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Delay in Plan

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Differences over major points forced senior officials of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations yesterday to postpone adoption by their foreign ministers of a blueprint for a neutral Southeast Asia.

Conference sources said representatives of Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore decided the plan was not ready to submit to the foreign ministers who open a three-day meeting here today.

The concept envisages a ten-nation zone covering association members, Burma and the Communist countries of North and South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

According to the blueprint, zone members would be required to be free of foreign bases and would be prohibited from signing defense pacts with outside foreign powers.

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