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Session II: ASEAN Defence Security Foresighting in the next 2 Decades

Chairman’s Report

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Current global situation contains many complex and wide-ranging sets of issues. The world, as well as the Asia Pacific region are experiencing the shift of power and economic influences due to rising of mid and major powers, coupling with the emerging challenge of world’s new order of multi-polarity and new emerging challenging of non-traditional characters. In the context of security foresight leading into the next two decades, important factors include the shift in global order, strategic competition and power influences within the geostrategic space, transnational crime, technological progress and maritime security. Although the future and exact pace of the global shift in economic power is uncertain, it will require a clear understanding of the current issues and challenges and in-depth study of scenarios analysis to foresight in the next two decades on what the ASEAN security dynamics in the next two decades would be.

ASEAN has been a strength for stability and cooperation in the region for the past five decades. ASEAN will continue to play a key role in forging confidence building measures in the region as well as preventive diplomacy. As young markets with large potentials for trade and economic resources, it is recommended that ASEAN looks to create a stronger collective value that will strengthen itself as a polarize power in the region. This strategic value will be important factor in the maintenance of the ASEAN unity and cohesion in the face of the rising challenges. The agility for ASEAN to comply with the provisions and instruments of the ASEAN Charter and the Political-Security Community Blueprint, will set prospects of ASEAN defence and security environment for the next decades.