ASEAN JOINT STATEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO THE 22nd CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP-22) TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC)

WE, the Heads of State/Government of Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, Member States of ASEAN, on the occasion of the 28th and 29th ASEAN Summits in Vientiane, Lao PDR;

RECALLING ASEAN Joint Statements on Climate Change and ASEAN Leaders' Statements on Climate Change to the UNFCCC.

NOTING that ASEAN Member States have undertaken substantive actions to address climate change by:

- Submitting Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) in a timely manner;
- Signing Paris Agreement on 22 April 2016 in New York, USA;
- Implementing the ASEAN Community Roadmap 2009-2015 including ASEAN Action Plan on Joint Response to Climate Change (AAP-JRCC), the ASEAN Forging Ahead Together 2025, and developing the ASEAN Post 2015 Strategic Plan on Environment (ASPEN), and ASEAN-UN Action Plan on Environment and Climate Change 2016-2020;
- Promoting sustainable management of forest that will contribute to reducing forest degradation and deforestation, and also the enhancement of carbon sink capacity through own capacity, bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

GRAVELY CONCERNED about the impacts of climate change throughout the ASEAN region as outlined in the Assessment Reports (AR) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in areas such as extreme climate event, food, water and energy security, livelihoods, health, land use and biodiversity including disproportionate impacts on women and children.

REAFFIRMING our commitment to the UNFCCC, and its principles and provisions, in particular the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities (CBDR), and its centrality in the Paris Agreement.

FURTHER REAFFIRMING thatefforts to address climate change should be consistent with broader Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

RECOGNISING the importance of enhanced pre-2020 ambition to ramp up mitigation actions and provide means of implementation that will underpin effective implementation of the Paris Agreement and to serve as lessons learnt for achieving Post 2020 actions.

WELCOMING the commitment demonstrated by Parties to the UNFCCC in signing the Paris Agreement and beginning the work of developing the modalities, procedures and guidelines for its implementation,

URGENTLY HIGHLIGHTING that adequate, predictable, and needs-based technology development and transfer, capacity building and financial support are needed to further scale up adaptation and mitigation efforts, and enhance awareness in the ASEAN region.

EMPHASISING Parties to the UNFCCC ability to access readiness and implementation support from the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

NOTING the recent establishment of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) under the UNFCCC aimed at strengthening the institutional and technical capacities of developing countries to meet the enhanced transparency requirements in the Paris Agreement.

RECOGNISING the important role of GCF in accelerating paradigm shift towards low emission and climate resilient development pathways.

DO HEREBY:

1. **COMMIT** to strengthen the management of ASEAN's diverse ecosystems and landscapes including its vulnerable terrestrial, coastal and marine ecosystems through a landscape-based approach to build climate resilience;

2. **URGE** developed countries to provide assistance to ASEAN Member States to enhance protection and sustainable use of biodiversity and systematic rehabilitation of forest ecosystems including rain forest, mangrove and peatland, in recognition of their critically important roles in mitigation and adaptation;

3. **STRENGTHEN** the ASEAN rapid response capacity to be more efficient and effective in the event of natural disasters through existing mechanisms under the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER);

4. **URGE** all Parties to the UNFCCC to recognise the extreme vulnerability of ASEAN Member States to climate change;

5. **ENCOURAGE** Parties to the UNFCCC to develop their respective National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) that are consistent with, and address the threats identified in the IPCC AR5;

6. **CONTINUE** to explore means of further enhancing sustainable development efforts in the region under the CBDR principles as entrenched in the Convention;

7. **CALL UPON** developed countries to realise the fulfillment of the existing mitigation and financial support commitments of USD100 billion per year under the Convention during the pre-2020 period

8. **URGE** Parties to the UNFCCC to enhance ambition on adaptation, mitigation, finance, technology development and transfer, capacity building and transparency of actions and support during the pre-2020 period; in particular through the ratification of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol in the second commitment period by all Parties, and the outcome of the Bali Action Plan;

9. **ENCOURAGE** Parties to the UNFCCC that have not yet communicated their (I)NDCs to do so expeditiously in support of a successful COP-22;

10. **ENCOURAGE** Parties to the UNFCCC to ratify the Paris Agreement as soon as possible and to support the Agreement's early entry into force;

11. **REQUES**T support for developing countries and least developed countries to pursue sustainable development opportunities that can enable mitigation and adaptation efforts to be included in their (I)NDCs as appropriate, noting that mitigation and adaptation efforts can have strong regional co-benefits which contribute, *inter alia*, to food, water, energy security and local culture;

12. **URGE** developed countries to expedite the provision of the means of implementation in terms of capacity building, technical assistance, technology development and transfer, and financing, during the pre and post-2020 time frame in addressing mitigation, adaptation, and loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;

13. **REQUEST** enhanced support from Annex 1 Parties to the UNFCCC to ASEAN Member States to better understand, develop and implement Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV);

14. **URGE** donors to make contributions to the CBIT Trust Fund under the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) in order to start its implementation;

15. **URGE** GCF to expedite establishing a clear access mechanism for Parties to the UNFCCC and to accelerate the operationalisation of result-based payments for REDD+ in ASEAN;

16. **SEEK** assistances in the form of applicable technology transfer to strengthen mitigation and adaptation efforts as well as early warning system to reduce impact of disasters.;

17. **CALL UPON** all Parties to the UNFCCC to continue working effectively and in good faith on developing mechanisms and modalities towards the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Adopted in Vientiane, Lao PDR, the Sixth day of September in the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen.