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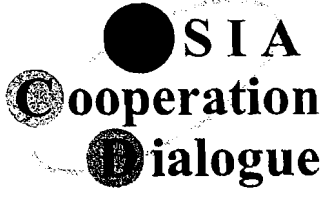
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We, the Heads of State, Heads of Government and Heads of Delegations of the Member States of the Asian Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), namely: the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Kingdom of Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of India, the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, the State of Kuwait, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Sultanate of Oman, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Republic of the Philippines, the State of Qatar, the Russian Federation, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Singapore, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Republic of Tajikistan, the Kingdom of Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, met in Kuwait City, State of Kuwait, for the First Summit of the Asian Cooperation Dialogue from 15 to 17 October 2012.



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- Welcoming the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan as a new member of the ACD;
- Recalling the commendable initiative of Thailand in 2002 to inaugurate the ACD as a continental forum whose aim is to realize better coordination and cooperation within the Asian continent;
- Affirming our continuous commitment to the constructive values of the ACD, namely, positive thinking, informality, voluntarism, non-institutionalization, openness, respect for diversity, the level of support of Member States, the evolving nature of the ACD, the positive work and participation of states in various cooperation programmes;
- Expressing our satisfaction with the achievements of the ACD during the previous decade, in view of its continued importance in bonding the ties among Member States and in fostering means of enhancing cooperation among them to the benefit of, and in the interest of, all peoples of the Asian continent, in order to achieve the common goal of attaining a higher level of cooperation during the coming decade;
- Acknowledging that in an increasingly interdependent and interconnected world, sustainable development, prosperity and stability are heavily dependent on ensuring peace and security, which should be indivisible, equal and comprehensive in nature;



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- Aware that continuing our common efforts will be more effective in confronting regional and global challenges facing ACD Member States, including: current economic crises; food, water, and energy security; climate change and natural disasters; terrorism; and the need to strengthen cooperation by establishing partnership links between Asian regional groupings and fora, namely, ACD, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), etc.;

Consistent with the above mentioned paragraphs, we emphasize the following:

- 1) The Asian continent, which possesses tremendous and varied resources, a vast geographical area and a large population, is capable of occupying its due place in the world by exploiting these resources and optimizing the use of manpower as well as the application of modern technology for development and progress.



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- 2) The existence of various civilizations, cultures and religions in Asia should help enrich the desired cooperation and harmony among the nations of the continent and enhance and promote essential dialogue and moderation between all religions, cultures, civilizations and building harmony, understanding and cooperation among the ACD Member States, to achieve peaceful coexistence between all peoples regardless of their race or religion. The Summit affirms the importance of respecting all religions and beliefs, the right of freedom of expression and condemns any disrespect to religious figures.
- 3) Democracy, respect of basic freedoms and human rights, in accordance with the principles of international law and the United Nations Charter, will help consolidate security and stability in ACD Member States.
- 4) Cooperation with other countries and international organizations will enhance the status of the Asian continent and will help it benefit from international expertise in various fields.
- 5) One of the objectives of the ACD is to assist Asian countries facing natural disasters, which require a high level of coordination among the early warning centers in the Member States, and providing humanitarian, financial and technological assistance to the affected countries.



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- 6) It is imperative to achieve economic integration by various ways, inter alia, promoting free trade and investment and removing barriers to trade and investment among Asian countries.
- 7) The mutual protection of investments in ACD Member States will promote regional investments and economic integration, and will also encourage joint Asian investments in other continents.
- 8) The ACD Member States are urged to promote communication among their peoples, and to share knowledge, expertise and experience in various areas including information and communication technology in a mutually beneficial manner by using various platforms such as the G-Global communication platform.
- 9) It is important to pay attention to and promote education, and to establish universities and specialized institutes such as the Asia e-University in Malaysia and other Asian universities, to build up relative capacities in the ACD Member States.
- 10) Sustainable energy is a key factor in achieving prosperity and economic growth in Asia to pave the way for the transition of energy policy over the coming decade. The ACD Member States affirm their commitment to energy cooperation by moving forward with the review, finalization, and adoption of the ACD Energy Action Plan to serve as framework in ensuring



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energy security, particularly through development of new and renewable energy sources for the livelihood of future generations, as well as promoting energy accessibility and affordability.

- 11) It is important to explore means of achieving food security through increasing agricultural production and productivity, facilitating trade and developing stable food markets, cooperation in research and development in the field of agricultural technology as well as improving nutrition.
- 12) It is necessary to pay attention to healthcare, combating diseases, promoting cooperation among ACD Member States to prevent the spread of epidemics, providing medical assistance, promoting pharmaceutical industries, organizing specialized medical conferences and cooperating with international organizations in the fields of health and epidemic control, to the benefit of the peoples of the Asian continent.
- 13) The encouragement, development and transfer of environment-friendly technologies, and the encouragement of innovative financial options and solutions to boost investment in research and development of environment-friendly technologies will have a great impact on human health. Moreover, the exchange of information in this field will help attain the United Nations development goals.



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- 14) The need to take action at national, regional and international levels, that aims to counter the effects of climate change, including dust and sandstorms, that negatively impact the whole world, in accordance with the principles and provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- 15) It is important to cooperate in the financial sector, by strengthening the links among leading Asian financial centers, and supporting financial institutions in ACD Member States with a view to sharing knowledge and expertise with the emerging economies, and benefiting from this knowledge to develop the financial sector and the field of crisis management.
- 16) We welcome the proposal of Thailand to discuss ACD regional connectivity and to consider preparing a Blueprint on ACD Enhanced Regional Connectivity, which will promote trade, investment, as well as people-to-people contact, by drawing on the expertise of the existing cooperation areas.
- 17) We welcome the announcement by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to host the 2nd ACD Energy Forum in Islamabad in December 2012, by the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the ACD Forum on Culture and Globalization in Asia in December 2012 as well as the 3rd Senior Officials' Meeting on ACD Cultural Cooperation in 2013, and by the People's Republic of China to host an ACD Workshop on Low Carbon Model Town in 2013.



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- 18) We welcome the proposal of the State of Kuwait, Tajikistan and Thailand to convene a working group meeting to make recommendations to the Ministers regarding various mechanisms including a secretariat, to support the work of the ACD. We also note Kuwait's generous offer to host the headquarters of a secretariat.
- 19) We welcome the generous offers of the Republic of Tajikistan to host the 11th Ministerial Meeting of the ACD in Dushanbe, of the Kingdom of Bahrain to host the 12th Ministerial Meeting of the ACD in Manama, of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host the 13th Ministerial Meeting of the ACD in Riyadh and of Thailand to host the 14th Ministerial Meeting of the ACD and the 2nd ACD Summit in Bangkok in 2015.
- 20) We express our sincere appreciation to the State of Kuwait for its hospitality and excellent arrangements in hosting the historic 1st Summit of the ACD in Kuwait City.

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