

ASEAN was established as a regional organization in 1967, comprising Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. Brunei joined the organization in 1984. Since 1980 the Secretary of State for External Affairs has regularly attended the annual ASEAN Foreign Ministers PMC held in various ASEAN capitals. ASEAN continues to be a highly successful regional institution and plays a key role in mobilizing international efforts to achieve a Vietnamese withdrawal from Cambodia. ASEAN also actively promotes economic linkages and co-operation within the region.

While in Kuala Lumpur, Mr. Clark will have an opportunity for bilateral discussions with other dialogue partner foreign ministers on a range of important bilateral and multilateral issues.

Mr. Clark will be accompanied by his wife, Maureen McTeer.