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Excellencies,

Distinguished participants, Ladies and Gentlemen

- ASEAN remains true to its Community Vision and adheres to the inclusive, sustainable and people-centered principle in our efforts to respond to and recover from COVID-19 pandemic.

- Cognizant of extensive impacts of the pandemic on all sectors and all peoples in the region, ASEAN Leaders adopted the ASEAN Comprehensive Framework and its Action Plan in November 2020.

- This milestone framework serves as exit strategy from the COVID-19 crisis by articulating ASEAN responses through different stages with the focus on sectors and segments of society that are most affected by the pandemic.

- Through five broad strategies which are health systems, human security, economic integration, digital transformation and sustainable and resilient future, ASEAN adopts proactive and agile approach to ensure effective adaptation to evolving circumstances and to seize the opportunities of regional cooperation.

- Building back better is a challenging endeavor. Its success depends upon holistic planning, adequate investment and effective implementation. Optimizing the potentials of partnership and stakeholder engagement, ASEAN is determined to safeguard development progress and achieve longer-term resilience for the benefits of our peoples.

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