



ASEAN Joint Statement

By

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Madame President,

I have the honour to deliver the statement on behalf of the member states of ASEAN, namely Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

ASEAN welcomes the recent positive developments in Myanmar and the commitment of the government to implement the democratic reform, and promote national reconciliation, as well as social and economic development, including efforts to promote and protect the human rights of the Myanmar people. Myanmar is beginning a new page in its history. As ASEAN members, we fully support Myanmar in these efforts and its ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014.

The international community should respond to these positive developments commensurately.

ASEAN acknowledges that there may be some remaining challenges that Myanmar has to tackle. Hence, we encourage the government of Myanmar to continue to engage with and seek assistance from the international community in this process.

ASEAN stands ready to continue to support Myanmar in its democratization process and national development endeavors, and calls on the international community to do so.

Furthermore, ASEAN calls for an early lifting of economic sanctions that are imposed on Myanmar by several countries. This call was made earlier at the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat in Siem Reap, Cambodia, in January this year. The lifting of economic sanctions will enable Myanmar to better integrate with the global system and enhance the enjoyment of the human rights of the Myanmar people.

Thank you, Madame President.