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Proposed TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE ASEAN COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

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VISION

A region of disaster-resilient nations, mutually assisting and complementing one another, sharing a common bond in minimizing adverse effects of disasters in pursuit of safer communities and sustainable development.

MISSION

To enhance cooperation in all aspects of disaster management prevention, mitigation, preparation, response and recovery through mutual assistance activities in order to minimize adverse consequences of disasters on the economic and social development of Member Countries.

OBJECTIVES

To formulate and implement programmes, projects and activities to enhance regional cooperation in all aspects of disaster management, including prevention, mitigation, preparation, response and recovery through mutual assistance activities in order to minimize the adverse consequences of disasters on the economic and social development in member countries.

SCOPE

The **ACDM's** activities will focus on the following categories of disasters :

1. Natural Disasters

"Sudden natural" disasters; earthquake, aftershock, flood, flash flood, dam collapse, heat wave, typhoons, storms, hail, storm surges, thunderstorm, tropical storm, insect/animal infestation, landslide, tidal wave (tsunami) volcanic eruption and glowing avalanches, among others.

2. Man-made Disasters

"Sudden man-made" disasters; structural collapse, building collapse, mine collapse or cave-in, air disasters, land disasters, sea disasters, industrial technology accident, explosions, chemical explosions, nuclear explosions, mine explosions, pollution, acid rain, chemical pollution, atmosphere pollution, oil pollution, fires, forest/grassland fires, among others,

FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES :

1. *To serve as a forum for the exchange of views on strategic and emerging issues involving disaster management and relief activities in the ASEAN region;*
2. *To enhance the sharing of resources and information on disaster management;*
3. *To facilitate the coordination and distribution of medical supplies, services and relief assistance when needed;*
4. *To utilize cost-sharing arrangements in funding collaborative activities in disaster management as a strategy for enhancing self-reliance in the implementation of regional activities;*
5. *To strengthen coordination with other relevant ASEAN bodies to complement the implementation of disaster management activities;*
6. *To collaborate with ASEAN's Dialogue Partners; regional, international and multilateral agencies; NGOs and the private sector in advancing the objectives of ASEAN cooperation in disaster management;*
7. *To promote human resource development in disaster management with third countries human resource development in disaster management in accordance with the needs of member countries;*
8. *To promote effective integration of programmes and activities with other relevant ASEAN bodies;*
9. *To promote public education and awareness programmes;*
10. *To promote collaborative disaster research activities.*
11. *To formulate and implement the ASEAN Regional Programme on Disaster Management that outlines regional strategies, priority areas and activities on disaster management.*

PROCEDURES/ MECHANISMS

1. *The ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ADCM) is a two-day meeting which will meet at least once a year;*
2. *Chairmanship of the ACDM is for two years and will be rotated alphabetically; and*
3. *The ACDM will provide its reports to the ASEAN Standing Committee for notation and approval of project proposals.*

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