VIETNAM - INDONESIA JOINT STATEMENT

1. At the invitation of His Excellency Tran Duc Luong, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Her Excellency Megawati Soekarnoputri, President of the Republic of Indonesia paid a state visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam from 25 - 27 June 2003.

2. Accompanying President Megawati Soekarnoputri were His Excellency Dr. N. Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Mr. Purnomo Yusgiantoro, Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources, Her Excellency Mrs. Rini S. Soewandi, Minister for Industry and Trade, Mr. Ibrahim Ambong, Chairman of the First Commission of the Parliament, His Excellency Dr. Makarim Wibisono, Director-General of Asia-Pacific and Africa, Department of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Mr. Aiyub Mohsin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to Vietnam and other Indonesian high-ranking officials.

3. President Megawati Soekarnoputri and entourage were accorded with warm and cordial reception by the leaders and people of Vietnam. The Vietnamese leaders warmly welcomed President Megawati Soekarnoputri to Vietnam and highlighted the significance of the visit to the promotion and consolidation of the traditional friendship and cooperation between the two countries amidst the fast and complex developments in the region and the world. The Vietnamese leaders extended to President Megawati Soekarnoputri and Indonesian people the warmest greetings from the Government and people of Vietnam. President Megawati Soekarnoputri expressed her great pleasure to have the opportunity to visit the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the second time since the inception of her presidency, and conveyed best regards to the Vietnamese leaders from the Government and people of Indonesia.

4. During her visit in Vietnam, President Megawati Soekarnoputri held talks with President Tran Duc Luong and called on His Excellency Nong Duc Manh, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam and His Excellency Mr. Phan Van Khai, Prime Minister. President Megawati Soekarnoputri also visited and laid a wreath at President Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum.

5. The talks between President Tran Duc Luong and President Megawati Soekarnoputri were held in an atmosphere of mutual trust, understanding and friendship. Attending the talks from the Vietnamese side were His Excellency Mr. Pham Gia Khiem, Deputy Prime Minister, His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Dy Nien, Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Van Chien, Chairman of the President's Office, His Excellency Mr. Truong Dinh Tuyen, Minister of Trade, His Excellency Mr. Hoang Trung Hai, Minister of Industry, Her Excellency Associate Prof. PhD. Tran Thi Trung Chien, Minister of Health, His Excellency Mr. Mai Ai Truc, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Dang Quang, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to Indonesia, His Excellency Mr. Pham Quoc Anh, Assistant to President, His Excellency Mr. Le Cong Phung, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Huy Hieu, Vice-Minister of Defence, His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Van Tinh, Vice-Minister of Public Security, His Excellency Mr. Truong Van Doan, Vice-Minister of Planning and Investment, and Mr. Tran Ngoc Canh, Deputy Director-General of Vietnam Petroleum Corporation. From the Indonesian side, attending the talks were all official members accompanying President Megawati Soekarnoputri.

6. President Tran Duc Luong congratulated President Megawati Soekarnoputri on the political, socio-economic and legal achievements recorded by the Indonesian people under her leadership in recent years. President Tran Duc Luong reaffirmed Vietnam's support to the Government and people of Indonesia in their efforts to maintain political stability, national

unity, territorial integrity and national development, as well as Indonesia's role in strengthening ASEAN solidarity and cooperation, in Asia-Pacific and the world.

7. President Megawati Soekarnoputri expressed her delight at the important achievements that the Vietnamese people, under the leadership of the Communist Party of Vietnam, have scored in their cause of *Doi moi*, which helped raise Vietnam's position in the region and the world. President Megawati Soekarnoputri strongly believed that Vietnam would record greater successes in its cause of national construction and development towards realizing the goals of a prosperous people, a strong country and an equitable, democratic and civilized society, thus making positive contributions to peace, stability, cooperation and development in the region and the world.

8. The two leaders informed each other of the recent developments in their respective countries and discussed ways and means to further promote the bilateral friendship and mutually beneficial multi-sided cooperation. The two leaders also exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual concern.

9. The two sides noted with satisfaction that since President Tran Duc Luong's visit to Indonesia in November 2001, the close ties of friendship and multi-cooperation between the two countries had made considerable strides. The two leaders were also pleased to see the initial fruitful implementation of agreements reached by the two leaders during the above-mentioned visit. The two leaders agreed on the need to increase the exchange of visits between the two countries at all levels, further promote the effective and practical implementation of the existing cooperation mechanisms with a view to making the bilateral relations in the economic, investment, and trade fields commensurate with the excellent political bonds and potentials of the two countries. In that spirit, the two sides strive to continue the implementation of rice purchase on the basis of the signed MOUs and the early application of counter-trade. The two sides agreed to intensify trade promotion activities such as

establishing direct links between business circles of the two countries, organizing Vietnam-Indonesia Business Forum, and participating in each other's trade fairs and exhibitions.

10. The two sides agreed to step up cooperation in the fields they have potentials, such as agro-forestry, mineral mining, aquaculture, tourism, education and training and science and technology. The two sides also agreed to increase exchange of information and enhance cooperation in countering terrorism and other transnational crimes. In this connection, the two leaders welcomed the early signing of the Bilateral Agreement on Crime Control.

11. The two sides acknowledged that terrorism represents a serious threat to peace and security in Asia-Pacific and beyond. They agreed on the need to counter, prevent and suppress all forms of terrorist acts in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, other international law and national law of each country. In order to successfully counter and combat terrorist acts in the region, concerted action on international, regional, and bilateral level, would be of utmost importance. In this context, the two leaders welcome the First and the Second Bali Regional Ministerial Conference (BRMC) on People's Smuggling in February 2002 and in April 2003 respectively.

12. The two leaders welcomed the First Asia Africa Sub-Regional Organizations Conference (AASROC) co-chaired by Indonesia and South Africa, on 28-30 July 2003 in Bandung and the Second AASROC in 2004 in South Africa and it will be culminated with the Golden Jubilee of the Asia Africa Conference in 2005.

13. President Tran Duc Luong and President Megawati Soekarnoputri were satisfied with the signing of the Declaration between the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Republic of Indonesia on the Framework of Friendly and Comprehensive Partnership entering the 21st Century, the Agreement concerning the Delimitation of Continental Shelf Boundary and the Agreement on Visa Exemption for Holders of Ordinary

Passport during President Megawati Soekarnoputri's visit to Vietnam, marking a new milestone in the bilateral relations and facilitating the cooperation between the two countries.

14. The two leaders also exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual concern. The two sides agreed on the need to strengthen cooperation between Vietnam and Indonesia within ASEAN framework in an effort to consolidate ASEAN solidarity, intensify cooperation to cope with challenges and enhance ASEAN position in the region and the world. President Tran Duc Luong extended congratulations to Indonesia on assuming the Chairmanship of the 37th ASEAN Standing Committee and affirmed Vietnam's willingness to fully cooperate with Indonesia in discharging this mandate as well as in organizing the 9th ASEAN Summit in Bali in October 2003.

15. The two sides were of the view that Vietnam's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and its effort to deepen integration into the regional and international economy would create favourable conditions for sustained economic growth and prosperity of Vietnam and the region as a whole. In that spirit, Indonesia reaffirmed its support to Vietnam's early accession to the WTO. President Megawati Soekarnoputri expressed Indonesia's readiness to work closely with and assist Vietnam to successfully organize the 22nd SEAGAMES and the 5th ASEM Summit in Hanoi.

16. The two sides agreed that the outcomes of President Megawati Soekarnoputri's state visit to Vietnam would help solidify the foundations for the promotion of the traditional friendship and mutually beneficial multi-sided cooperation between Vietnam and Indonesia in the interest of the two peoples and that of peace, stability, cooperation and development in the region and the world at large.

17. President Megawati Soekarnoputri expressed her sincere thanks to President Tran Duc Luong and the Government and people of Vietnam for the warm welcome, hospitality and fine

sentiments extended to her and her delegation, which reflects the bonds of traditional friendship and multi-faceted cooperation between Vietnam and Indonesia. President Megawati Soekarnoputri invited President Tran Duc Luong to pay a state visit to Indonesia at a time of his convenience. President Tran Duc Luong accepted the invitation with pleasure.

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