JOINT STATEMENT
ON
THE ARRANGEMENTS
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND
FOR THE FACILITATION OF ROAD TRANSPORTATION

The first Vietnam - Thailand Joint Cabinet Retreat, co-chaired by His Excellency Mr. Phan Van Khai, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, and His Excellency Dr. Thaksin Shinawatra, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, was held in Danang and Nakhon Phanom from 20-22 February 2004. During the Retreat, the two sides discussed subjects of mutual interest including the effective utilization of road networks in the region.

The two sides shared views that greater facilitation of traffic flows between the two countries and peoples will contribute to the achievement of their common aspiration for closer relations and economic development.

It was therefore agreed that concerned competent authorities of the two sides would be entrusted to expedite discussions and negotiations on ways and means to facilitate, simplify and harmonize their regulations and procedures allowing entry of their agreed vehicles on their respective designated road transport routes with a view to concluding an agreement on bilateral arrangements for the facilitation of road transportation between the two countries. Such agreement will be concluded and subsequently be submitted for the final approval of the respective Governments at the earliest opportunity.

DONE at Nakhon Phanom, on 21 February 2004.

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