

MANILA-ASEM CONFERENCE STATEMENT

“Harmonization of Biofuels Standards and Application to Vehicle Technologies” Conference

10-11 November 2011

Manila, Philippines

WHEREAS, during the 6th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit held in Helsinki, Finland on September 10-12, 2006, the Philippines stepped forward to pursue initiatives that will promote biofuel use among member-countries and the same was accepted by the ASEM Leaders;

WHEREAS, as testament to its commitment to promote biofuels, the Philippines proposed to host a technical seminar and conference in Manila with the theme “Harmonization of Biofuels Standards and Application to Vehicle Technologies”;

WHEREAS, the Manila conference is expected to provide a platform wherein individual member-countries can push their respective biofuel programs and consequently, identify the “best practices” towards the greater biofuel integration in the transport sector in ways that consider food security, job creation, energy security and environmental sustainability;

WHEREAS, these objectives were achieved and brought forth a continuing awareness among each ASEM member-participant to translate the outcome of the “Harmonization of Biofuels Standards and Application to Vehicle Technologies” Conference into concrete steps in their own countries;

WHEREAS, each ASEM member-participant may, on its own determination, develop from the outcome of the Manila conference their individual Biofuels Utilization Roadmap, the blueprint by which a country can seamlessly integrate biofuel utilization into its own country’s energy policies and program; and

WHEREAS, true to the theme of this Manila conference, these individual Country Biofuel Utilization Roadmaps can be integrated into a harmonized regional biofuels utilization roadmap guiding the ASEM member-countries that will translate into synergies both in technology development and economic integration for biofuels.

NOW THEREFORE, the Manila-ASEM “Harmonization of Biofuels Standards and Application to Vehicle Technologies” conference acknowledges the support of ASEM to promote sustainable biofuels utilization in the region and appreciates the enthusiasm of ASEM member-countries to join this initiative;

FURTHERMORE, ASEM looks forward to the continuing cooperation among its members that will institutionalize the regular conduct of conferences and technical cooperation with the end view of creating a venue for sharing best practices and experiences; and

FINALLY, ASEM to conduct the next forum by which other member-countries can extend technical assistance and cooperation to other members to move forward its Biofuels Utilization Roadmap in step with the continuing theme of this Manila conference.

Approved this 11 November 2011, Manila, Philippines.