

## SUMMARY

### of the Opinion “The EU and ASEAN: a partnership with a strategic purpose”

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#### **The Chamber of Deputies:**

1. Takes note that the partnership EU-ASEAN strengthened significantly towards a cooperation which covers at present a variety of economic domains, including the challenges regarding the security, the opportunities of trade and investments, the exchanges at the level of universities, the research, the environment protection and the diminishment of the effects of the climatic changes.
2. Agrees on the possibility that ASEAN should contribute to the stabilization of the whole area ASIA-Pacific, but underlines that this undertaking could not be successful in the absence of the support of a major international actor, such as the European Union.
3. Considers that the security threats, especially the terrorism, the radicalization, the violent extremism but also the high-risk organized criminality represent common challenges both for ASEAN and for the European Union because at present there are not clear delimitations between the internal and the external threats while the security has become indivisible, in a globalized world.
4. Appreciates the significant successes of the EU-ASEAN cooperation in the field of non-traditional security, as for example piracy, maritime supervision, port security.
5. Supports the fact that the EU wishes to raise, to a superior level, the cooperation with ASEAN, under the form of a strategic partnership, based on concrete commitments and priorities.
6. Notes that the EU disposes of efficient instruments and expertise concerning connectivity, the EU being the most suitable partner for ASEAN to achieve this goal.