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- *The Heart of Borneo Declaration was signed at the Nusa Dua Beach Hotel, Bali, Indonesia on 12 February 2007. Malaysia was represented by H. E. Azmi Khalid, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.*
- *As reflected in the declaration, there remains an urgent need for the three countries to prepare a project document, as a way forward for the implementation of the HoB initiative. This project document will incorporate the strategic of the road map towards realizing the vision of the HoB initiative.*
- *These project documents will be based on inputs by the respective stakeholders in the three respective countries. It will reflect the various development needs, criteria, social-economic and environmental aspects of the respective countries.*
- *At the national level. Malaysia has formed a National Expert Group on the HoB, chaired by the Secretary General, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and members from Sabah and Sarawak. The Expert Group was tasked to discuss the formulation of the project document for the country.*
- *In this regards, the state of Sabah has conducted the state level workshop in September 2006 in effort to identify the area which will be included in the initiative. The state's cabinet has also endorsed the project on 12 March 2007 and the next step would be an inter-state meeting with Sarawak to have a clearer views and understanding between states in implementing the project.*
- *The state of Sarawak has also conducted the state level meeting on the 17 March 2007 to discuss the matter pertaining to the preparation of having a state level workshop which is scheduled in the mid of this year.*
- *Once the state's project document draft is prepared, the National Expert Group on HoB Meeting will be conducted to finalise the draft of project document of the state to be adopted as national Project Document of HoB Project. The next step will be a series of discussions at the national and regional levels to formulate the various project documents.*