

rights violations. Incidentally, the less developed countries themselves are less inclined to send their workforce abroad had the free market is agreed due to the inability to compete with the quality of the workforce provided in other states. They're usually cheaper and is generally more skillful than the workforce from the less developed countries as they're better prepped and trained.

This issue is considered downright important as it affects the dynamics between the member states of ASEAN. In my opinion, the AEUFTA will create a rift between the member states of ASEAN between the developed, developing and less developed states as the agreement only accommodates a number of ASEAN's member states and not everyone equally. The rift will be further emphasized if the agreement took place and EU played favorites with the countries of ASEAN. The beauty of the regional organization ASEAN is its policy to accommodate everyone instead of imposing 'equal rights and obligations' on them that will ultimately burden certain states and benefit the rest. EU's influence will affect this dynamic especially as most developing country will benefit less than the developed states and create a gap between them. ASEAN is a regional organization at heart, meaning it needs to consider the dynamics between the member states more than its economic needs. Without ASEAN member states being in sync with one another, its proven to be ineffective in fulfilling its duties and obligations as a regional organization. The social gap between the developed and the less developed will be a potential for future conflict as the classifications of state (less developed, developed and developing) will encourage the states to seek alliance with other states of similar fate.

In conclusion, the AEUFTA is an agreement between EU and ASEAN in the form of bilateral treaty between EU and each member state of ASEAN. The one who will benefit the most from this agreement would be the developed countries in ASEAN while the one at a disadvantage would be the less developed states as they're unable to comply with the demands imposed on them. This agreement will create a rift in the organization as each country will begin to classify themselves as a 'developed', 'less developed' or 'developing' country and create alliances according to the classification. ASEAN's policy is to accommodate all of its state members and their condition with the objective to create an agreement that might seem unfair but ultimately, placed everyone on equal ground while EU focuses on giving its state members equal rights and obligations despite their current condition though this arrangement is perhaps more suitable for them due to the amount of developed states in their organization. Therefore, the EU needs to create a suitable agreement to solve this dilemma.