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NOTE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

ASEAN-UN Summit

1. The Permanent Representative of Singapore, Ambassador Vanu Gopala Menon, came to see me today to discuss both the agenda and dates of the forthcoming ASEAN-UN Summit to be held in Thailand next month.
2. Regarding the dates of the Summit, I repeated the position which was made to the Thai Mission earlier this week, that it would be physically impossible to secure your attendance at the Summit if it were to be held on 17 December. As was previously agreed with ASEAN, the **Summit should be held on 18 December** due to your previous commitments at Headquarters which would enable you to travel and arrive in Thailand at the earliest in the evening of 17 December.
3. We then discussed the proposed agenda for the Summit. Ambassador Menon handed over to me the **attached annotated programme** which includes the agenda items that were earlier communicated to me by Ms. Noeleen Heyzer. ASEAN is proposing two plenary sessions with a lunch in between. The first plenary session would discuss cooperation between ASEAN and UN in the fields of MDGs, disaster management (including post-Cyclone Nargis recovery efforts), food and energy security, climate change and the financial crisis. The lunch would then consider "international and regional issues" to be followed by another plenary session on "other matters" which the Ambassador said would allow for a more "free-wheeling discussion" among ASEAN members and the United Nations.
4. The Ambassador was particularly interested to know which regional issues the UN would be ready to discuss and if **Myanmar** would be considered as part of this discussion. I responded that we would revert to ASEAN with our feedback after consulting with you on the proposed agenda items. I nevertheless mentioned already that Myanmar would need to be covered along with other political issues which affect ASEAN countries.

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5. With your approval, I propose to hold a meeting next week with relevant senior officials to **discuss which of the agenda items for the ASEAN-UN Summit should be proposed for your consideration and approval** before taking the issue further with the chairmanship of ASEAN.

Best regards,

Vijay Nambiar

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14 November 2008

cc: Mr. Kim Won-soo
Mr. Nicholas Haysom
Mr. Yeocheol Yoon

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We may be able to attend the Summit on Dec. 17 as proposed by ASEAN, if we take a flight on the night of Dec. 15.

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THIRD ASEAN-UN SUMMIT

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INDICATIVE LIST OF TOPICS

1. ASEAN-UN Cooperation (Plenary)
 - Cooperation to Achieve Internationally Agreed Development Goals including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
 - Cooperation in Disaster Management including Post-Cyclone Nargis Recovery Efforts
 - Food and Energy Security, Climate Change and the Impacts of the Current Global Financial Crisis
2. Exchange of Views on International and Regional Issues of Common Concern (Lunch)
3. Other Matters (Plenary)

Order of Proceedings

Plenary

- Photo Opportunity
- PM of Thailand delivers opening remarks followed by opening remarks by UNSG
- Floor is open for intervention by ASEAN HOS/G, ASG and Heads of Agencies, Funds and Programmes in the UN System
- PM of Thailand delivers Concluding Remarks
- Co-Chairs' Summary is issued.
- The meeting is adjourned.

Working Lunch

- Thailand makes short remarks and invites comments from UNSG and ASEAN Heads of State/Government