



Forum for 21st century

on Visa Policy issues

The ASEAN delegation is thankful to the Forum of 21st century for the given proposals. We ensure the community of our intention to continue in the negotiations towards a common solution. Hereby we propose our statements to the given proposals:

Notes

- ³⁵/₁₇ We understand the need to monitor the situation in the Middle East and North Africa. The number of political refugees is expected to rise and flow mostly towards European countries. We offer our support for the receiving countries.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Nationalistic tendencies occur not only in the European countries. In Asia, they are a result of territorial disputes and religious conflicts. It's important to try to conciliate the conflict groups to bring peace to the said regions.
- ³⁵/₁₇ We realize the cultural, politic and economic differences between the parties of the Forum for 21st century, as well as different key problems of each territory, and the resulting difficulties in coming to an agreement. Nevertheless, we hope the parties are able to conclude a framework agreement which would establish fundamental procedures and obligations.

Goals

- ³⁵/₁₇ The ASEAN members fully agree with the proposal to establish a legally binding Single Visa Policy.
- ³⁵/₁₇ The ASEAN members fully agree with the proposal to set the contributions as a percentage of the country's GDP, but on the other side the ASEAN members want to know, how the ratio of immigrants will affect the amount of contributions. Most of The ASEAN countries are poor and therefore the ratio of immigrants is small.
- ³⁵/₁₇ The ASEAN members fully agree with the propose to establish a body responsible for a proper implementation of the SVP. We are ready to select an expert in the field. We are

open to negotiations about selection of the president, however, would be pleased if the first person to take this office was from an ASEAN country.

³⁵₁₇ The ASEAN members want to know how will the body monitor the migratory waves in some ASEAN countries such as for example Laos or Cambodia where the migration shift is very strong and the rate of population monitoring is on very low level. The ASEAN members are afraid that increasing the level of monitoring in these countries will cause additional expenses for the state's budget.

³⁵₁₇ The ASEAN members fully agree with the idea of fighting against organized human trafficking and with the proposal of creating new institution covering fight against organized crime. As a basis for cooperation we offer the database of ASEANAPOL - a body ensuring security within the Asian region.

³⁵₁₇ As far as climate migration is concerned, we appreciate the acceptance of our proposal to create an action plan to coordinate the flow of migrants in case of a climate emergency. The ASEAN member countries can provide the coordination body with their own statistics and data gathered about climate migrants, as well as studies about the endangered territories in the area.

³⁵₁₇ We support the proposal to establish a fund to cover climate-migration induced expenses as part of the SVP budget. Due to the importance of climate migration, it should take up a significant portion of the overall SVP budget.

³⁵₁₇ We recommend commencing with implementing the goals and launching the preliminary version of the Single Visa Policy as soon as possible, given the urgency of the issues we are facing. Sanctions for the case of failure in meeting the obligations should be motivating, yet not too high to discourage a country from participating in the common framework.

The ASEAN countries welcome the possibility to participate and cooperate in the search for a common solution to a global problem. We agree with the proposed goals and hope that the upcoming negotiations will lead to a mutually acceptable final agreement.