

JOINT STATEMENT

THE FIFTH ASEAN PLUS CHINA MINISTERIAL MEETING ON TRANSNATIONAL CRIME (5TH AMMTC + China) CONSULTATION

Manila, Philippines, 21 September 2017

1. We, the Ministers of ASEAN Member States and the People's Republic of China responsible for handling transnational crime matters, convened the Fifth ASEAN Plus China Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (5th AMMTC + China) Consultation on 21 September 2017 in Manila, Philippines. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Josephine Teo, Minister, Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Manpower and Home Affairs of the Republic of Singapore and H.E. LIU Yuejin, Vice Minister of Ministry of Public Security of the People's Republic of China.
2. We took note of the outcomes of the Fifteenth ASEAN Plus China Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (15th SOMTC + China) Consultation held in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 25 May 2017 and the Preparatory SOMTC + China for the 5th AMMTC + China Consultation in Manila, Philippines on 18 September 2017.
3. We took note of the significant progress of ASEAN and China cooperation in combating transnational crimes such as terrorism, illicit drug trafficking, trafficking in persons, money laundering, sea piracy, arms smuggling, international economic crime, cybercrime; as well as in law enforcement capacity building, under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Cooperation in the Field of Non-Traditional Security Issues signed in 2004 and renewed in 2009.
4. We welcomed the further renewal of the MOU between ASEAN and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Cooperation in the Field of Non-Traditional Security Issues for a period of six years, until 2023, further strengthening the existing security cooperation between ASEAN and China.
5. We are committed to implementing the MOU and tasked the Senior Officials responsible for handling transnational crime matters from ASEAN and China to expeditiously work on and develop a plan of activities to implement the MOU. The SOMTC + China Consultation would oversee the implementation of activities annually.
6. We took note of the following areas to further enhance security cooperation between ASEAN and China:

- i. To strengthen security cooperation under the One Belt One Road initiative;
 - ii. To strengthen cooperation in combating transnational crime, including through conducting of capacity building and training workshops; sharing of experiences, best practices and information;
 - iii. To strengthen cooperation in the fight against terrorism and to combat violent extremism, through the exchange of information and intelligence, cooperation in investigative matters, and training; and
 - iv. To tap on resources provided by International Organisations located in the region, such as the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation, in areas such as counter-terrorism, cybercrime and capacity building and training for law enforcement officers.
7. We welcomed the kind offer by Myanmar to host the 6th AMMTC + China Consultation in 2018.
8. We expressed our deep appreciation to the Government and people of the Republic of the Philippines for their warm welcome and the generous hospitality accorded to us and our respective delegations, as well as for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.
