

# **GENESIS, CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK and OUTCOMES**

of the First Meeting of the  
ACCORD Plan of Action Task Forces

Bali 12 - 14 November 2001

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## The Background

***“We are concerned of the threat from drug abuse and trafficking on the stability of the ASEAN region, particularly its relations with transnational organised crime. We urge member countries to enhance joint efforts [...] especially in regards to ATS.***

*33rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting  
24-25 July 2000, Bangkok*

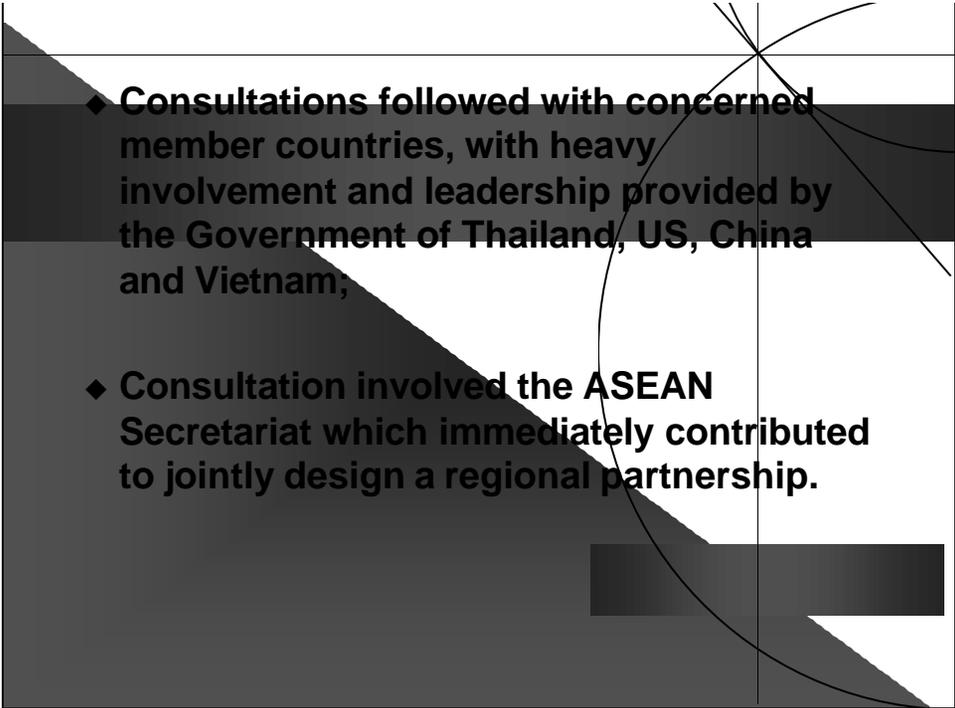
***“We reaffirm our concern at the increasing global threat posed by the trafficking and use of illegal drugs [...]. We will work with other countries, the UN system and other groups to reduce both supply and demand. [...] We commit ourselves to address the growing threat from ATS and to convene an ad hoc meeting of drugs experts by the end of this year...”***

*G8 Communique, Okinawa 2000*

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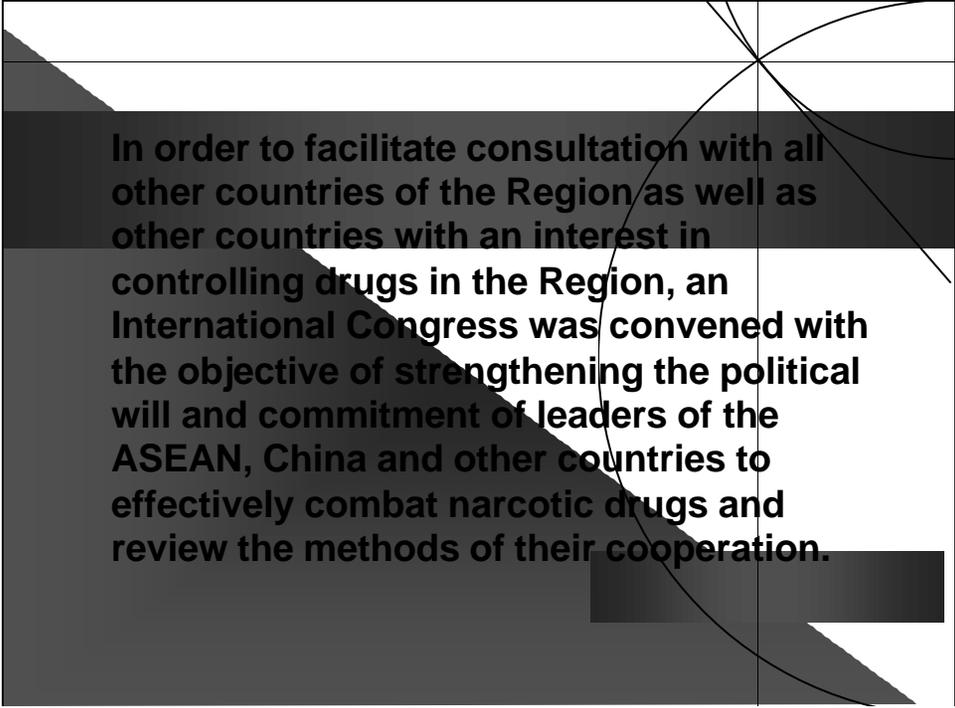
***“We note with concern that the illicit manufacture, trafficking and abuse of ATS have been affecting equally the producing, transit and consuming countries of ATS, resulting in increase in critical harm to the general public by the ATS abusers, the social instability by the deterioration of the public order and impediment to the sound development of the economy due to the absorption of money into illicit drug market...”***

*Resolution, UNDCP Conference on ATS  
24-27 January 2000, Tokyo*



- ◆ **Consultations followed with concerned member countries, with heavy involvement and leadership provided by the Government of Thailand, US, China and Vietnam;**

- ◆ **Consultation involved the ASEAN Secretariat which immediately contributed to jointly design a regional partnership.**



**In order to facilitate consultation with all other countries of the Region as well as other countries with an interest in controlling drugs in the Region, an International Congress was convened with the objective of strengthening the political will and commitment of leaders of the ASEAN, China and other countries to effectively combat narcotic drugs and review the methods of their cooperation.**

## The International Congress "In pursuit of a drug-free ASEAN, 2015"

The Congress provided a forum to discuss the dangers of the new drugs affecting the region and endorsed the ACCORD Plan of Action, which enables a cooperative network to respond to the dangers of new drugs and to measure the progresses.

The main paradigm of the Congress was a concept paper which provided a new conceptual framework for a regional partnership on drug control, called

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**A new cooperative strategy based on three components:**

*The partnership should **be regionally driven**,*

*The progress should **be measurable***

*The actions should **be integrated***

was proposed, discussed and agreed

**The Prime Minister of Thailand,  
the Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam,  
the State Councillor of the State  
Council of China**

**- in their keynote speeches -  
provided a vision  
on the path to follow...**

**The main policy panel was on measures to tackle ATS - a discussion facilitated by the Government of Japan and UNDCP.**

**Other issues addressed were national and regional perspectives in alternative development, the socio-economic consequences of drug production, trafficking and abuse in the Region ...**

## **The Outputs of the Congress**

- o Endorsement of the ACCORD Plan of Action by unanimous consensus;**
- o Decision to jointly implement the activities required for the achievement of the goals through a Task Force system (one for each pillar);**

*(The Outputs of the Congress continued)*

- Decision to jointly establish a regional cooperative mechanism to monitor and execute the ACCORD Plan of Action;
- The Bangkok Political Declaration:
  - includes all the above,
  - strongly calls the best institutions of mankind to join the collaborative efforts in the pursuit of a drug-free ASEAN,
  - requests UNDCP and ASEAN to design a funding strategy for the Plan.

**The ACCORD Plan of Action was endorsed by 378 participants from 36 countries and 16 international organizations.**

**The Congress decided that the First Meeting of the Task Forces would be held in one year's time.**

**At the beginning of the year 2001, UNDCP and ASEAN started their work to put together a draft business plan to attempt a first definition of the magnitude of the activities required.**

**Three months later, the Government of Malaysia hosted an informal and open-ended meeting in Kuala Lumpur (April 2001) to discuss these issues.**

## **The Meeting in Kuala Lumpur**

April 2001

**Data collection and sharing, Task Forces' role and functions were initially discussed.**

**The financial requirements for the successful execution of the ACCORD were considered and four fund-raising options were tabled and discussed.**

**Participants to the KL meeting provided ideas on the way forward; confirmed the decision to hold the first meeting of the Task Forces in November 2001; mandated UNDCP to:**

- submit a financial draft of the Business Plan to all participating countries;**
- a summary of ideas on a funding strategy;**
- to design a project on a regional coordination mechanism to facilitate and monitor the execution of the ACCORD;**
- to provide background information to facilitate the work of the Task Forces.**

**In consultation with the ASEAN Secretariat, UNDCP executed all mandates.**

**The project document “Regional Coordination Mechanism to Monitor and Execute the ACCORD Plan of Action” has been designed through the normal project cycle, consultation and feasibility process and cleared by the UN internal approval system.**

**The project is now ready for signature provided that 50% of the necessary funds will be available.**

**Firm pledges have been received that would guarantee the beginning of activities, but not yet confirmed in writing by the countries which have shown interest.**

## **The First Meeting of the Task Forces**

**The project document and the funding strategy were presented at the Bali meeting.**

**The Task Forces' Terms of Reference (TOR) and work-plan were discussed, amended and approved**

## The Task Forces

- ◆ Elected a Chair and a Vice Chair;
- ◆ Discussed the draft TOR;
- ◆ Discussed progress and constraints in the execution of the ACCORD Plan of Action;
- ◆ Agreed on priority actions for 2002;
- ◆ Agreed on their Work Plan for 2002;
- ◆ Reported the outcomes of their discussion to the plenary.

## The Outcomes of the Meeting

- ◆ Task Forces' Work Plan 2002 approved;
- ◆ Updated status report approved ;
- ◆ Unanimous approval of priority actions and strategy with reference to the ACCORD Funding Strategy and the Business Plan