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## ABSTRACT

Nowadays, human trafficking issue is becoming a human security challenge in Southeast Asia region. In this region, human trafficking arose faster than ASEAN's (Association of South East Asia Nations) leader ever think and contributes negative impact for the stability and peace in the region. The complexity of nature of human trafficking and simultaneous symptoms of it in region has giving challenges as well as obstacles for ASEAN to overcome the problem.

This thesis entitled "**The ASEAN's Responses toward Human Trafficking in Southeast Asia**" tried to descript and give detail information about actions taken by ASEAN as response in overcoming human trafficking. Those actions are described by using the concept of diplomacy which became ASEAN's consideration to held meeting and forums in making a declaration against trafficking in persons, especially on women and children.

Based on ASEAN's principles, proper responses toward human trafficking is making the declaration but cannot interfere its member countries to ratified it into national policy, where the position of ASEAN as advising and encouraging the member countries to do so. As conclusion, the comprehensive actions are needed to be taken by ASEAN to overcome human trafficking in Southeast Asia region.

Key words: *Human trafficking, ASEAN, Diplomacy*

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