



**ASEAN-CHINA JOINT STATEMENT ON
COMBATTING TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK FRAUD AND
ONLINE GAMBLING**

We, Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the People's Republic of China, gathered at the 27th ASEAN-China Summit in Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, on 10 October 2024.

We highly appreciate the outstanding contribution made by ASEAN Member States and China in promoting the development of ASEAN-China law enforcement cooperation.

We reaffirm that China will unswervingly take ASEAN as a high priority in its neighbourhood diplomacy, support ASEAN unity and ASEAN Community building, support ASEAN centrality in the regional architecture, and support ASEAN in playing a bigger role in regional and international affairs.

We jointly recognise that telecommunication network fraud crimes and online gambling crimes have developed into a regional nuisance and have spawned upstream and downstream crimes, namely money laundering, illicit drug trafficking, people smuggling, corruption, trafficking in persons (TIP), etc., which have attracted extensive attention from the international community and seriously endangered the lives and properties of the people in the region, social stability, and the international image of the region.

We jointly advocate:

I. Deepening ASEAN-China law enforcement cooperation, making the fight against telecommunication network fraud and online gambling crimes as a priority; as well as strengthening cooperation on the basis of conformity, respect for international law and the laws of the participating parties.

II. Supporting the Chiefs of National Police of the ASEAN Member States in launching intra-region combating and governance operations.

III. Encouraging countries to set up dedicated points-of-contact in the form of anti-fraud and anti-gambling centres to provide assistance on tracing and seizing of illicit funds expeditiously, share information on the prevention of and the fight against online gambling crimes and telecommunication network fraud.

IV. Strengthening cooperation and coordination among border management agencies.

V. Promoting exchange of experience in combatting Telecommunication Network Fraud and Online Gambling crimes, jointly improving law enforcement capabilities, increasing publicity efforts, including the results of law enforcement cooperation, and raising public awareness on self-prevention.

VI. Strengthening effort to better understand illicit financial flows to address money laundering as a segment of combatting telecommunication fraud and online gambling crimes to better detect and combat the laundering of associated illegal proceeds linked to such crimes.

We believe that with the joint efforts of the law enforcement agencies of ASEAN Member States and China, based on the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, we will actively respond to emerging security challenges, join hands to make a greater contribution to the building of a China-ASEAN Community with shared closer future for peace and prosperity.

This statement is adopted in Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic on the Tenth Day of October in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.