



## **Manila Model ASEM Declaration on Global Climate Change**

Manila, 28th of February 2007

We, Heads of State and Government from ASEM member countries, the President of the European Commission, and representative of ASEAN, gathered in Quezon City, Manila, the Philippines on 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2007 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Model Asia-Europe Meeting,

- Recognising that global climate change is adversely affecting the environment because of human activity and that every ASEM state should engage in voluntary exchange of help in order to alleviate it;
- Recognising that climate change is a global problem which also adversely impacts future generations and the need for it to be addressed multilaterally;
- Concerned with the overall protection of the environment and the promotion of sustainable development;
- Underlining that there is a need to harness alternative energy sources that are clean, efficient and renewable;
- Underlining that these alternative energy sources should be made accessible to developing countries;
- Underlining that there is a need for environmental education;
- Underlining that there is a need to cite and recognize the best practices in promoting sustainable development among ASEM countries so that these practices can be emulated by other nations;
- Acknowledging that there is a need for greater involvement of private sector, civil society organizations and academic institutions in promoting sustainable development;

Decide to issue the following declaration and commit to the following guiding principles in order to appropriately address the issues in concern and to lead Model ASEM successfully to the next meeting:

We hereby declare

- The participants of the ASEM process to pursue research and studies relating to energy efficient and environment friendly technology;
- The results of these research efforts be made available to the general public;
- That we recognize the benefits of acceding to and implementing the provisions of the Kyoto Protocol, however, we would like to propose alternative mechanisms for sustainable development.