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**PREPARATIONS FOR
THE 1st MEETING OF THE ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM
25 JULY 1994, BANGKOK**

Following are decisions reached by ASEAN on preparations for the 1st Meeting of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) in Bangkok:

a) the 1st ARF be scheduled for 25 July 1994, between the 27th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM), scheduled for 22-23 July 1994, and the Post-Ministerial Conferences (PMC), scheduled for 26-28 July 1994. The 1st Meeting of the ARF would commence at 13.30 hrs;

b) the 1st ARF should be a three-hour event, to be followed by an informal working dinner hosted by the Thai Foreign Minister;

c) each delegation to the ARF should limit its representation to 1+1, namely, the Foreign Minister and one senior official. If necessary, an additional interpreter would be allowed;

d) the agenda of the ARF should be well-structured, allow free exchanges of ideas, and encourage the sharing of perceptions and visions. To this end, ASEAN agreed that the topics to be discussed at the 1st ARF should be:

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Asia Pacific Security situation:

- Challenges and Opportunities
- Possible **Development** of Confidence Building Measures in the Context of Preventive **Diplomacy**;

e) after the **ARF meeting**, the Foreign Minister of Thailand, as Chairman, would issue a Chairman's statement, outlining the result of the meeting and reflecting the consensus of the discussions. The Chairman would consult the Meeting on the contents of the Statement before its issuance. The statement would be considered the only official document on the result of the 1st ARF in Bangkok.

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