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KUWAIT DECLARATION
THE 10TH MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBER
STATES OF THE ASIA COOPERATION DIALOGUE (ACD)

10 - 11 OCTOBER 2011

Towards a Better Future for Asian Cooperation

1. We, the Foreign Ministers and heads of delegations of the Member States of ACD, namely, Kingdom of Bahrain, People's Republic Of Bangladesh, Kingdom Of Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Kingdom Of Cambodia, People's Republic Of China, Republic Of India, Republic Of Indonesia, Islamic Republic Of Iran, Japan, Republic Of Kazakhstan, Republic Of Korea, State of Kuwait, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, The Republic Of The Union Of Myanmar, Sultanate Of Oman, Islamic Republic Of Pakistan, Republic Of The Philippines, State Of Qatar, Russian Federation, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Republic Of Singapore, Democratic Socialist Republic Of Sri Lanka, Republic Of Tajikistan, Kingdom Of Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Republic Of Uzbekistan, and Socialist Republic Of Vietnam have gathered in the State of Kuwait for the 10th



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Ministerial Meeting of the Member States of ACD held from 10 – 11 of October 2011.

2. On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of ACD, we hope that the coming decade will witness more cooperation between the Asian states in various fields: Economic, Financial, Cultural, Scientific and Commercial which will help all Asian states to achieve progress and welfare and better future of ACD. We have affirmed for the second time that continuous meetings between the specialized officials of the Member States of ACD clearly indicate the interest of the Member States in pursuing cooperation for promoting the objectives of the Asian states.
3. We have affirmed that exchanging expertise and holding various meetings between specialists in the Member States have contributed to increasing such expertise between them and enhancing the concept of Asian cooperation. In this regard, the State of Kuwait will enhance cooperation and continue to hold the ACD meetings through calling the Member States to appoint the experts of this meeting with conceptualizing the idea of converting this Dialogue into an institutional body that would regulate these meetings.



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4. We have affirmed that the Asian Continent, by its numerous and huge fortunes, its vast geographical area and population density, is capable of leading the world through employing such fortunes, the best usage of the manpower, and the new technological methods to achieve progress and development.
5. Recognizing the existence of various cultures, civilizations and religions in Asia enables it to attain cooperation and harmony among the peoples of the Continent that we all seek.
6. We affirm our advantage of having a well-educated young generation and shall make use of that advantage along with the other strengths we possess .
7. We have emphasized that one of the ACD goals is to support the Asian countries when exposed to any economic crisis or natural disaster, since if one country of the continent is affected, the others may face the same in the future. We have stated that cooperation in addressing the natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, volcanoes and the like requires a high level of coordination between the Members States for the provision of the necessary quick relief and support to the ill-fated countries either on the human, financial or technological levels.



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8. We have stressed the necessity to achieve economic integration of ACD in order to have fair competition and cooperate towards exchanging the expertise for the interest of all the states. And we emphasized the importance of promoting and developing energy cooperation among the ACD member countries. In this regard, we are encouraging furthermore research, studies and discussions in the issue of energy.
9. We would like to emphasize that the Asian Continent is part of the whole world, and that communication and cooperation with the other states as well as the international organizations will definitely enhance the position of the Asian countries and will enable them to take advantage of the international expertise in different fields so that the ACD Member States shall make optimum use of this expertise.
10. We emphasize that taking care of encouraging education, establishing specialized universities and institutes will serve as a strong tributary that goes for the interest of the Asian States and advances its economic development, such as the role of the Asia E-University (AEU) in Malaysia as a platform for capacity building for ACD Member States



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11. We stress as well that giving due attention to health care, disease control, cooperation among states towards preventing the spread of epidemics, the provision of medical aid, encouraging the pharmaceutical industries, and holding specialized medical conferences will be certainly advantageous to the peoples of the Asian Continent.
12. We stressed, furthermore, that democracy and respect for fundamental freedoms and human rights in accordance with the Fundamental Principles of the International Law and the United Nations Charter, which contribute to security and stability of the ACD Member States, and exchanging visits between parliamentarians and people will also enhance closer cooperation between the continent states.
13. We encourage the popular visits between our states; namely, in fields such as Media, Culture, Arts, Literature, Sports, Education, Science and Technology as well as the visits by academic students, as these will strengthen the relations between the peoples and take advantage of these popular events and gatherings.
14. We would like to express our satisfaction of the ongoing communication amongst the regional organizations of the Member States and the several meetings and consultations

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amongst each other as this will foster the objectives of the ACD. Also we are in favor of establishing partnership links with other regional forums and organizations with view to contribute to enhance regional peace and security.

15. We express our pleasure as we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the ACD with the participation of a plethora of regional and international representatives in our meeting in the State of Kuwait. This is a clear indication that there is an Asian cooperation and dialogue that is being witnessed by the world.

16. We look forward to more cooperation in protecting the environment due to the great effect it has on the human health. We also hope that the Member States will cooperate together and apply new methods towards protecting the environment and use environment-friendly technologies to protect the environment.

17. We would like to stress the need to take national, regional and international measures that would address the climate change which has adverse repercussions on the entire globe.



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18. Our selection of the theme of the 10th Ministerial Meeting in the State of Kuwait (Towards a Better Future for ACD) coincides with the 10th Anniversary of this gathering. We are so optimistic that a prosperous future is expected for the Asian nations.
19. We stressed that coordination and working together to put forward a common economic vision will maximize the international efforts to formulate a new global economic system that will take into account our development, commercial and economic interests.
20. We emphasized that economic development was the key to the peace and prosperity in the region and beyond. In this context, the development of physical infrastructure was crucial to the economic development. It was therefore important that the ACD member countries placed due focus on the development of physical infrastructure in the region in order to promote economic development in the region. This will contribute to the eradication of poverty.
21. We would like to stress the importance of promoting the food security in Asia as it has concrete and positive impact on individuals in particular and also complies with the growing population of the Asian Continent. Towards this end, we need to

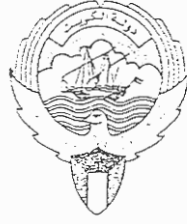


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procure the proper finance that would finance the projects and initiatives aimed at ensuring a better life for our nations.

22. We will adopt a strategic perspective and have an open mind in viewing cultural relations. We will make our exchange of ideas and culture more extensive, in-depth and enduring, promote interactions between our cultural institutions and encourage cooperation in the cultural industry and related products and services.
23. We praise the efforts made by the Member States and the efforts exerted in some Asian countries to enhance the concept of cooperation between the countries of ACD. We really appreciate the Prime Movers and CO-Prime Movers for hosting the ACD activities aimed to ensure a better future for the peoples of the Member States of ACD and their dedicated efforts in the key 20th areas of cooperation.
24. We welcome the initiative of H.H. Amir of the State of Kuwait Shaikh/ Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, for hosting the 1st Asian Summit in the State of Kuwait in 2012.



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25. We would like to applaud these activities in particular:

- The 7th Dialogue on Environmental Education hosted by Japan in December 2010.
- An Extended Regional Youth Road Safety Conference, hosted by the Sultanate of Oman in February 2011.
- The 4th Meeting of the Senior Officials hosted by The Islamic Republic of Iran in March 2011.
- The inaugural convocation of Asia E-University in April 2011 in Kuala Lumpur.
- The 1st Cultural Cooperation Senior Officials Meeting hosted by The Islamic Republic of Iran in May 2011.
- The ACD Expert Meeting on Disaster Management and Disaster Relief hosted by Russia in May 2011.
- The 4th Roundtable Meeting on the Asia Credit Transfer System (ACTS) held in Kuala Lumpur on 13th of September 2011.

26. We welcome the proposal of Kazakhstan to host the 1st ACD Transport Ministers Forum to be held in November 11, 2011 in Astana and we welcome the request submitted by the Republic of India to host the 2nd Meeting of Senior Officials on Cultural Cooperation on the 17th -18th January 2012.



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27. We, the Foreign Ministers and Heads of Delegations, warmly welcome the request of the Republic of Tajikistan to host the 11th Ministerial Meeting in 2012, the request of the Kingdom of Bahrain to host the 12th Ministerial Meeting in 2013 and the request of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host the 13th Ministerial Meeting in 2014.

28. We, the Foreign Ministers and Heads of Delegations participating in the 10th ACD Meeting, do express our deep appreciation to the State of Kuwait for hosting this Meeting and for the generous hospitality and excellent arrangements that facilitated our meetings in the State of Kuwait in our commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of establishing this significant Asian gathering.