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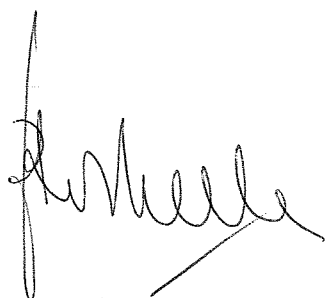
ASEM Development Conference II: agreed to move towards a more comprehensive, equal and mutually beneficial strategic partnership for sustainable development

Participants of ASEM Development Conference II, held in Yogyakarta, 26-27 May 2010, held an active and open discussion on the future of Asia-Europe cooperation in sustainable development. The world has changed and Asia and Europe came together as equal partners to discuss how to adapt their development cooperation to meet the challenges of the new world.

They agreed that Asia and Europe should move towards a more comprehensive, equal and mutually beneficial strategic partnership for sustainable development that uses development cooperation to reinforce ties and address common challenges in trade, finance and investment, climate change, food security, migration and security.

The Conference agreed the Yogyakarta Statement that will be presented as a valuable input to the 8<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit in Brussels, 4-5 October 2010, which will bring together the Heads of States of 45 ASEM partners including China, India, Indonesia and Japan, and the 27 member states of EU, including France, Germany and UK.

ASEM Development Conference II, organized by the Government of Republic of Indonesia and the European Union, with the theme "Towards an Asia-Europe Partnership for Sustainable Development", builds on the Beijing Summit Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Manila Development Conference, 2009. The conference, which was addressed by the Minister of National Planning Development of the Republic of Indonesia and the European Commissioner for Development, brought together more than 200 high-level-officials and experts from Asia and Europe from 31 partner countries as well as representatives of international and civil society organizations.



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