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**EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
and
INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES,
SINGAPORE AND THAILAND**

Cooperation Agreement (with protocol). Signed at Kuala Lumpur on 7 March 1980

Authentic texts: Danish, German, English, French, Italian and Dutch.

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CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND — MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH-EAST ASIAN NATIONS

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

of the one part, and

THE GOVERNMENTS OF INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND, MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH-EAST ASIAN NATIONS, hereinafter referred to as ASEAN,

of the other part,

Having regard to the friendly relations and traditional links between the member countries of ASEAN and the Member States of the Community;

Affirming their common commitment to support mutually the efforts of ASEAN and the Community to create and to strengthen regional organisations committed to economic growth, social progress and cultural development and aiming to provide an element of balance in international relations;

Inspired by their common will to consolidate, deepen and diversify their commercial and economic relations to the full extent of their growing capacity to meet each other's requirements on the basis of comparative advantage and mutual benefit;

Affirming their willingness to contribute to the expansion of international trade in order to achieve greater economic growth and social progress;

¹ Came into force on 1 October 1980, i.e., the first day of the month following the date on which the Parties had notified each other (on 25 September 1980) of the completion of the required procedures, in accordance with article 8 (1).

Conscious that such co-operation will be between equal partners but will take into account the level of development of the member countries of ASEAN and the emergence of ASEAN as a viable and cohesive grouping, which has contributed to the stability and peace in South-East Asia;

Persuaded that such co-operation should be realised in an evolutionary and pragmatic fashion as their policies develop;

Affirming their common will to contribute to a new phase of international economic co-operation and to facilitate the development of their respective human and material resources on the basis of freedom, equality and justice;

Have decided to conclude a Co-operation Agreement and to this end have designated as their plenipotentiaries:

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES:

Attilio RUFFINI,
President in office of the Council
of the European Communities,
Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Italian Republic;

Wilhelm HAFERKAMP,
Vice-President of the Commission
of the European Communities;

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA:

Prof. Dr. MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA,
Minister of Foreign Affairs;

THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA:

TENGGU AHMAD RITHAUDEEN,
Minister of Foreign Affairs;

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES:

CARLOS P. ROMULO,
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE:

S. RAJARATNAM,
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND:

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL Siddhi Savetsila,
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

WHO, Having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment

The Parties shall, in their commercial relations, accord each other most-favoured-nation treatment in accordance with the provisions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,¹ without prejudice, however, to the provisions of the Protocol annexed to this Agreement.

¹United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 55, p. 187.

ARTICLE 2

Commercial Co-operation

1. The Parties undertake to promote the development and diversification of their reciprocal commercial exchanges to the highest possible level taking into account their respective economic situations.
2. The Parties agree to study ways and means of overcoming trade barriers, and in particular existing non-tariff and quasi tariff barriers, taking into account the work of international organisations.
3. The Parties shall in accordance with their legislation and in the conduct of their policies:
 - (a) co-operate at the international level and between themselves in the solution of commercial problems of common interest including trade related to commodities;
 - (b) use their best endeavours to grant each other the widest facilities for commercial transactions;
 - (c) take fully into account their respective interests and needs for improved access for manufactured, semi-manufactured and primary products as well as the further processing of resources;
 - (d) bring together economic operators in the two regions with the aim of creating new trade patterns;
 - (e) study and recommend trade promotion measures likely to encourage the expansion of imports and exports;
 - (f) seek insofar as possible the other Parties' views where measures are being considered which could have an adverse effect on trade between the two regions.