

Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Program

15th Ministerial Meeting

DRAFT OUTLINE OF THE JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

1. Preamble

- *Reference to the ongoing crisis*

2. Progress under the Vientiane Plan of Action for GMS Development

- *Sector-by-sector summary of recent achievements*
- *Need for greater and expanded development partnerships*

3. Priorities for 2010-2012

- *Accelerated, full and effective implementation of the CBTA and other transport and trade facilitation initiatives.*
- *Putting in place the foundation for transforming the GMS transport corridors into economic corridors.*
- *Reducing environmental risks to local livelihoods and GMS development plans, including those posed by climate change.*

4. Conclusion