and the ASEAN Public Health Emergency Coordination System (APHECS) that will ensure

successful regional preparedness and response to future public health emergencies and investing in health systems to achieve Universal Health Coverage,

We hereby declare:

We recommended a cross-sectoral partnership in digital literacy and access to financing for youth enterprises, especially the sandbox ecosystem, training of trainers, talent exchange, development of tools and resources, research, innovation, and knowledge sharing. We called upon stronger joint efforts in improving digital literacy and inclusion, including the development of ICT infrastructure, digital infrastructure, digital skills education curriculum, and digital capability. We requested to deepen our cooperation into access to financing for youth enterprises including financing, ecosystem, digital entrepreneurship, financial capabilities, incubation, and sustainable market creation. We demanded to continue and expand the Billion Futures Program, TechGirls, and the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) by increasing the coverage and number of diverse and underrepresented recipients. We acknowledged the importance of collaboration between ASEAN-U.S. to enhance data management framework, improve transparency, and accountability regarding digital economy also to implement the ASEAN Digital Master Plan 2025, ASEAN Digital Integration Framework Action Plan 2019-2025, and Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025;

We recognised the urgency of promoting trade and investment by facilitating crucial supplies and addressing needs, such as sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural and non-agricultural sources for food supply. We committed to enhancing collaboration in research and technology sharing, particularly in the development of youth training programmes focused on climate-smart agriculture (CSA), biotechnology, and food science, aimed at advancing food innovation (e.g. genetically modified organisms, lab-grown meat, etc.). We requested that the partnership between ASEAN and the US be further strengthened, particularly in improving disaster resilience to overcome potential environmental obstacles that could impact food security efforts. Additionally, we emphasised the importance of continued collaboration in the marine industry's development, utilising platforms like the USAID Sustainable Fish Asia (SuFiA) Technical Support, to promote access to diverse food resources;

We called upon a commitment to amplify the collaboration in economic cooperation that considered sustainability and climate-friendly development through the catalyzation of innovative financial mechanisms and technology supports in the clean energy transition, infrastructure, and transportation. We demanded to further deepen the commitment to promote investment in high-standard, transparent, low-carbon and climate resilient infrastructure projects that advance inclusive and sustainable

economic growth that meet applicable international labour standards and environmental protections. We encouraged the sharing of information, knowledge, experience on technology, exchange of best practices and supported regional capacity building on energy regulatory frameworks and technical standards, energy efficiency, renewable energy, natural gas and petroleum, that included youth. We commended the cooperation to support ASEAN Entrepreneurs and MSMEs fostering green innovations and practices;

We recommended the ASEAN-U.S. to initiate deeper cross-sectoral partnership especially with U.S. giant technology companies and reputable academic institutions in supporting the implementation of Consolidated Strategy on the 4IR, development of education infrastructure, and school-to-work transition programme in a form of sandbox. We called upon the expansion and inclusivity of YSEALI and Billion Futures Program in providing short courses and workshops related to the future of work and education including entrepreneurship and creative economy using a localised approach. We requested the exchange opportunities for teaching staff facilitated through Fulbright scholarships to learn about best practices and improve the quality of learning methods;

We requested to deepen collaboration in building resilient health systems and access to essential health services, especially towards infectious diseases and future outbreaks through financing mechanisms, such as US-ASEAN Health Futures Initiative and global financing for pandemic prevention and further dialogues in implementing other ASEAN regional frameworks. With the ongoing support of the USAID, we further seek that the achievement of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), especially for the vulnerable and combating diseases like TB, HIV/AIDS, and Malaria remains to be one of the key priorities of US-ASEAN collaboration. This can be achieved through workforce development, education exchanges, information and data-sharing systems, manufacturing capacity of essential medical products, public-private partnership, promoting telehealth and digital health. We requested for further dialogues to explore strategies to implement other ASEAN regional frameworks to achieve UHC beyond public health emergency periods only, but also to address the daily needs among ASEAN citizens.

ASEAN Plus Three Declaration

We, the youth delegates of ASEAN and the Plus Three countries namely China, Japan, and South Korea gathered on the occasion of the ASEAN+ Youth Summit 2023, held in Jakarta, on August 19th, 2023, emphasised the importance of inclusive recovery, restoration, and prosperity of youth in the post pandemic era,

We acknowledged the invaluable relationship between ASEAN and Plus Three countries (China, Japan, and South Korea) particularly around digital literacy and inclusion which demonstrated through ASEAN Plus Three Leaders' Statement on Connecting the Connectivities Initiative, APT Leaders' Statement on Strengthening ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation for Economic and Financial Resilience in the Face of Emerging Challenges, and APT Cooperation Work Plan 2023-2027 as a strong commitment of both parties in championing growth for the region,

We recognised the crucial need to sustain existing partnership that are written in the frameworks consist of APTCS 2016-2025, APTERR Agreement, and AFSIS and we the ASEAN+3 countries emphasised the necessity to strengthen and elaborate upon collaborative actions to mitigate global food chain disruption and implement a sustainable and inclusive food system in ASEAN. We acknowledged the intersecting regional interests of many ASEAN and Plus Three countries, which include neighbouring nations sharing the same ocean and we collectively pledged to initiate collaborative actions aimed at fostering the fisheries industry,

We affirmed the shared commitment and cooperation to address common challenges and promote sustainable development in the region, and the satisfactory cooperation between APT for more than 25 years, and towards realising commitments on 2nd ASEAN Renewable Energy Outlook: Towards Regional Energy Transition, ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) Phase II: 2021-2025, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement, alternative low-carbon solutions for oil and gas, and prevention of transboundary haze pollution and hazardous wastes,

We acknowledged the past and existing collaboration between APT countries which demonstrated through APT Cooperation Work Plan 2023-2027, ASEAN Plus Three Plan of Action on Education 2018-2025, APT Working Group on Mobility of Higher Education, ASEAN Working Group on Higher Education Mobility 2025 (AWGHEM), and Ensuring Quality Assurance of Higher Education to ensure an inclusive, affordable, and accessible education for youth in the region also mitigate the emerging challenges in the future including technologies and disruptive job market such as replacement of job with automation and high demand of digital skills,

We acknowledged ASEAN Plus Three valuable collaboration in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and commitment to prepare and respond to future disaster or non-disaster related health threats through various existing ASEAN Plus Three health cooperation mechanisms - ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting for Health Development (APT SOMHD); ASEAN Emergency Operations Centre (ASEAN EOC) Network for public health emergencies; ASEAN Plus Three Field Epidemiology Training Network (ASEAN+3 FETN); and the ASEAN Plus Three Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Network. We highly valued Plus Three countries' assistance in providing trust funds to face health emergencies, such as the ASEAN-China Cooperation Fund (ACCF), ASEAN Korea Cooperation Fund (AKCF), and Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) and recommended further dialogues to ensure effective utilisation. We called upon multisectoral and intergenerational collaboration to address the health crisis, in line with the ASEAN Post-2015 Health Development Agenda 2021-2023, including with international bodies such as the WHO, academia, and private sectors,

We hereby declare:

We strongly encouraged to work together to promote digital inclusion through cross-sectoral partnerships that bring together government, business, civil society, and the private sector to accelerate digital economy, digital literacy, and access to financing for youth enterprises in ASEAN. We called upon stronger joint efforts in improving digital literacy and inclusion including talent exchange opportunities and training of the trainer to improve the quality of teaching staff in enhancing digital literacy among youth. We requested to deepen cooperation through the establishment of a sandbox and digital economy ecosystem through sharing of knowledge and expertise of Plus Three Countries in realms of emerging technology such as but not limited to AI, machine learning and more. We acknowledged the importance of collaboration between APT to implement ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025, ASEAN Digital Integration Framework Action Plan 2019-2025, and Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025;

We committed to amplify the collaboration of ASEAN Plus Three member states in accelerating the implementation of an inclusive and sustainable food system. Those focuses shall be achieved by collaborative actions from Plus Three countries to boost investment in the ASEAN region to enhance growth in food-related startups and infrastructure in the food industry which consist of but not limited to agriculture, especially the aquaculture sector to further promote growth. Also promotes collaboration over tackling food trafficking and illegal sourcing respectfully over the EEZ of each nation. Additionally, driven by our main focus in safeguarding the natural resources and enhancing technology utilisation, knowledge exchange programmes are to be promoted between ASEAN Plus Three countries to boost the

advancement of food industry related technology across countries and enhance climate effect mitigation on agriculture, especially aquaculture;

We commended APT cooperation for financial and technical capacity for youths and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) for green economy transitions as key to achieving inclusive development. We requested technical support to accelerate the realistic just energy transition and explore realistic solutions to secure and affordable rural electrification programmes by consenting that there is no single pathway to achieve a low-carbon economy. We demanded APT for policy and statistical consultation to support ASEAN working towards an actionable plan and monitoring framework to evaluate progress and commitment towards ASEAN green economy transitions, our renewable energy mix targets, Regional Action Plan for Combating Marine Debris, and commitment to enhanced Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) while maintaining and enriching biodiversity, and focusing to loss and damage, and mitigation and adaptation measures;

We recommended initiating public private partnership in APT countries to jointly formulate best practices for implementing internships in the curriculum, internship opportunities, skills and knowledge to thrive in the demand of the labour market. We requested to redevelop and strengthen the education curriculum for vocational schools in APT countries to be more adaptive post-Covid 19 recovery. We called upon APT to facilitate an exchange programme for primary, secondary, and higher education teachers between Plus Three countries to share best practices not limited to curriculum, but also towards transitioning from learning to working. We demanded an inclusiveness and quality of education by providing basic education infrastructure throughout the region both rural and urban, including school, electricity, and internet;

We commended ASEAN Plus Three collaboration in utilising diversified mechanisms to ensure availability of resilient health systems accessible to all in facing future health emergencies. This includes ensuring provision of medical relief supplies, strengthening data-sharing mechanisms and research centres, promoting capacity building of healthcare workforce, facilitating evidence-based risk communication, and utilising artificial intelligence and digital health technology for effective and inclusive implementation. We shared the commitment on promoting healthy and active ageing in the ASEAN Plus Three population. We reaffirmed the importance of multisectoral dialogues among ASEAN Plus Three countries and strongly urged the involvement of youths in these efforts through youth dialogues and exchange programmes among countries.

ASEAN Plus Six Declaration

We, the youth delegates of ASEAN and the Plus Six countries gathered on the occasion of the ASEAN+ Youth Summit 2023, held in Jakarta, on August 19th, 2023,

We emphasised the longstanding relationship between ASEAN and Plus Six countries (Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand) and acknowledged the importance of expanding the area of cooperation into the digital literacy and inclusion to further demonstrate the commitment of closing digital divide and accelerating digital economy that benefit everyone in the region especially youth,

We emphasised the importance of mutual benefits partnership amongst ASEAN member states and respective Plus Six Partner Countries consisting of Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea, and New Zealand. We the ASEAN Plus Six affirm to prolong initiatives that boost the growth of a resilient food system and well-being of communities across the region. Understanding the urgency to accelerate adaptability amidst global supply chain disruption and further build resiliency of the food system to provide affordable, accessible, and nutritious food toward the society,

We recognised that ASEAN Plus Six are regions with the world's fastest-growing market and largest economy with high vulnerability to natural disasters; maintaining a reliable and resilient energy supply is a constant challenge. We recalled and went forward with the 16th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers Meeting, 2nd ASEAN Renewable Energy Outlook: Towards Regional Energy Transition, the successful Lao PDR – Thailand – Malaysia – Singapore Power Integration Project (LTMS-PIP), and ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) Phase II: 2021-2025. We emphasised that given our shared and close geographical location, ASEAN Plus Six can help one another and share common challenges to achieve sustainable economic growth,

We recognised the past and existing collaboration between ASEAN Plus Six countries in addressing challenges related to the future of education and work, also harnessing the young generation with skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the new economy,

We acknowledged ASEAN Plus Six countries' contribution in ASEAN's efforts to strengthen healthcare for the peoples through funding mechanisms, vaccine and medicinal supply initiatives, and health scholarships and fellowships for youths. We highly affirmed the continuity of partnership in those areas and other efforts as stated in the ASEAN and Plus Six partner countries' joint statements,

We hereby declare:

We recommended cross-sectoral partnership in digital literacy and access to financing for youth enterprises, especially emerging industry mapping, sandbox, ecosystem, training of trainers, joint working group, talent exchange, development of tools and resources, research, innovation, and knowledge sharing. We called upon stronger joint efforts in improving digital literacy and inclusion including development of ICT infrastructure, digital infrastructure, digital skills education curriculum, digital capability, skilling, and accelerator programme. We requested to deepen our cooperation into access to financing for youth enterprises including financing, digital entrepreneurship, financial capabilities, incubation, training, and sustainable market creation. We acknowledged the importance of collaboration between ASEAN Plus Six to implement ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025, ASEAN Digital Integration Framework Action Plan 2019-2025, and Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 to further accelerate digital economy and counter cybersecurity threats in near future;

We demanded to establish the partnership that strengthen resiliency of food system amidst global crisis through the establishment of ASEAN Plus Six Youth Declaration that provide partnership in an entity that consist of capacity building, knowledge and information sharing, strategic investment network amongst business and agriculture community, as well as knowledge exchange amongst young farmers across the ASEAN member states and Plus Six partners. Increasing opportunity of farmers as the frontrunner of a resilient, inclusive, and sustainable food system is paramount where ASEAN Plus Six is responsible to provide a platform that boost exposure of local farmers toward climate smart agriculture infrastructure and other agritechologies mitigation education against risk of climate change and global chain disruption;

We recommended a medium to long-term infrastructure and mechanism on cross-border energy interconnection for emergency supply shortage measures by establishing regional power integration projects (PIP). Since ASEAN Plus Six is currently at different stages of infrastructure development to counteract the energy crisis, we believe stronger cooperation could secure and share common challenges in energy to ensure that no ASEAN Plus Six members are left behind. We strongly encouraged a discussion on ASEAN Plus Six green economic partnership and industrial symbiosis as the world's emerging hub, ASEAN Plus Six with our different resource endowments and demographic advantage, ASEAN Plus Six can create a lucrative 5Rs solution industry and global value chain to improve our national welfare and livelihood to create an adaptive, greener, and sustainable world;

We called upon the establishment of ASEAN Plus Six Plan of Action which include future of education and work as one of the cooperation areas such as micro credential,

curriculum best practices (TVET & STEAM), teaching staff exchange programme, cross-sectoral partnership, school-to-work transition, skill development, entrepreneurship, and education infrastructure. We requested the Plus Six countries to serve as a partner and advisor in the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) and support the implementation of Consolidated Strategy on the 4IR;

We acknowledged the ongoing importance of achieving Universal Health Coverage as well as integrated approaches in reaffirming just health-related youth-centric regulations. Education which serves as one of the main pillars of health promotion will be supported by an inclusive funding system and data safety regulatory frameworks. Moving forward from the COVID-19 Pandemic, pharmaceuticals and vaccine development should also be combined with a plethora of interprofessional collaboration, including the One Health approach and digital health systems to address future health threats, such as emerging diseases and mental health.