ASEAN's current work plan (being considered in the lead up to the 1992 ASEAN Summit) includes initiatives for an Asia Pacific political dialogue and for a new regional order in Southeast Asia by:

- contributing to the process of reducing conflict and resolving contentious problems;
- contributing to the enhancement and enrichment of understanding, trust, goodwill, and cooperation; and,
- contributing to the constructive management of the emerging international processes in the region, with a view to the establishment of a multilateral framework of cooperative peace.

The explanatory text prepared for the 1991 ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and currently being considered by ASEAN foreign ministers, warrants quoting at length:

> "The well-established ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conference already regularly brings together the six nations of ASEAN and five dialogue partners: Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, and the United States. The Republic of Korea has become a sixth dialogue partner.
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> "We propose that at the end of each PMC an 'ASEAN-PMC-initiated conference' be held at a suitable retreat which will also provide the appropriate ambience for the constructive discussion of Asia Pacific stability and peace. It is suggested that the agenda and arrangements for each ASEAN-PMC-initiated 'conference on stability and peace in Asia Pacific' be prepared by a senior official's meeting comprised of senior officials of the ASEAN states and the dialogue partners.
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> "It is envisaged that such states as the Peoples Republic of China, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, and Vietnam should be invited to participate on a regular basis. Other governments should be invited according to the specific issues that will be on the agenda of each conference.
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> "We strongly urge the senior officials meeting of ASEAN preparing for the Kuala Lumpur ASEAN Ministerial Meeting to deliberate on this proposal, that it be discussed at the coming AMM, and that it be adopted at the fourth ASEAN Summit Meeting to be held in Singapore.
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> "We similarly urge the Singapore Summit Meeting of ASEAN to address the issue of advancing towards a new regional order in Southeast Asia. There has