DECLARATION ON THE HEART OF BORNEO INITIATIVE Three Countries, One Conservation Vision

We, the Governments of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Malaysia, recognizing the importance of the Island of Borneo as a life support system, hereby declare that:

- With one conservation vision and with a view to promote people's welfare, we will
 cooperate in ensuring the effective management of forest resources and
 conservation of a network of protected areas, productive forests and other
 sustainable land-uses within an area which the three respective countries will
 designate as the "Heart of Borneo (HoB)", thereby maintaining Bornean natural
 heritage for the benefit of present and future generations, with full respect to each
 country's sovereignty and territorial boundaries, and also without prejudice to the
 ongoing negotiations on land boundary demarcation.
- The HoB Initiative is a voluntary trans-boundary cooperation of the three countries combining the stakeholders' interests, based on local wisdom, acknowledgement of and respect for laws, regulations and policies in the respective countries and taking into consideration relevant multilateral environmental agreements, as well as existing regional and bilateral agreements / arrangements.
- We are willing to cooperate based on sustainable development principles through research and development, sustainable use, protection, education and training, fundraising, as well as other activities that are relevant to trans-boundary management, conservation and development within the areas of the HoB.

To support this Declaration, we, the three countries will prepare our respective project documents incorporating the strategic and operational plans, which will form the basis for the development of our road map towards realizing the vision of the HoB Initiative.

Done at Bali, Indonesia on the twelfth day of February, two thousand and seven in three original copies.

For the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam For the Government of the Republic of Indonesia For the Government of Malaysia

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