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WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

This Module presents an overview of dispute settlement in the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

After a brief introduction on the establishment of ASEAN and its fundamental principles, it focuses on the different methods used for the settlement of disputes between the Member States.

Member States have the possibility of referring these disputes either to the High Council, the Dispute Settlement Mechanism or to Arbitration.

The different procedures are explained with special attention to the Dispute Settlement Mechanism, which covers all possible disputes that may arise from a number of agreements adopted by ASEAN in the fields of trade, investment and intellectual property.

OBJECTIVES

After studying this module, the reader should be able to:

- List in chronological order the alternative methods of dispute settlement available to States Members of ASEAN to solve their economic disputes;
- Explain the rules that permit recourse to the Dispute Settlement Mechanism, and under what conditions; and
- Discuss the rules for the settlement of investment disputes in ASEAN.

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