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ASEAN: The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a regional grouping that aims to promote economic and security cooperation among its **ten members:** Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the

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Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. Founding fathers of ASEAN: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand in Bangkok, Thailand, with the signing of the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration).

- Aim: The motto of ASEAN is "One Vision, One Identity, One Community".
- > **Decision Making:** It is done through consultation and consensus.ASEAN.
- Summit: It meets annually to discuss regional issues and set policy directions.

ASEAN Community is comprised of three pillars:

- ASEAN Political-Security Community
- ASEAN Economic Community
- ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community

Fundamental Principles of ASEAN:

- The ASEAN fundamental principles, as contained in the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) of 1976
- Mutual respect for the independence, sovereignty, equality, territorial integrity, and national identity of all nations.
- The right of every State to lead its national existence free from external interference, subversion or coercion.
- Non-interference in the internal affairs of one another.
- Settlement of differences or disputes by peaceful manner.
- Renunciation of the threat or use of force.
- Effective cooperation among themselves.

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