

in tariff preferences for AIJV products and undertaking to introduce Investment Guarantee legislation to protect investments from appropriation or nationalization.

ASEAN industrial complementation has been designated by the governments as the private sector's contribution to economic cooperation. Various industry groups, working through the ASEAN Chamber of Commerce and Industry, have set up "industry clubs" (15 at present) to develop cooperative approaches designed to strengthen their joint commercial and industrial activities. In some cases this has led to the integration of the industry on an ASEAN-wide basis. Cooperation takes the form of harmonization of product standards and testing procedures, research and development, and coordination of investment projects so that ASEAN companies will not compete with each other. Again, progress has been very slow in the area of industrial complementation.

Administrative Structure

The 1976 Bali Summit created an ASEAN Permanent Secretariat in Jakarta, but it was given limited authority. The Secretary-General of ASEAN is responsible for administering the Secretariat but not the Association. Each country has its own national office of "Director-General, ASEAN" to handle ASEAN matters and collectively they form the ASEAN Standing Committee.

Five economic committees have been set up under ASEAN's economic ministers: Trade and Tourism (COTT); Industry, minerals and energy (COIME); Food, Agriculture and Forestry (COFAF), Finance and Banking (COFAB), and Communications and Transportation (COCT). There are also various sub-committees, working groups, ad hoc bodies and experts' groups. Decisions are taken by unanimous consent and the pace can be slow. Although this has disadvantages, it could hardly be otherwise in an association dependent on the full consensus of its membership.

Many local non-governmental bodies have federated to become ASEAN-wide organizations. Accordingly, there is an ASEAN Chamber of Commerce and Industry, an ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization, an ASEAN Council on Petroleum (ASCOPE), a Confederation of ASEAN Journalists and an ASEAN Bankers' Association.