

**JOINT STATEMENT OF THE TENTH ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING
ON TRANSNATIONAL CRIME (10TH AMMTC)**

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 29 September 2015

1. We, the ASEAN Ministers 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, responsible for overseeing the prevention and combating of transnational crime in our respective states, gathered here in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 29 September 2015 for the Tenth ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (hereinafter referred to as the AMMTC) to consolidate and further strengthen regional cooperation in combating transnational crime. The Meeting was preceded by a Preparatory ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) for the 10th AMMTC on 28 September 2015. The 10th AMMTC was chaired by Hon. Dato' Seri' Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs, Malaysia.
2. We took note of the outcomes of the 15th SOMTC and Its Related Meetings, the 36th ASEAN Senior Officials on Drug Matters (ASOD) and the 19th Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of Ministries of Foreign Affairs Meeting (DGICM).
3. We took note of the outcomes of the 3rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters on 3rd December 2014, Jakarta, Indonesia and welcomed the institutionalisation of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters and the convening of the 4th Meeting in Langkawi, Malaysia from 27 – 29 October 2015.
4. We also took note of the report of the 35th ASEANAPOL (ASEANAPOL – XXXV) in Jakarta, Indonesia from 3 – 7 August 2015.

5. We exchanged views during the Retreat and agreed upon the following:
 - i. Convene the AMMTC annually beginning 2017;
 - ii. Consider holding consultations with other Dialogue Partners in order to enhance regional cooperation to combat transnational crime;
 - iii. Noted the progress on the development of the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Trust Fund to Support Emergency Humanitarian and Relief Efforts for the Victims of the Irregular Movement of Persons and tasked the SOMTC to finalise the document;
 - iv. Enhance coordination with the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters on addressing the challenges posed by drug trafficking and its linkages with other aspects of transnational crime;
 - v. Endorse illicit trafficking of wildlife and timber and people smuggling as new areas under our purview; and
 - vi. Welcomed Malaysia's offer to convene a conference to discuss the scope of non-traditional maritime security issues/crime.
6. We endorsed the ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (ACTIP) and the ASEAN Plan of Action Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (APA).
7. We adopted and signed the Kuala Lumpur Declaration in Combating Transnational Crime.
8. We also adopted the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Irregular Movement of Persons in Southeast Asia.
9. We welcomed the convening of the 11th AMMTC in Myanmar in 2017.
10. We expressed our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Government and people of the Malaysia for their generous hospitality and excellent arrangements made for this Meeting.