

**JOINT STATEMENT**

**THE SIXTH ASEAN PLUS CHINA  
MINISTERIAL MEETING ON TRANSNATIONAL CRIME  
(6<sup>TH</sup> AMMTC + CHINA) CONSULTATION**

Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 1 November 2018

1. We, the Ministers/ Representatives of the ASEAN Member States and the People's Republic of China responsible for handling transnational crime matters, convened the Sixth ASEAN Plus China Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (6<sup>th</sup> AMMTC + China) Consultation on 1 November 2018 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. The Meeting was co-chaired by Undersecretary Bernardo C. Florece, Jr., Department of the Interior and Local Government of the Republic of the Philippines and H.E. Du Hangwei, Vice Minister of Ministry of Public Security of the People's Republic of China.
2. We took note of the outcomes of the Sixteenth ASEAN Plus China Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (16<sup>th</sup> SOMTC + China) Consultation held in Putrajaya, Malaysia on 26 September 2018 and the Preparatory SOMTC + China for the 6<sup>th</sup> AMMTC + China Consultation in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 30 October 2018.
3. We recognised and commended the efforts of the ASEAN Member States and the People's Republic of China on the enhanced partnership and 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 that was renewed and signed in 2017.
4. We reaffirmed our shared commitment to further enhance our cooperation in the field of non-traditional security issues and looked forward on the development of an ASEAN-China Work Plan on Cooperation in the Field on Non-Traditional Security Issues 2018-2023 to implement the MOU that would focus on the common interests for cooperation such as information exchange, personnel exchange and training, and law enforcement cooperation. In this regard, we tasked the Senior Officials handling transnational crime from ASEAN and China to oversee the implementation of the Work Plan annually through the SOMTC + China Consultation.

5. Being mindful of the emerging new strategies and techniques of the offenders of the different transnational crime that cannot be solved by one country alone, we highly encouraged ASEAN and China to take necessary measures to closely cooperate with one another through sharing of information and best practices, and engaging in joint operations to maintain a peaceful and stable region.
6. We were committed to further strengthen the capacities of the law enforcement officers of ASEAN and China. We exchanged views and supported exploring measures to enhance international cooperation to address the challenges encountered in the field of cybercrime, including in the field of transnational telecom and network crimes, and in the field of pursuing fugitives in line with the MoU.
7. We welcomed the kind offer by Thailand to host the 7<sup>th</sup> AMMTC + China Consultation in 2019.
8. We expressed our sincerest gratitude to the Government and people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar 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.

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