

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

**THE SECOND SPECIAL ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON THE RISE OF
RADICALISATION AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM (2ND SAMMRRVE)**

Manila, Philippines, 19 September 2017

1. ASEAN Ministers responsible for overseeing the prevention and combating of transnational crime from Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam met on 19 September 2017 for the Second Special ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Rise of Radicalisation and Violent Extremism (2nd SAMMRRVE).
2. The Meeting was chaired by AMMTC Leader Philippines Catalino S. Cuy, Officer-in-Charge of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Republic of the Philippines. The purpose of the Meeting was to provide a venue for the ASEAN Member States to exchange views, ideas, experiences, and best practices in combating the rise of radicalization and violent extremism.
3. The Meeting took note of the outcomes of the 1st SAMMRRVE held on 2 October 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The 1st SAMMRRVE was a milestone for ASEAN as it tackled issues that were long overlooked by the region.
4. The 2nd SAMMRRVE focused on three main points, namely exchange of views on the challenges in dealing with the rise of radicalisation and violent extremism; experience on the rehabilitation aspect of radicalisation and violent extremism; and the way forward for regional cooperation to counter radicalisation and violent extremism.
5. The Meeting took note of the accomplishments presented by each ASEAN Member States in addressing the rise of radicalisation and violent extremism. The formulation of new laws that encompass concerns pertaining to peace and

security as well as advocacy campaigns to engage private citizens, government and non-government organisations, and civil society organisations paved way for a multi-sectoral and holistic approach in addressing radicalisation and violent extremism.

6. The Meeting further noted the challenges in the implementation of the discussions and recommendations during the 1st SAMMRRVE. The Meeting recognised the difficulty the ASEAN Member States might have encountered given the differences in the domestic security landscape of each country.
7. The Meeting acknowledged the suggestions presented by each ASEAN Member States, further noting items that provide opportunities for closer cooperation and coordination among all ASEAN Member States. The Meeting recognised the importance of partnership between and among ASEAN Member States and Dialogue Partners since combating radicalisation and violent extremism require a holistic and inclusive approach for it to be resolved.
8. The Meeting has resolved to:
 - (i) Undertake collaborative measures to address the looming threats of violent extremism within the ASEAN Region. The rise of radicalization can be seen in the scope of influence of the ISIS newly-formed extremist groups. This threat calls for an all-inclusive approach as this affects not only a single country, but the region as a whole;
 - (ii) Continue the counter-radicalisation and violent extremism programs, projects, and activities implemented since the SAMMRRVE was first convened. The sustainability of efforts both in the national and regional level is necessary in achieving lasting peace within the ASEAN Region;
 - (iii) Closely coordinate with relevant institutions in employing rehabilitation and reintegration measures for former extremists;

- (iv) Strengthen existing advocacy and communication campaigns on counter terrorism and violent extremism to heighten the awareness of the public in the possible threats brought about by these pressing issues;
 - (v) Encourage the involvement of various sectors such as the academe and the police in countering radicalism and violent extremism so as to address all;
 - (vi) Formulate a regional plan of action in countering the rise of radicalisation and violent extremism as part of the work of the SOMTC/AMMTC; and
 - (vii) Utilize existing mechanisms that may be applied by the ASEAN Member States to counter the rise of radicalization and violent extremism.
9. The Meeting expressed its utmost gratitude to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines for convening the 2nd SAMMRRVE as it is seen to be relevant considering the current realities in the ASEAN region particularly in Southern Philippines.
