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EXTREMELY URGENT
MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : **The Administrator**
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**The Assistant Secretary for Climate Change
And Concurrent Director, BMB**

The OIC Directors
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Climate Change Service
Policy and Planning Service

FROM : **The Undersecretary**
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **PROPOSED KEY MESSAGES FOR THE PRESIDENT'S
INTERVENTIONS AT THE 37TH ASEAN SUMMIT
AND RELATED SUMMITS**

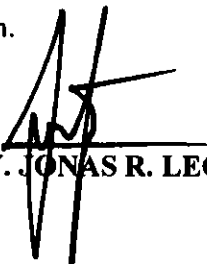
DATE : September 29, 2020

May we respectfully refer the letter dated 28 September 2020 signed by Assistant Secretary Junever Mahilum-West, Office of ASEAN Affairs- Department of Foreign Affairs- requesting DENR's inputs regarding key messages for possible inclusion in the President's interventions at the 37th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits to be held in November 2020.

The attached matrix for proposed key messages will be tabled at the 29th Meeting of the ASEAN Technical Matters Board to be held in early October.

In view of this, kindly send your inputs to this email address: oueiea.denr@gmail.com on or before 01 October 2020.

For your immediate attention and appropriate action.


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cc: The Undersecretary
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[Extremely Urgent Request for Inputs] Proposed Messages for the President's Interventions at the 37th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits

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Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Please find attached letter from DFA-Office of ASEAN Affairs on the proposed messages for the President's interventions at the 37th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits.

Kindly take note that DFA-ASEAN would appreciate receiving your inputs on the proposed messages **by 2 October 2020**.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email and its attachments.

Thank you very much for your continued cooperation and support.

Best regards.

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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS

OFFICE OF ASEAN AFFAIRS

EXTREMELY URGENT

Our Ref. No. : DIV1-710-JMW-2020
Subject : **Proposed Messages for the President's Interventions at the
37th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits**
Date : 28 September 2020

Dear Madams and Sirs,

In preparation for the 37th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits to be held in November 2020, the Department requests your respective agency's inputs regarding key messages for possible inclusion in the President's interventions.


The matrix for proposed key messages is attached for your consideration. Agencies that have no additional input to the key messages are requested to inform us as well, for purposes of clarity.

The proposed key messages will be tabled at the 29th Meeting of the ASEAN Technical Matters Board to be held in early October. Information on the schedule and format of the AMTB Meeting will be circulated in due course.

We would appreciate receiving agencies' inputs via email (asean.div1@dfa.gov.ph) by **2 October 2020, Friday**.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,
For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:


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Assistant Secretary

TO: ALL AMTB AGENCIES

PROPOSED KEY MESSAGES OF THE PRESIDENT AT THE 37TH ASEAN SUMMIT AND RELATED SUMMITS

SUMMIT	PROPOSED KEY MESSAGES
<p>37th ASEAN Summit Possible topics: (1) ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and Way Forward and (2) Exchange of Views on Regional and International Issues</p>	<p><u>ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and Way Forward</u></p> <p>ASEAN's Collective Response to COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Highlight ASEAN's cohesive response to fight the COVID-19 pandemic while further strengthening efforts in Community-building. ● Express support for accelerating the implementation of ASEAN initiatives: operationalization of the COVID-19 ASEAN Response Fund, establishment of the ASEAN Regional Reserve of Medical Supplies for Public Health Emergencies, the ASEAN Standard Operating Procedures for Public Health Emergencies, and ASEAN travel corridor arrangements to facilitate essential travel. ● Emphasize the need to fast track the implementation plan of the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework and highlight that recovery efforts involve a whole-of-ASEAN approach, prioritizing the most vulnerable affected by the pandemic. ● Recovery must be inclusive – ensuring that women and persons with disabilities - are part of the region's plan to widen the labor market and rebound to positive economic growth. Underscore the need to address reemployment of those who lost their livelihood and income, to allow their reintegration as productive members of society. Emphasize that economic recovery efforts should be equitable and sustainable, including green alternatives to recovery. ● Reiterate the urgent need for regional and international cooperation on the equitable access to affordable vaccines, making vaccines a global public good. ● Reiterate national priorities on attaining food security by ensuring sufficient rice supply; boosting production and facilitating intra-ASEAN trade to address demand for medicines, medical equipment and supplies; and supporting research and development on vaccines by fast-tracking cooperation with external partners. ● Express appreciation for bilateral and multilateral assistance to the Philippines in support of the government's response to the pandemic. ● Encourage full utilization of the Philippine-led ASEAN Biodiaspora Regional Virtual Centre for big data and analytics on timely and contextualized information about global infectious disease events. ● Encourage enabling the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity to contribute in combating wildlife trafficking to prevent the spread of zoonotic diseases. ● Two million people in low- and middle-income countries die each year from neglected endemic zoonotic diseases, such as anthrax, bovine tuberculosis and rabies. Growth in human activity, including expanded infrastructure, intensified agriculture and increased meat production - has played a major role in these developments. ● Sustain recovery efforts and heed lessons learned from the pandemic towards strengthening public health systems and the region's response to future public health emergencies. We must learn from one another and from our Partners and build back better for a flexible, resilient, and responsive region.

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	<p>ASEAN Community-Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the adoption of the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on the ASEAN Community Vision Post-2025, which captures our commitment to build a Community that is people-centered and people-oriented beyond 2025. • Congratulate Viet Nam, as Chair, for achieving ASEAN's 2020 deliverables - Mid-term Review of the ASEAN Blueprints, commencing the development of a Post-2025 Vision, review of the implementation of the ASEAN Charter, and enhancing ASEAN awareness – despite coordination challenges brought by the pandemic. • Acknowledge the work of ASEAN despite the unforgiving pandemic situation, and note a number of accomplishments in various areas, such as the launching of the ASEAN VET Council and the adoption of the Roadmap of the ASEAN Declaration on Human Resources Development for the Changing World of Work (HRD Roadmap), among others. <p>Political-Security Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue a rules-based international order for peace, stability, and prosperity in the region. • State that the Philippines, together with other ASEAN Member States, is committed to enhancing its capacity to address traditional and non-traditional security issues in an effective and timely manner. • Call for strengthened regional cooperation in preventing and countering terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization, and combating trafficking in persons, illicit drug trafficking, and other forms of transnational crime. • [CYBERSECURITY] While cybersecurity cooperation in ASEAN is at a relatively early stage of cooperation, we believe the new normal brought about by the pandemic has highlighted the importance of collective work in this area. We call for privacy, data protection, and safeguard against fraud, cybertheft, and other forms of cybercrime amidst the acceleration of the use of ICT, whether in official business and government interactions or in personal transactions. • Sustainable capacity-building must begin with a multi-stakeholder model, with governments progressing towards cyber-resilience and cross-border collaboration, and with individuals empowered to uphold safe and fair use. Preparedness and addressing capacity are shared responsibilities and must be built into policy, technology, law, strategy and norms. Cyberspace must be conducive to cyber security, digital literacy, and the digital economy, particularly in support of MSMEs. • [HUMAN RIGHTS] Continue to promote and protect human rights in the region especially the rights of children, women, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and the marginalized and vulnerable sectors of society. <p>Economic Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [CONNECTIVITY] Increase connectivity within the region, and sustain the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 (MPAC 2025), especially with the challenges brought by the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR). • [SUB-REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT] ASEAN should strive for strategic coherence with its own Community goals and sustain platforms of dialogue with external partners in pursuing sub-regional development cooperation such as the BIMP-EAGA. Emphasize that sub-regional development must contribute to the entire region's economic recovery to achieve an inclusive, innovative and sustainable economy through deeper regional economic
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • integration. • [TRADE] Promote intra-ASEAN trade and the need to build more resilient and sustainable supply chains; • [DIGITAL ECONOMY] Empower MSMEs and business start-ups in the dynamic business environment, in particular the digital economy. • Encourage capacity building and knowledge-sharing on innovations in science and technology, e-commerce, big data and artificial intelligence. • Encourage cooperation in the following industries – IT, agriculture, and infrastructure construction, among others <p>Socio-Cultural Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [BIODIVERSITY] Emphasize that the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity is crucial to the resumption of socio-economic activities. Biodiversity is tied to healthy ecosystems, which can mitigate the devastating effects of natural disasters, and in turn minimize loss of life and property. ASEAN needs to mainstream biodiversity and to realize that land-based and marine-based actions alter ecosystems that could lead to the emergence of zoonotic viruses and weaken nature's capacity for pest and disease regulation, and the prevention of future pandemics. • Emphasize that as ASEAN pursues economic recovery, we must ensure the preservation and protection of the environment, sustainability of our natural resources, propose green solutions, protection of biodiversity, and ecosystem services to safeguard the quality of life of local communities and ensure the longevity of the productive sectors of our economies. ASEAN must focus on sectors that bring increased productivity to the region's economy, which are sustainable in the long-run. • [EDUCATION AND UPSKILLING] Highlight the important role of education in rebuilding the economy. Industry 4.0 is changing the demands of the labor market. The work force must be upskilled and reskilled, and provided with opportunities to allow for decent work. • [TVET and HRD ROADMAP] Call on the support of ASEAN Member States on the Philippines' inaugural chairship of the ASEAN TVET Council, launched on 16 September 2020. We take seriously the task to build a labor force that is competitive and resilient. • Encourage cooperation and forging partnerships in implementing the Roadmap of the ASEAN Declaration on Human Resources Development for the Changing World of Work. Strengthen collaboration among ASEAN and its partners in research and studies in TVET and implementing innovations and technologies in teaching and learning. Continue exchanges through education, capacity-building, and sharing of best practices toward the implementation of the HRD Roadmap to improve the quality and resiliency of our labor force. • [SOCIAL SAFETY NETS] The loss of social interaction from family and friends and the uncertainty over the loss of one's job or livelihood impact mental health. ASEAN needs to provide social safety nets that would allow families to weather stressful situations. • [PROTECTION FOR MEDICAL WORKERS] Call for the continued protection of the safety of medical professionals, healthcare workers, other frontline workers, and the wider ASEAN population. We need to work together to provide them with opportunities while strengthening response to future pandemics and emergencies.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [IMPROVING HEALTH SYSTEMS] We need to improve our health systems. Commit to strengthen primary health care, ensure availability and timely provision of essential medicines and cost-effective health technologies at healthcare facilities and build-up the capacity of health workers, in support of achieving universal health care among the ASEAN Member States. • [PROTECTION OF MIGRANT WORKERS] The region's migrant workers, who are key contributors to the region's economic success and integration. Call for the stronger implementation of the ASEAN Consensus on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers. The Philippines repatriated 188,425 overseas Filipino workers as of 21 September 2020. Encourage stronger cooperation in promoting and protecting the rights of migrants, regardless of their migrant status. Call for the protection of migrants' rights, fundamental of which are access to food, water, information, just compensation and living quarters. Encourage the provision of social safety nets for companies and corporations to prevent job loss. Express our gratitude to countries that have provided Filipino migrants with residence permits, access to testing, treatment, and health related services during the pandemic. • [RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES] Encourage the implementation of the Enabling Masterplan 2025: Mainstreaming the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, to promote the full and effective participation of ASEAN's persons with disabilities in the ASEAN Community. • [CLIMATE CHANGE] Underscore the need to hold countries most responsible for climate change to account. Emphasize the need to adapt and build ASEAN's resilience by advancing initiatives that care for the people and the environment. Solutions such as decentralized renewable energy, active mobility, sustainable transport, and mangrove and watershed management can address not only COVID-worsened public health and economic problems in the short-term, but also climate risks and development challenges in the long-haul. • [DRMM] Continue to pursue increased cooperation to mitigate the vulnerabilities of ASEAN Member States to climate change and natural disasters.
	<p><u>Exchange of Views on Regional and International Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underscore ASEAN Centrality in pursuing relations, through more proactive participation of ASEAN in improving and strengthening ASEAN-led mechanisms. • The current geopolitical climate positions ASEAN in the center of great power rivalries. Now is the time to present a united front and preserve ASEAN's hard-earned Community-building efforts amidst clashing powers. • ASEAN must ensure that it remains in the driver's seat of the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific and continue to uphold the principles of openness, inclusiveness, transparency, mutual trust and benefit, and a rules-based framework. Welcome practical cooperation with external partners to implement the AOIP. • Mention the importance of upholding the long-standing principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of Member States. <p><i>South China Sea/Code of Conduct</i></p>

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<p>23rd ASEAN-China Summit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Philippines values the maintenance of peace, security and stability in the South China Sea and upholds the freedom of navigation in and overflight above the South China Sea as a requisite to development and Community building. Reaffirm our commitment to the full and effective implementation of the 2002 Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) in its entirety. • Reaffirm the Philippines' commitment in the South China Sea in accordance with UNCLOS and the 2016 Arbitral Award. • Belonging to a community of law-abiding nations, the Philippines emphasizes the importance of upholding the freedom of navigation and overflight above the South China Sea in accordance with international law, including the 1982 UNCLOS. We welcome the support of our External Partners on the 2016 Arbitral Award. • As ASEAN-China Country Coordinator, the Philippines will continue to take note of the positions and concerns expressed by countries both party and not party to the ongoing negotiations. A conducive environment is crucial for the negotiations on the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC). <p>Situation in the Rakhine State</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We note Myanmar's efforts in addressing the unprecedented challenges brought about by the pandemic. The Philippines reaffirms our support for ASEAN to have a more visible and enhanced role in providing humanitarian assistance in Rakhine State, facilitating the repatriation process, and promoting sustainable development for all affected communities. We stand ready with ASEAN to cooperate and extend assistance to Myanmar in its efforts to bring peace, stability, and the rule of law, including strengthening of domestic judicial systems; to promote harmony and reconciliation among the various communities; and to ensure sustainable and equitable development in Rakhine State. <p>Transnational Crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While the COVID-19 pandemic has restricted people's movement, our cooperation against transnational crime and other cross-border threats should not be hampered. In fact, our coordination and cooperation on these cross-border issues must intensify. The recent bomb attacks in Jolo, Sulu is a painful reminder of this reality. We must never waiver in our commitment to efforts against terrorism, people smuggling, trafficking in persons, illicit drug trafficking, arms smuggling, sea piracy, international economic crime, and illicit trafficking of wildlife and timber <p>Korean Peninsula</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been positive developments in the international community's collective quest for lasting peace in the Korean Peninsula. However, with the recent turn of events, the Philippines urges the parties involved to work towards avoiding provocation and decreasing tensions, and to advance negotiations to realize a concrete and verifiable progress in the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. <p>ASEAN-China Plan of Action 2021-2025 (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (TBC) We propose for the adoption of the new Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity for the Period 2021-2025. This Plan of Action reinvigorates our commitment
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	<p>for continued engagement and will help chart our future direction and priorities as we continue to enhance our cooperation across all sectors and strengthen our partnership in the next five years.</p> <p>COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We express appreciation for China's continued assistance in the provision of PPEs, critical medical supplies and equipment, and deployment of medical expert teams. • We thank China for its generous contribution of 1 million USD to the ASEAN COVID-19 Response Fund as well as its allocation of 5 million USD to sponsor projects on public health emergencies. • We also welcome China's support on the establishment of the ASEAN Regional Reserve of Medical Supplies and Equipment (RRMS), as well as the ASEAN Centre on Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases. • We look forward to the successful development of the COVID-19 vaccine which China has promised to be a global public good and that ASEAN will be among the first to benefit. <p>TRADE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China has been ASEAN's largest trading partner for the past decade. Both sides have worked to upgrade the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area. ASEAN's bilateral trade with China has significantly grown from USD 235.5 billion in 2010 to USD 507.9 billion in 2019. • We should continue to enhance our collaborative efforts to reach the joint target of two-way trade of USD 1 trillion and USD 150 billion in investments by the end of 2020, especially through the implementation of the ACFTA Upgrade Protocol. <p>2020 AS THE ASEAN-CHINA YEAR OF DIGITAL ECONOMY COOPERATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designating 2020 as the ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation has been beneficial. We have commenced discussions and shared experiences as to how the use of digital technology has helped in the prevention and control of COVID-19. • We look forward to various projects and initiatives that will advance efforts to strengthen digital infrastructure and digital transformation. We also welcome China's efforts to further cooperation in cross-border flow of information and data, cyber security and the promotion of consumer protection and business trust in the digital economy. • (TBC) In this regard, we are pleased to support the issuance of the Initiative and its List of Activities for the ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation that will help deepen cyberspace and cybersecurity cooperation, facilitate smart city innovation and ICT infrastructure cooperation, support digital literacy, e-learning and e-commerce, entrepreneurship especially for MSMEs, and maintaining supply chain connectivity and boosting resilience for sustainable development in the region. • (TBC) We are also pleased to welcome the establishment of the ASEAN-China Cyber Dialogue which shall serve as a platform for ASEAN and China to further deepen exchanges and communication on cybersecurity policy and digital governance, with a view to promote cooperation and coordination. <p>DESIGNATION OF 2021 AS THE ASEAN-CHINA YEAR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (TBC) As we are close to ushering in the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations,
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	<p>we welcome the designation of 2021 as the ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We look forward to more cooperative activities especially those that will help efforts in poverty alleviation and narrowing the development gap, disaster risk reduction and response, and environmental conservation. <p>SOUTH CHINA SEA / COC NEGOTIATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Philippines values the maintenance of peace, security and stability in the South China Sea and upholds the freedom of navigation in and overflight above the South China Sea. We reaffirm our commitment to the full and effective implementation of the 2002 Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) in its entirety. The Philippines continues to underscore the importance of exercising self-restraint in the conduct of activities that would complicate or escalate disputes and may undermine trust and confidence, and affect peace and stability in the region. A conducive environment is crucial for the negotiations on the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC). The Philippines, as Country Coordinator for ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations, continues to do its utmost in working closely with ASEAN and China in the step-by-step resumption of the COC negotiations and the continued engagement between ASEAN and China in implementing the DOC. We hope that the COVID-19 situation in the region improves soonest so that the Philippines may be able to host the face-to-face COC negotiations in Manila later this year. We aspire to complete the second reading of the Single Draft COC Negotiating Text (SDNT) before turning over the coordinatorship to Myanmar next year. <p>Other points that China may raise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>ASEAN-China Partnership on the Blue Economy:</i> While most ASEAN Member States are still developing their domestic policies, we support to continue exploring cooperation on the blue economy and note China's proposal to build ASEAN-China partnership in this regard, as envisaged in the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership Vision 2030. <i>Establishment of Comprehensive Strategic Partnership:</i> China's proposal to elevate dialogue relations to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership" is a clear affirmation of China's continued commitment and interest to ASEAN. The Philippines, along with other AMS, is seriously considering this proposal, taking into account the review of the whole spectrum of ASEAN's external relations. <i>Global Initiative on Data Security:</i> We take note of China's Global Initiative on Data Security which calls to oppose activities involving data being used to undermine the sovereignty and national security of states.
<p>23rd ASEAN-Japan Summit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Yoshihide Suga as Japan's New Prime Minister and convey best wishes for the good health of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Thank Japan for its assistance to the Philippines to address COVID-19 pandemic including its commitment to contribute USD1 Million to the COVID-19 ASEAN Response Fund Welcome the establishment of the "ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases" and Japan's allocation of USD50 million to support its establishment.

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<p>17th ASEAN-India Summit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Express support for Japan's "Digital New Deal" initiative in response to the 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR). Encourage Japan to continue helping ASEAN enhance broadband access and connectivity across the region to promote an inclusive people-to-people connectivity. • With increased digital transformation and the move towards Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) brought about by this pandemic, emphasize that Japan's renowned expertise in advanced technologies will greatly aid in developing the region's capacity leading towards a highly resilient, highly adaptive and highly skilled workforce. As Chair of the ASEAN TVET Council, look forward to deeper cooperation with Japan on people-to-people connectivity through the ASEAN-Japan Technical Cooperation Agreement (TCA) • Express appreciation for Japan's continued commitment to the region through synergizing the Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy with the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific; specifically on strengthening ASEAN centrality, the promotion and establishment of the rule of law, freedom of navigation and free trade; pursuit of economic prosperity; and commitment to peace and stability. Look forward to implementation of concrete projects that will maximize synergies between the FOIP and AOIP for the benefit of the region. • Reiterate call to continue enhancing cooperation in addressing traditional and non-traditional security issues and transnational crime, including terrorism, maritime security, illicit drug trafficking, and cybersecurity, activities that have been on the rise undertaken by and from groups and individuals taking advantage of the region's pressing and urgent attention in the fight against this pandemic. • The Philippines values the maintenance of peace, security and stability in the South China Sea and upholds the freedom of navigation in and overflight above the South China Sea as a requisite to development and Community building. The Philippines committed to the full and effective implementation of the 2002 Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) in its entirety. Reaffirm the Philippines' commitment in the South China Sea in accordance with UNCLOS and the 2016 Arbitral Award. Belonging to a community of law-abiding nations, the Philippines emphasizes the importance of upholding the freedom of navigation and overflight above the South China Sea in accordance with international law, including the 1982 UNCLOS. We welcome the support of our external partners on the 2016 Arbitral Award. • The Philippines remains committed to working with China and ASEAN towards an effective and substantive COC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasize importance of India's support for ASEAN's human capital development, including through various scholarships and exchanges. Invite India to partner with the Philippines through the recently installed ASEAN Technical Vocational Council, which PH chairs. • Express the need to control if not eliminate illegal transboundary trade in wildlife which is at the root of this and the next pandemics. Called for deeper collaboration between the ASEAN Center for Biodiversity and India's similar Authority to improve preparedness and increase responding capacity against infectious diseases. • Look forward to India's enhanced terrorism and counter-terrorism cooperation and note that greater reliance on digital solutions means we are exposed to dangers of cybersecurity and cyberterrorism. • Note the importance of ramping up maritime cooperation with regard to the India's Outlook on the Indo-Pacific and the need to address several challenges in maritime security and safety, including cooperation on sustainable use of oceans
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight the need to build up our region's cyber resilience through the ASEAN Cybersecurity center of excellence despite on-going COVID-19 pandemic as India being a giant in digital innovation, technology, development and connectivity is an asset to socio-economic recovery and development. • Strengthen "South-South" cooperation between the South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) and the ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Group (AWG CITES & WE) to strengthen CITES implementation and compliance, particularly on trade in critically endangered species in ASEAN and India. • Strengthen cooperation on the conservation and management of migratory species and their habitats in the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia. • The Philippines values the maintenance of peace, security and stability in the South China Sea and upholds the freedom of navigation in and overflight above the South China Sea as a requisite to development and Community building. The Philippines committed to the full and effective implementation of the 2002 Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) in its entirety. Reaffirm the Philippines' commitment in the South China Sea in accordance with UNCLOS and the 2016 Arbitral Award. Belonging to a community of law-abiding nations, the Philippines emphasizes the importance of upholding the freedom of navigation and overflight above the South China Sea in accordance with international law, including the 1982 UNCLOS. We welcome the support of our external partners on the 2016 Arbitral Award. • The Philippines remains committed to working with China and ASEAN towards an effective and substantive COC.
<p>8th ASEAN-US Summit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasize the importance of maintaining safety and sovereignty, as free and independent states, and as a regional organization. Affirm ASEAN's important role at the center of the U.S. vision for the Indo-Pacific and look forward to US support for the AOP. Note that engagement should be guided by ASEAN Centrality. • Welcome US Strategy in Southeast Asia and underscore that the Philippines appreciates America's articulation of the 2016 Arbitral Award as final and binding, and its recognition of the Award as an authoritative interpretation of the 1982 UNCLOS. Reiterate the Philippines' steadfast commitment to peace and stability in the region. Look forward to concrete US commitment as the PH's oldest and only treaty ally in Southeast Asia. • Acknowledge USD \$87 million in emergency health and humanitarian assistance provided to combat COVID-19 and the support of the US private sector in partnering with ASEAN on regional economic recovery. Note that initiatives under the U.S-ASEAN Health Futures program not only supports human capital development but prepares the region to better respond to future threats to public health. Welcome US's commitment to strengthen ASEAN Member States public health systems through the training of professionals, etc. • Note the importance of upskilling human capital to adequately face the rapid digitalization brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. • Acknowledge the importance of human capital development in post-COVID-19 recovery, as well as the transition towards Fourth Industrial Revolution; Support the adoption of the Joint Statement of the 8th ASEAN-US Summit on Human Capital Development; With this, invite the US to explore further ASEAN-US TVET initiatives under the PH Chairmanship of the ASEAN TVET Council. • Highlight the U.S. economy's influence on the global economic order and encourage the U.S. to support ASEAN's commitment to promote a free, fair and rules-based trading system.

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<p>11th ASEAN-UN Summit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasize the need for universal access to vaccines and look forward to US assistance to make it a public good. • Reiterate shared positions on pressing international and regional issues, including peace in the DPRK, rejecting aggressive and destabilizing unilateral actions in the SCS, and the need to peacefully resolve disputes in accordance with international law, including UNCLOS. The Philippines remains committed to working with China and ASEAN towards an effective and substantive COC. We appreciate the United States' expression of support for its Southeast Asian allies and partners and for coastal states such as the Philippines, that have long endorsed a rules-based international order. We likewise reaffirm our shared commitment to uphold freedom of navigation in and overflight in a manner consistent with international law.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reiterate the President's message in the 75th UNGA affirming his belief of the UN's important role in world affairs. On peace and stability in the SCS, reiterate the importance PH accords to the Arbitral Award and welcome the increasing number of states that have come in support of the award. • Emphasize the importance of ASEAN-UN cooperation on COVID-19. The Philippines values the importance of regional and international organizations such as the ASEAN and the United Nations in the fight against the pandemic including timely and effective sharing of information on COVID-19. Call on partners to strengthen the role of the UN and together achieve an inclusive and sustainable development in the region. • Note that the pandemic has highlighted the imperative for a sustainable development pathway and it has revealed new challenges, including to peace and security. Affirm importance of multilateralism as reflected in ASEAN-UN COVID-19 cooperation. • Highlight cooperation with the UN in further enhancing ASEAN capacity to undertake preventive diplomacy measures, such as, for example, through the workshops organized by the UN in conjunction with the ASEAN Regional Forum, which has preventive diplomacy as one of its set key milestones • Note the value of ASEAN-UN cooperation for peace, security and sustainable development with the presence of two engaged and dynamic ASEAN members on the Council in 2020. Emphasize the need for UN to boost technical support to ASEAN in counter-terrorism initiatives and preventing violent extremism, among other areas. • Emphasize that ASEAN and the UN should continue enhancing cooperation on peace and security, good governance, regional economic integration, digital connectivity as well as disaster management and environmental issues. • As part of our commitment to peace and security, the Philippine Government enacted the new anti-terrorism law, fully cognizant of the grave impact of terrorism on Filipinos' lives, communities and livelihood. Emphasized that its enactment was done pursuant to our commitment, and the strict adherence to the relevant Security Council resolutions and the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. • Express that the Philippines will continue to advance women, peace and security agenda, including through the provision of women peacekeepers. Look forward to UN's continued support for ASEAN Community building and ASEAN Centrality amidst the changing global landscape. • Mention that the Philippines, as chair the ASEAN TVET Council, will play its part in enhancing human capital development of our people.

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<p>ASEAN Plus Three Summit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On sub-regional development: Geography is destiny. In sub-regional development, ASEAN should strive for strategic coherence with its own Community goals and sustain platforms of dialogue with external partners, but with the caveat that national governments should not be bypassed. • Keep markets open, and preserve supply chains throughout the region. Avoid trade restrictions, such as export bans or prohibitions, and ensure access to medicines and medical devices as well as to essential foods and products. Express appreciation for the implementation of the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserves (AAPTER) during the COVID-19 pandemic period (cite specific instance). • Make full use of the region's economic advantages by restoring supply chains or creating new ones. Encourage the Plus Three countries to invest in the development of ASEAN's e-commerce and interoperability of fintech (financial technology) to spur economic activity and provide additional opportunities for MSMEs. • Ensure the safe movement of persons to jumpstart the region's economies, and welcome the development of a plan on this matter. • Formulate and enact an economic recovery plan at the earliest opportunity, even as the region's industries try to cope with the "new normal" with novel measures. • Commit to maintain a stable and predictable rules-based trading system, and ensure RCEP's success. • Create a regional strategic reserve of medical equipment and supplies. • Identify opportunities for the development of the region's digital economy, which will be an essential factor in our path to sustainable recovery. • Support and enact collective measures to rebuild the region's economy. • The South China Sea is a vital and strategic waterway since a large volume of maritime trade transits through this body of water. It is crucial that we maintain the South China Sea as a sea of peace, stability and prosperity. The Philippines stresses the importance of upholding a rules-based order that is grounded on international law.
<p>15th East Asia Summit Possible topics: (1) Review and future direction of EAS cooperation; and (2) Exchange of views on regional and international issues.</p>	<p><u>Review and future direction of EAS cooperation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call on EAS participating countries to cooperate and improve public health systems in the region and have an early warning system in place to learn from the lessons of COVID-19 • Call on EAS participating countries to assist ASEAN Member States in gaining access to vaccines at an affordable cost • Acknowledge the achievements made by EAS in the past 15 years and look forward to further expanding the areas of cooperation in the EAS. • Reaffirm commitment to further strengthening of EAS as a premier leader's led forum to promote dialogue and cooperation on broad strategic and economic issues of common interest and concern as guided by the KL Declaration on the 10th Anniversary of EAS and based on established objectives, principles and modalities of the EAS. • Explore possible funding sources to ensure the robust implementation of the Manila Plan of Action to Implement the Phnom Penh Declaration on the EAS Development Initiative (2018-2022) and utilize existing mechanisms to

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	<p>move forward cooperation, in particular cooperation on global health issues and pandemic diseases, natural disaster management, food security, education, trade, and in the maritime field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for EAS to remain open, inclusive, transparent and out-ward looking, and reaffirm ASEAN's central role in the EAS, in line with ASEAN's commitment to working in close partnership with all EAS Participating Countries to ensure that it would continue to be an integral component of the evolving ASEAN-Centred regional architecture. • Further strengthen EAS to ensure its relevance and effectiveness in response to the needs of the rapidly changing regional and international landscape. • Recognise the importance of having free-flowing constructive dialogue amongst the leaders at the EAS in order to reinforce strategic trust and seek to address common challenges including through practical cooperation, based on mutual trust, mutual benefit, and mutual respect and rule of law. • Welcome continued discussions and efforts to strengthen the EAS, including strengthening the role of the EAS Chair, and continued regular engagement of the EAS Ambassadors in Jakarta. • Express support for the adoption of the five (5) EAS Leaders' Statements.
	<p><u>Exchange of views on regional and international issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State that the Philippines is firmly committed in combating terrorism and violent extremism and note that close coordination with international partners, particularly in the exchange of information and intelligence, is essential to responding collectively and constructively to issues of common concern. • Underscore the importance of the international community's support for the multilateral trading system through rules-based bilateral, regional and multilateral engagement. • Ensure that the relationship between the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific and ASEAN-led mechanisms remains clear – chiefly, that initiatives on the Indo-Pacific are undertaken without prejudice to ASEAN-led mechanisms like the EAS, and that the former is not a replacement for the latter. We should continue to strengthen not only the EAS, but also other ASEAN-led mechanisms, so that participating countries sustain these platforms to address issues of common concern and carry out initiatives jointly, for the benefit of our region. <p>SCS/COC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reaffirm the importance of maintaining and promoting peace, security, stability, safety and freedom of navigation in and overflight above the South China Sea and recognise the benefits of having the South China Sea as a sea of peace, stability and prosperity. • Underscore the importance of the full and effective implementation of the 2002 Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) in its entirety, noting the continued and improving cooperation between ASEAN and China, and the progress of the substantive negotiations towards the early conclusion of an effective and substantive Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC) within a mutually-agreed timeline. • Welcome the completion of the first reading of the Single Draft COC Negotiating Text and the commencement of

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	<p>the second reading process and emphasise the need to maintain an environment conducive to the COC negotiations, and thus welcome practical measures that could reduce tensions and the risk of accidents, misunderstandings and miscalculation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stress the importance of undertaking confidence building and preventive measures to enhance, among others, trust and confidence amongst parties; and we reaffirmed the importance of upholding international law including the 1982 UNCLOS. <p><i>Regional Architecture</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise the challenges and uncertainties facing the region that could undermine sustainable security, regional development and economic growth and therefore reiterated our support for a peaceful, stable, resilient, dynamic, and inclusive people-centred ASEAN Community and for ASEAN Centrality in the evolving regional architecture. Uphold the principles of the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific on strengthening ASEAN Centrality, openness, transparency, inclusivity, a rules-based framework, good governance, respect for sovereignty, non-intervention, complementarity with existing cooperation frameworks, equality, mutual respect, mutual trust, mutual benefit, and respect for international law, and the principles as contained in the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia. Note ASEAN's intention to use the Outlook as a guide for ASEAN's engagement in the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean regions to contribute to the maintenance of peace, stability, freedom and prosperity. Look forward to further discussions on working with ASEAN to promote engagement and international cooperation in the areas identified in the Outlook and of common interest, through existing ASEAN-led platforms. <p><i>RCEP</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look forward to the conclusion of the talks on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), with 15 Participating Countries having concluded text-based negotiations to create a modern, comprehensive, high quality and mutually beneficial Agreement. Support further trade liberalisation and the multilateral trading system to withstand current global economic uncertainties. <p><i>Korean Peninsula</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stress the importance of continued peaceful dialogue amongst all parties concerned in order to realise lasting peace and stability in a denuclearised Korean Peninsula by welcoming the efforts by the Republic of Korea (ROK), the United States, Russia, and China to establish a sustainable dialogue with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) towards this goal. We urge all parties concerned to continue or to resume peaceful dialogue and work together towards progress in the realisation of lasting peace and stability in a denuclearised Korean Peninsula.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support progress towards the implementation of the Panmunjom Declaration, the Singapore Joint Statement by the U.S. and DPRK Leaders, and the Pyongyang Joint Declaration. • Reiterate commitment to the full implementation of all relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions by all UN Member States and international efforts to bring about the complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula.
<p>22nd ASEAN-Korea Summit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note significant achievements made under President Moon Jae-in's New Southern Policy strategy and the 3Ps-- especially socio-cultural cooperation the People strategy where PH benefits greatly from. Echo the importance PH, along with other AMS, accords to achieving lasting peace in the Korean Peninsula. • Thank ROK for its support in assisting the Philippines in our efforts to address the effects of COVID-19. • Emphasize the importance of ASEAN-ROK cooperation in response to COVID-19: by facilitating the flow of essential goods, including food, medicines and medical and other essential supplies and services, as well as essential movement of people to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. • Underscore the need to reintegrate biodiversity concerns into our health and socio-economic programs. Encourage ROK's enhanced support for the work of the ASEAN Center for Biodiversity—to curb wildlife trafficking, conserve biodiversity, and prevent the spread of zoonotic diseases, as part of green growth objectives. • Note the importance of enhancing cooperation among health sectors through the ASEAN-ROK Health Dialogue Channel, including in strengthening ASEAN's capacity in prevention and control of emerging infectious diseases as well as pandemic preparedness. • Appreciate ROK's unwavering support for ASEAN Centrality and unity, as well as for narrowing the development gaps through sub-regional cooperation, including the new ROK sub-regional dialogue mechanism with the BIMF countries. [For vetting] • Enhance collaboration between the 'ASEAN-Korea Centre' (AKC) and the 'ASEAN-Korea Business Council' (AKBC) to increase trade, investment and business networking activities, share knowledge and best practices, and provide capacity building for MSMEs especially in digital financing and no-contact industries to make ASEAN-ROK businesses fit for purpose in post-pandemic recovery. Support MSMEs and promote active participation in regional and global value chains. • Highlight ASEAN-ROK cooperation on climate change, and that enhancing the climate resilience and sustainability of our economies through the ASEAN Catalytic Green Finance Facility to scale up green growth infrastructure investments in ASEAN. • Request ROK's support for Philippines Chairmanship of the ASEAN TVET Council and together pursue the development of human resources to achieve sustainable development and a competitive workforce adept at handling the challenges of the digital age, and the Fourth Industrial Revolution. • Reiterate commitment to strengthen cooperation in environment, sustainable marine economic development, and human health, and encourage ROK's enhanced support for the work of the ASEAN Center for Biodiversity—to curb wildlife trafficking, conserve biodiversity, and prevent the spread of zoonotic diseases, as part of green growth objectives. • The Philippines remains committed to working with China and ASEAN towards an effective and substantive COC.

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<p>45th ASEAN-New Zealand Commemorative Summit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend warmest best wishes to ASEAN and New Zealand's 45th anniversary of dialogue relations and congratulate on the success of the recent elections. Welcome the adoption of the Joint ASEAN-New Zealand Leaders' Vision Statement as it will mark the achievements of ASEAN and New Zealand's strategic partnership over the past 45 set the tone for further cooperation schemes that both parties can work together as we approach the 50 years of ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue partnership. Restate the call for enhanced cooperation with ASEAN on disaster management and disaster relief, biodiversity, management of land and forests and sustainable development and climate change through the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, climate change mitigation and adaptation, renewable energy and combating marine plastic debris. Underscore the primacy in AMS of promoting people-to-people exchange, capacity building and human capital development through scholarships and programs, including the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TNET) of which PH chairs for 2021-2023. Express support for a multilateral, rules-based trading system and how mutual benefit from this uplifts economies ravaged by the pandemic. Express support for the upgrade of the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area. Welcome the conclusion of the ASEAN-New Zealand regional air services agreement, which provides a more open environment for air links and which facilitates greater ease of movement of people and goods [To be confirmed] Express eagerness to work with New Zealand in various areas to do with the 4th Industrial Revolution as chair of the ASEAN Technological and Vocational Education and Training Council. Recognize New Zealand's expertise in ramping up the productivity of its agricultural and maritime industries, and look forward to continuous exchanges of best practices, and capacity-building, including food safety and standards. The Philippines values the maintenance of peace, security and stability in the South China Sea and upholds the freedom of navigation in and overflight above the South China Sea as a requisite to development and Community building. Remain committed to the full and effective implementation of the 2002 Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) in its entirety. Reaffirm the Philippines' commitment in the South China Sea in accordance with UNCLOS and the 2016 Arbitral Award. The Philippines remains committed to working with China and ASEAN towards an effective and substantive COC.
<p>ASEAN-Australia Summit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlight the importance of ASEAN and Australia strategic partnership, as that with a shared interest in a peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific region, free from coercion and where international law and the rights of all states are respected and upheld. Look forward to the convening of the annual ASEAN-Australia Leaders' Summit as the next step in ASEAN-AU relations. Note that the pandemic is compounding risks to regional stability and is creating conditions that challenge the key

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	<p>principles underpinning regional peace and prosperity. Express importance for all parties to uphold the principles underpinning our region's peace and stability: openness, inclusivity, a rules-based framework and peaceful settlement of disputes, as reflected in the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Australia's strong commitment to ASEAN Centrality, AOIP, rule of law and freedom of navigation in the South China Sea/ Welcome ASEAN and Australia advancing cooperation under the four priority areas of the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific: maritime cooperation, connectivity, sustainable development, economy and other possible areas of cooperation. • Emphasize the important role of women, youth and other vulnerable groups in the region's post-pandemic economic recovery efforts, in particular their increasing and valuable participation in MSMEs. Acknowledge the important role of women during emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic and other calamities. Highlight the need to for a women-responsive and inclusive recovery plan for the region. • Appreciate Australia's assistance to support maternal and neonatal health services in Masbate and its neighboring municipalities, who are recovering from the 6.6 magnitude earthquake of 18 August. Note that this is a testament of Australia's commitment to PH-Australia Comprehensive Partnership. • Note that responding to the pandemic, including through equitable access to vaccines, diagnostics and therapeutics, is a primary challenge for our region. Welcome AU 1M USD support to ASEAN's COVID-19 Response Fund, to help ASEAN purchase medical supplies and equipment, support research cooperation, and build capacity for frontline health professionals and its additional support for Southeast Asia's health security, stability and economic recovery worth \$60 million. • Commit to promote regional health security to address COVID-19 and better prepare the region for future pandemics through expanded partnerships at all levels to strengthen human and animal health systems and deepen linkages that build national and regional capacity between the health sector under the ASEAN-Australia Health Security partnership. • Emphasize the need to counter terrorism and transnational crime in view of the global pandemic. There remains the need to prevent and suppress the flow of foreign terrorist fighters in our region, and address the underlying factors and conditions that contribute to the growth and spread of violent extremism and radicalisation to violence and to strengthen longstanding ASEAN-AU cooperation on law enforcement, immigration and customs cooperation including addressing trafficking of illicit drugs, online child exploitation and abuse, human trafficking and other transnational crimes. • Call for deeper collaboration with Australia on the area of cybersecurity noting that this area is critical to the development of digital economy. • The Philippines values the maintenance of peace, security and stability in the South China Sea and upholds the freedom of navigation in and overflight above the South China Sea as a requisite to development and Community building. Remain committed to the full and effective implementation of the 2002 Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) in its entirety. Reaffirm the Philippines' commitment in the South China
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	<p>Sea in accordance with UNCLOS and the 2016 Arbitral Award. Belonging to a community of law-abiding nations, the Philippines emphasizes the importance of upholding the freedom of navigation and overflight above the South China Sea in accordance with international law, including the 1982 UNCLOS. We welcome the support of our external partners on the 2016 Arbitral Award.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Philippines remains committed to working with China and ASEAN towards an effective and substantive COC.
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