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## **ASEAN WILL NOT RETALIATE AGAINST US TARIFFS, SAY ITS ECONOMIC MINISTERS**

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*Asean will not take any retaliatory measures in response to US tariffs, said the regional groupings economic ministers in a joint statement after their meeting in Malaysia on April 10.*

The 10-nation group – which was unexpectedly hit hard by the reciprocal tariffs announced by US President Donald Trump on April 2 – emphasised its commitment to pursue a frank and constructive dialogue with Washington to address trade-related concerns, amid the ensuing uncertainty.

We express our common intention to engage in a frank and constructive dialogue with the US to address trade-related concerns. Open communication and collaboration will be crucial to ensuring a balanced and sustainable relationship.

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