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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Biodiversity Management Bureau
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Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service
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FROM : **The OIC Director**
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS/INPUTS TO THE ZERO DRAFT
OF THE ASEAN – PAKISTAN PRACTICAL COOPERATION
AREAS (PCA) 2024-2028**

DATE : **16 OCT 2023**

This has reference to the letter dated 06 October from Assistant Secretary Daniel R. Espiritu, Office of ASEAN Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, transmitting the zero draft of the Practical Cooperation Areas (PCA) between ASEAN and Pakistan for 2024-2028.

The zero draft PCA 2024-2028 has been developed in consultation with all relevant Divisions/Departments at the ASEAN Secretariat, taking into account the agreements and recommendations made at the 7th ASEAN – Pakistan Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee (AP-JSCC) held last 18 September 2023. The virtual CPRWG – level drafting session is scheduled on 10 October 2023.

In line with this, we would like to request your comments/inputs on the abovestated zero draft PCA 2024-2028. Kindly submit your inputs to psddivision@gmail.com, copy furnished ouppia@denr.gov.ph, on or before **17 October 2023**.

For your information and consideration.


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IMPORTANT AND EXTREMELY URGENT

Our Ref. No. : DIV5-321-ASEAN-2023
Subject : **Inputs for the Zero Draft of the ASEAN-Pakistan Practical Cooperation Areas (PCA) 2024-2028**
Date : 6 October 2023

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

The Department transmits the attached zero draft of the Practical Cooperation Areas (PCA) between ASEAN and Pakistan for 2024-2028, in pursuance to the agreement reached at the 7th ASEAN-Pakistan Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee (AP-JSCC) held on 18 September 2023.

The zero draft PCA 2024-2028 has been developed in consultation with all relevant Divisions/Departments at the ASEAN Secretariat, and taking into account the suggestions made at the 7th AP-JSCC. For the next step, a virtual CPRWG-level drafting session is scheduled on 10 October 2023.

In this regard, DFA respectfully requests your respective inputs and comments, if any, by Monday, 09 October 2023. Advance inputs may be sent to asean.div5@dfa.gov.ph.

The Department extends its appreciation for your continued support in advancing Philippine national interests in the ASEAN platform.

Thank you very much for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,
For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:


DANIEL R. ESPIRITU
Assistant Secretary

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ASEAN-Pakistan Sectoral Dialogue Partnership: Practical Cooperation Areas (2024 – 2028)

ASEAN-Pakistan Practical Cooperation Areas aim to implement future cooperation under the framework of the ASEAN-Pakistan Sectoral Dialogue Partnership to further substantiate the Partnership and cooperation with a focus on practical areas for mutual benefits, where ASEAN and Pakistan have the expertise and mutual interests. This Practical Cooperation Areas will also contribute to the realisation of the goals of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and its successor document as well as further strengthen ASEAN-Pakistan relations.

ASEAN and Pakistan hereby agree that the following areas will be given priority for cooperation between both sides. Both sides aim to develop programmes, projects and/or cooperative activities to undertake practical cooperation under these areas:

1. Political-Security Cooperation

- 1.1 Combatting transnational crime, including terrorism, violent extremism, and radicalisation
- 1.2 Maritime cooperation
- 1.3 Peace and reconciliation
- 1.4 Good governance, rule of law and human rights, including through the sharing of experiences, best practices and capacity building activities
- 1.5 Cybersecurity

2. Economic Cooperation

- 2.1 Trade and investment promotion, and private sector development, including but not limited to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)
- 2.2 Digital economy
- 2.3 Science, technology and innovation (STI)
- 2.4 Tourism, including but not limited to sharing best practices on sustainable tourism and formulating and implementing joint tourism marketing campaigns, as well as promoting partnership with private sector
- 2.5 Food, agriculture, and forestry, including but not limited to focusing on promoting sustainable and circular agriculture, ensuring food security and food safety, eliminating the use of banned harmful agrochemicals, as well as minimising crop burning practices
- 2.6 Energy

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- 2.6.1 Best practices on clean coal technology and policies on carbon management for coal fired power plants
- 2.7 Information communications technology (ICT)

3. Socio-cultural Cooperation

- 3.1 Education and Youth Development
- 3.2 People-to-people connection and cultural exchange
- 3.3 Information and media cooperation
- 3.4 Disaster management and humanitarian assistance
- 3.5 Health cooperation, including but not limited to public health emergencies
- ✓ 3.6 Environment and climate change
- ✓ 3.7 Circular economy
- 3.8 Poverty alleviation
- 3.9 Gender equality, social inclusion and women empowerment
- 3.10 Social welfare and development
- 3.11 Human resource development
 - 3.11.1 Labour mobility and employment
 - 3.11.2 Skills development, including but not limited to Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

4. Cross-Pillar Cooperation

- 4.1 Connectivity, including but not limited to port-to-port connectivity, air connectivity and logistics
- 4.2 Smart cities
- 4.3 Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) and Narrowing the Development Gap
 - 4.3.1 Explore the possibility of cooperation to support the implementation of the IAI Work Plan IV (2021-2025) and subsequent Work Plan of the IAI from 2026 onward
- 4.4 Sustainable development

5. Follow-Up Mechanism

The implementation of the PCA will be reviewed by the ASEAN-Pakistan Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee (AP-JSCC) Meeting and an annual progress report on the implementation of the PCA shall be submitted to the AP-JSCC. ASEAN and Pakistan may make amendments to this document as appropriate, taking into account new priorities following the development of the ASEAN Community's Post-2025 Vision, with the approval of the AP-JSCC.

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