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MEMORANDUM

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FROM : **The OIC Director**
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR INPUTS FOR THE DRAFT ASEAN-US JOINT VISION STATEMENT**

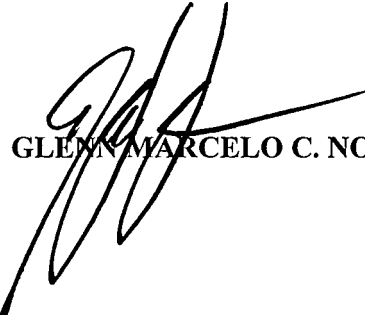
DATE : **25 MAR 2022**

This has reference to the letter dated 01 March 2022 from Assistant Secretary Daniel R. Espiritu, Office of ASEAN Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, regarding the draft ASEAN-US Joint Vision Statement.

The Joint Statement highlights ASEAN-US cooperation on COVID-19 response, maritime domain, climate crisis, economic cooperation, information and communications technology (ICT), as well as discussions on regional and international issues.

In this regard, we would like to request for your inputs to the abovestated draft joint statement and the proposed key message of the President at the ASEAN-US Special Summit (with appropriate background information) on the above topics on or before **31 March 2022** to the email address psddivision@gmail.com, copy furnished oueiea.denr@gmail.com.

For your information and appropriate action.


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MEMORANDUM**

TO : **The OIC Director**
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FROM : **The Undersecretary**
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR INPUTS FOR THE DRAFT ASEAN-US
JOINT VISION STATEMENT**

DATE : 16 March 2022

May we refer a copy of the letter dated 01 March 2022 sent by Assistant Secretary Daniel R. Espiritu, Office of ASEAN Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, requesting for inputs on the attached draft ASEAN-U.S. Joint Vision Statement, which is a proposed outcome document for the ASEAN-U.S. Special Summit tentatively scheduled on 28-29 March 2022 in Washington D.C.

The Joint Statement highlights ASEAN-U.S. cooperation on COVID-19 response, maritime domain, climate crisis, economic cooperation, information and communications technology (ICT), as well as discussions on regional and international issues. In addition, the DFA-OAA requests for proposed key messages of the President at the ASEAN-U.S. Special Summit (with appropriate background information) on the above.

In view of this, kindly submit inputs and send to oueiea.denr@gmail.com at the earliest possible time.

For your immediate attention and appropriate action.

ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES



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[EXTREMELY URGENT] DIV5-078-ASEAN-2022 - Request for Inputs for the Draft ASEAN-US Joint Vision Statement

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Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

Attached is a letter from Assistant Secretary Daniel R. Espiritu on the above subject.


Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Thank you and best regards.

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Our Ref. No. : DIV5-078-ASEAN-2022
Subject : **Request for Inputs for the Draft ASEAN-US Joint Vision Statement**
Date : 1 March 2022

Dear Mesdames/Sirs,

The Department respectfully requests your agency's comments and inputs on the attached draft ASEAN-U.S. Joint Vision Statement, which is a proposed outcome document for the ASEAN-U.S. Special Summit tentatively scheduled on 28-29 March 2022 in Washington D.C.

The Joint Statement highlights ASEAN-U.S. cooperation on COVID-19 response, maritime domain, climate crisis, economic cooperation, information and communications technology (ICT), as well as discussions on regional and international issues. ASEAN would highly appreciate receiving the requested inputs to the Joint Vision Statement **no later than 3 March 2022.**

The Department also requests proposed key messages of the President at the ASEAN-U.S. Special Summit (with appropriate background information) on the above topics as well as on other topics that your respective agencies may wish to raise **by 7 March 2022.**

Very truly yours,
For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel R. Espiritu".

DANIEL R. ESPIRITU
Assistant Secretary

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U.S.-ASEAN Special Summit, 2022 Joint Vision Statement

We, the leaders of the United States and the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), convened on March 28 and 29, 2022 for a U.S.-ASEAN Special Summit in Washington, DC. **Our countries are more united than ever in our vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific, as enshrined in the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific and the Indo-Pacific Strategy of the United States.** We are committed to working together to tackle shared challenges and build opportunity for our one billion people. Together, as we celebrate more than four decades of enduring partnership, we raise our collective ambition for a new age of U.S.-ASEAN relations. **At this historic moment – at the tenth U.S.-ASEAN Summit, the second Special Summit in the United States, and the first to be held in Washington, DC – we have agreed to establish a U.S.-ASEAN Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.**

Our cooperation has long been indispensable to the United States, to ASEAN, and to the broader international community. It began with our first dialogue, in Manila in 1977, and has grown stronger in the decades since: with the United States signing of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia; with the establishment of a U.S. Mission to ASEAN in Jakarta; with the founding of the U.S.-ASEAN Summit; and now, with the establishment of our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Over time, our joint endeavors have deepened in commitment and expanded in scope. Today we declare our intent to intensify our cooperation on COVID-19 and global health security, climate and sustainable infrastructure, maritime issues, education and people-to-people ties, economic engagement, and more. We will remain adaptable as new challenges emerge. Even as our partnership evolves, its purpose remains consistent: to ensure security and opportunity for our people.

The Indo-Pacific Strategy of the United States and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific both affirm the importance of **ASEAN centrality** and ASEAN's vital role in the regional architecture. The ASEAN Outlook informed the development of the Indo-Pacific Strategy of the United States, and we will continue seeking opportunities to support the Outlook's implementation. Recognizing many of the most daunting challenges facing the region are global in nature, we welcome cooperation with partners who share our objectives, within and beyond the Indo-Pacific. We are glad to support Thailand as host of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in 2022, and we look forward to the United States hosting in 2023. We affirm that the Quad—the informal grouping of the United States, Australia, Japan, and India—complements our shared efforts to uphold ASEAN centrality and address regional challenges, including through its Quad Vaccine Initiative, which will deliver one billion doses of COVID-19 vaccine, with a focus on the region. And we welcome enhanced engagement with European partners in the Indo-Pacific, as described in the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.

Our common charge is to solve the problems of our time, in the spirit of ASEAN Chair Cambodia's theme for 2022: "Addressing Challenges Together." We continue to face the challenge of ending the **COVID-19 pandemic** and building back better. We are resolute in our determination to save lives now by accelerating shots into arms and expanding testing and treatment for COVID-19. ASEAN welcomed donations of 91 million safe and high-quality vaccines from the United States that have already been delivered to Southeast Asia. We agreed that even as we urgently work to end this pandemic, we must also prepare for the next. We will work together to accelerate joint health research, strengthen health system capacity to withstand future public health emergencies, and develop the next generation of human capital in public health through the U.S.-ASEAN Health Futures initiative. Both the United States and

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ASEAN reaffirmed their commitment to the Global Health Security Agenda and helping achieve the GHSA2024 target. In addition, the leaders reiterated the need for stronger global financing for pandemic preparedness, and expressed support for the establishment of a new health security and pandemic preparedness fund at the World Bank.

We know the **climate crisis** threatens the safety and prosperity of all nations, and that ASEAN member states are particularly vulnerable to its devastating effects. We are, therefore, committed to working together to advance ASEAN efforts to pursue the highest possible climate ambition, with a view toward achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and keeping the goal of limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius within reach. We will also bolster ASEAN's efforts to adapt to the effects of climate change, such as rising sea levels, more frequent flooding, heightened risk of food insecurity, and ever-more-destructive extreme storms. We resolve to deepen cooperation on energy security and resilience; deploy renewable, advanced, and emerging energy technologies; and support regional energy market integration. We resolve to work together to preserve Southeast Asia's immense biological wealth and its natural infrastructure, including through the prevention and reversal of deforestation, as well as the rehabilitation of coastal wetlands.

Our cooperation extends to the **maritime domain**. To advance our maritime cooperation, we plan to forge new ties among our Coast Guards and to collaborate to improve maritime domain awareness. We further commit to curbing illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing through the sharing of information, intelligence, best practices, and expertise. And we commit to continuing efforts to protect, restore, and sustainably manage the marine environment. We stand steadfast in our commitment to freedom of the seas, open waterways, the unimpeded flow of lawful maritime commerce, and the peaceful resolution of disputes, including in the South China Sea, which serves as an indispensable waterway for all countries. We reaffirm our shared interest in a free and open South China Sea governed by international law, in which freedom of navigation and overflight are guaranteed, consistent with the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). We commit to continuing to take all appropriate efforts to prevent and manage incidents at sea, including through the effective enforcement of widely recognized rules of maritime seamanship, with particular regard to the 1972 Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. We will promote states' ability to conserve, sustainably develop, and effectively manage their maritime natural resources in accordance with international law. The United States joins with ASEAN in reaffirming that all concerned parties must abide by the 2002 Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea, and conveyed support for ASEAN-led efforts to develop a Code of Conduct for the South China Sea that upholds the rights and interests of third parties and is consistent with UNCLOS.

We further commit to promoting the stability, peace, prosperity, and sustainable development of the **Mekong sub-region** through shared initiatives under the Mekong-U.S. Partnership, which complements ASEAN's Outlook on the Indo-Pacific and the ASEAN Community Vision 2025. We recognize the importance of transparency and accountability in managing transboundary resources and the need for the sharing of timely and essential water data. We agreed to continue to promote complementarity with the Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS), the Mekong River Commission (MRC), and other Mekong cooperation mechanisms.

We reaffirm a shared commitment to the goal of the complete denuclearization and the establishment of a permanent peace on the **Korean Peninsula**. ASEAN expressed its support for the United States' calibrated diplomatic approach to the DPRK, called on the DPRK to

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engage in the serious and sustained diplomacy proposed by the United States, and jointly reaffirmed that the DPRK must halt provocations and abide by its obligations under UN Security Council resolutions. We further underscore the importance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and encourage the peaceful resolution of cross-strait issues.

We share deep concerns about the **crisis in Myanmar** and the challenges it poses to regional stability. We continue to call for the end to violence in Myanmar, the release of all those unjustly detained there, including foreign nationals; unhindered humanitarian access; engagement in constructive dialogue; and an early restoration of the path to inclusive democracy. We welcome ASEAN's constructive role in facilitating a peaceful solution in the interest of the people of Myanmar, and we call for the urgent implementation of the ASEAN Five Point Consensus.

[Placeholder for Russia-Ukraine]

We recognize that our partnership is ultimately anchored in **the connections among our peoples**. We acknowledge the importance of investing in human-capital development, empowering youth, and strengthening the connections between the people of the United States and Southeast Asia, including through the Billion Futures Program, the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative, and support for English-language and digital skills training in the region. We commit to working with a range of partners, including companies and universities, to increase access to education while fostering collaboration among American and Southeast Asian students and workers. Furthermore, we are committed to empowering women, including through a U.S.-ASEAN Ministerial on Women and support for ASEAN's gender programs and initiatives.

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Economic ties between the United States and ASEAN are strong, growing, and evolving to meet the best interests of our peoples. ASEAN welcomes U.S. investment, recognizing that the U.S. role as ASEAN's largest source of foreign direct investment has been vital for regional prosperity, in addition to creating supply chains critical to the global economy. The United States welcomes growing inbound investment by ASEAN firms. Building on our existing cooperation, we will partner to advance an equitable, sustainable recovery of our economies and promote enduring and inclusive growth. At the same time, we intend to build resilience and drive opportunity and prosperity for the future. The United States will work with ASEAN to meet the region's enormous infrastructure needs, including through President Biden's proposed Indo-Pacific framework and the Build Back Better World initiative, which will catalyze investment in high-standard, transparent, sustainable, and climate-resilient infrastructure projects that advance equitable and sustainable economic growth. In addition, the United States and ASEAN will cooperate to build secure and resilient supply chains. We affirm the importance of labor and environmental standards to the welfare of all our peoples and pledge to continue cooperation under the ASEAN-United States Trade and Investment Framework. We seek to deepen our collaboration on transport connectivity, including through the Smart Transport Asia program, to support best practices and state-of-the-art techniques to improve transportation systems and fuel economy standards, increase the use of clean-transport technologies, and reduce energy consumption and emissions.

The United States and ASEAN will remain adaptable in the face of new challenges by **leveraging emerging technologies and promoting innovation**. The United States plans to support the development of ASEAN's digital infrastructure, promote the development of secure, resilient, and innovative Information and Communications Technology (ICT) ecosystems and 5G networks, and explore ways to strengthen cooperation on the digital economy and emerging technologies. Recognizing that an open, interoperable, secure, and reliable ICT environment is an important engine of growth and

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innovation, we will work together to improve cybersecurity capabilities and strengthen frameworks and policies that foster efficiency, innovation, communication, internet freedom, and economic prosperity. We will enhance collaboration in biotechnology, food science, meteorology, microelectronics, marine science, energy, and space, including through the new ASEAN-U.S. Science and Technology Innovation Cooperation Program.

As we proceed with implementation of this ambitious agenda in the coming months and years, the leaders of the United States and ASEAN Member States look forward to reaching new and unprecedented levels of cooperation and partnership.



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