JOINT STATEMENT OF THE FOURTH ASEAN PLUS CHINA MINISTERIAL MEETING ON TRANSNATIONAL CRIME (4TH AMMTC + CHINA) CONSULTATION

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 30 September 2015

- 1. We, the Ministers of ASEAN Member States and the People's Republic of China responsible for handling transnational crime matters convened the Fourth ASEAN Plus China Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (4th AMMTC + China) Consultation on 30 September 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Masagos Zulkifli bin Masagos Mohamad, Second Minister for Home Affairs and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, Singapore and H.E. Chen Zhi Min, Deputy Minister of Public Security of the People's Republic of China.
- We took note of the outcomes of the Thirteenth ASEAN Plus China Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (13th SOMTC + China) Consultation held in Siem Reap, Cambodia on 10 June 2015.
- 3. We took note of the significant progress of ASEAN and China cooperation in the field of non-traditional security issues such as combating terrorism, illicit drug trafficking, trafficking in persons, arms smuggling, sea piracy, money laundering, international economic crime and cybercrime; and 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 intention of ASEAN and China to develop a new MOU between ASEAN and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Cooperation in the Field of Non-Traditional Security Issues for the period of 2015 2021 to further strengthen the existing security cooperation between ASEAN and China.

- 5. We noted with appreciation China's dedication in developing law enforcement cooperation, including China's proposal to host the "Security for Prosperity" China-ASEAN Law Enforcement & Security Cooperation Ministerial Dialogue on 23 October 2015.
- 6. We tasked the Senior Officials responsible for handling transnational crime matters from ASEAN and China to expeditiously work on and develop the plan of activities to implement the MOU which would be beneficial to both ASEAN and China particularly for law enforcement personnel. In this regard, we mandated the SOMTC + China to finalise and oversee the successful implementation of activities annually.
- 7. We adopted the Joint Statement of the 4th AMMTC + China Consultation.
- 8. We welcomed the kind offer by Myanmar to host the 5th AMMTC + China Consultation in 2017.
- 9. We expressed our deep appreciation to the Government and people of Malaysia for their warm welcome and generous hospitality accorded to us and our respective delegations as well as for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.