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Economic and Technical Cooperation Chapter in Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

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Economic and Technical Cooperation Chapter in RCEP

Summary of the Chapter

- Article 15.2 (Objectives) - Provides a framework for realising the development dimension of the RCEP Agreement, aims to narrow the development gaps and maximise mutual benefits among the Parties. Economic and technical cooperation under this Chapter will support the inclusive, effective and efficient implementation and utilisation of the RCEP Agreement.
- Article 15.3 (Scope) - The Parties agreed to explore and undertake economic and technical cooperation activities that focus, for example, on trade in goods, trade in services, investment, intellectual property, e-Commerce, competition, SMEs.

Summary of the Chapter

- Article 15.4 (Resources) – Voluntary, open to co-operation with non-Parties as well as external organisations and institutions.
- Article 15.5 (Work Programme) – Work Programme should be developed in accordance to Article 15.2.
- Article 15.6 (LDC Parties which are Members of ASEAN) – Parties shall take into consideration specific constraints faced by LDC which are Members of ASEAN.