

JOINT STATEMENT ON SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE

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1. We, the Ministers of Singapore and Viet Nam, express our serious concern over the ongoing situation in the Middle East and its implications for global peace and stability.

2. We recognise that the conflict has significant repercussions beyond the Middle East, including on global energy markets and supply chains. In this regard, we reaffirm our commitment to work closely together to manage the impact of these developments on our region, particularly in light of our growing bilateral economic footprint, which reached US\$31.8 billion in merchandise trade in 2025 (according to Singapore's statistics).

3. It is of critical importance for the global economy that sea lanes for global trade, energy flows and supply chains, including straits used for international navigation, are kept open. We collectively reaffirm the importance of freedom of navigation and overflight, as well as the right of unimpeded transit passage, in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

4. We also reinforce ASEAN's commitment to strengthening intra-ASEAN trade and supply chain connectivity through improved trade facilitation and reduced logistical costs. We are committed to keeping our markets open and connected, including through maintaining unimpeded trade flows, and will ensure that our airports, seaports, and critical trade infrastructure remain operational to minimise disruptions to trade flows. We reaffirm our commitment to diversify sources of trade and investment to support ASEAN businesses, including Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), by leveraging ASEAN agreements, including through the full and effective implementation of the ASEAN+ FTAs and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

Agreement (RCEP), and the timely conclusion and signing of the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA) within the year.

5. We resolve to swiftly approve/ratify relevant ASEAN Agreements such as the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Petroleum Security (APSA), and Upgraded ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) within this year where possible, that will strengthen our collective resilience to external economic disruptions, while ensuring mutual support in times of crises.

6. We reaffirm commitments under the Upgraded ATIGA, including but not limited to refraining from imposing trade-restricting non-tariff measures (NTMs), and committing to the rollback of all NTMs on essential goods that are inconsistent with our rights and obligations under the WTO Agreements and relevant trade agreements we are both parties to. Where export prohibitions or restrictions on essential goods are instituted in accordance with GATT 1994, we will give due consideration to their potential effects on the domestic supply of essential goods in importing countries. We will facilitate timely information-sharing and consultations, as well as coordinate closely on joint mitigation strategies such as providing assistance for emergency procurement and transportation of essential goods and energy supplies upon request and where possible, to enhance the resilience of our economies.

7. In particular, we resolve to enhance mutually beneficial cooperation in food security. Bilaterally, we are committed to the expeditious implementation of the Memorandum of Cooperation on Rice Trade. We acknowledge the importance of avoiding unnecessary restrictive measures to promote the trade of rice, which is an essential commodity.

8. In the face of heightened global uncertainty, we remain resolute in our commitment to work together in solidarity to uphold regional stability, strengthen economic resilience, and promote an international order based on international law, including the UN Charter.