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WE, the Governors, Mayors, and representatives of local and regional governments of the Association of the South East Asian Nations (ASEAN); as custodians of urban futures:

HAVING convened in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 12 to 14 August 2025 under the auspices of the ASEAN Governors and Mayors Forum 2025 (AGMF), the Meeting of Governors and Mayors of ASEAN Capitals (MGMAC), and the ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Forum (ASUF) in alignment with the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on “ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future”;

RECALLING the commitments and milestones established in preceding the ASEAN Mayors Forum declarations, including but not limited to the Surabaya Communique (2011), Makassar Declaration (2015), Taguig Action Agenda (2017), AMF Declaration (2019), AMF Phnom Penh Declaration (2022), Jakarta Declaration (2023), and Vientiane Declaration (2024);



AFFIRMING our unwavering commitment to advancing ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future within the scope of our regional and local authorities and in full alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the New Urban Agenda, and other relevant global frameworks;

RECOGNISING the critical role of cities and local governments as frontline implementers of national, regional and global policies, and as key drivers in achieving sustainability, inclusivity, resilience, and prosperity within the ASEAN Community;

PLEDGING to strengthen and leverage city-to-city partnerships and multi-level governance mechanisms, to foster collaboration, share good practices; collectively advance shared goals consistent with national and regional frameworks; and to set measurable outcomes, timelines and scalable urban solutions within our own legal frameworks;

WE HEREBY DECLARE OUR SHARED COMMITMENTS:

1

Strengthen ASEAN Identity through Local Action

Encourage the active promotion of ASEAN identity, values, and community spirit within the mandate and legal framework of local governments to reinforce the unity and cohesion of the ASEAN Community at the local level. This also includes integrating ASEAN themes into local educational & promotional activities, civic campaigns, public space initiatives and cultural programmes.

2

Advance Local Priorities Under the ASEAN 2045 Pillars

Commit to the localisation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 through the establishment of the City Focal Point System by appointing focal points who will work in coordination with the AGMF Secretariat hosted by UCLG ASPAC. These focal points will facilitate the implementation of voluntary, non-binding joint actions aligned with the ASEAN Community Vision 2045; monitor local contributions across all four ASEAN Community Vision Pillars; and prepare a progress report to be submitted to the Chair of the ASEAN Governors and Mayors Forum (AGMF) and associated forums, including MGMTAC Secretariat hosted by Jakarta Province.

3

Institutionalise Local Governments' Collaboration Mechanisms

Commit to strengthening and institutionalising mechanisms that promote sustained collaboration among cities and local governments across ASEAN. Building upon the existing platforms of the ASEAN Governors and Mayors Forum (AGMF) and the Meeting of Governors and Mayors of ASEAN Capitals (MGMAC), we aim to enhance structured city-to-city or local government-to-local government engagement through regular dialogue, policy exchange, and coordinated actions. This includes fostering mutual learning on local governance, sustainability practices, including Zero Waste practices, and innovation, while encouraging cities to carry out Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) as a means to localise the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and contribute to ASEAN's regional development and monitoring processes. Such cooperation will amplify the collective voice of local governments in shaping an inclusive, resilient, and future-ready ASEAN Community.

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4

Localise Climate Commitments and Accelerate Climate Actions

Reaffirm our role in supporting enhanced urban and local contributions to Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) 3.0, consistent with the outcomes of COP28. Cities and local governments commit to accelerating climate actions through inclusive, multilevel governance in climate planning, implementation, and monitoring in line with ASEAN's green growth and resilience priorities.

5

Promote and Advocate for Local-level Investments from International Institutions

Advocate for stronger engagement with multilateral development partners, including the UN system, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and climate finance mechanisms such as COP27 Surge, COP28 CHAMP, and COP29 MAP. Support the mobilisation of innovative financial instruments and technical assistance tailored to city-level needs in mitigation, adaptation, resilience, and just transitions.

6

Strengthen Local Partnerships for Inclusive Development

Promote inclusive local governance through active partnerships with the private sector, civil society, and community-based organisations in the co-creation of local solutions. Pilot projects are encouraged that reflect commitments to inclusivity, sustainability, and social innovation in implementing ASEAN, regional and global development agendas at the local level.

ENCOURAGING ASEAN Member States, development partners, and our communities to join us in translating this Declaration into bold, inclusive, and transformative action. By 2045, our cities and regions will stand as beacons of resilience, equity, and shared prosperity across Southeast Asia. Let this Declaration be more than words—it is our collective promise to future generations. Together, we will build an ASEAN of thriving cities, united in diversity, resilient in adversity, and bold in ambition.”

LOOKING FORWARD to the ASEAN Governors and Mayors Forum to be held in the Philippines under the ASEAN Chairmanship of the Philippines in 2026.

ADOPTED this Thirteenth Day of August in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



09:00

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Dewan Persidangan



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