

**JOINT STATEMENT OF THE
ASEAN DIRECTORS-GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS
AND HEADS OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS DIVISIONS OF THE
MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DGICM) ON THE PREVENTION
OF THE MOVEMENT OF FOREIGN TERRORIST FIGHTERS**

WE, the ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM) from ASEAN Member States namely, 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;

RECOGNISING that the evolving threat from foreign terrorist fighters poses risk to the security and stability of the region and deeply affects religious tolerance, economic development as well as social cohesion of all countries concerned;

REAFFIRMING the relevant principles contained in the United Nations Charter and the ASEAN Charter as well as the relevant international conventions and protocols relating to counter terrorism and relevant resolutions of the United Nations on measures aimed at countering international terrorism;

REAFFIRMING FURTHER our commitment to prevent, suppress and eliminate all forms and manifestations of international terrorism in accordance with the 2007 ASEAN Convention on Counter-Terrorism and the 2009 ASEAN Comprehensive Plan of Action on Counter-Terrorism;

RECALLING the outcomes of the Special ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Rise of Radicalisation and Violent Extremism (SAMMRVE), in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 2 October 2015;

EMPHASISING the need to strengthen cooperation and to undertake priority actions aimed at preventing the movement of foreign terrorist fighters;

DO HEREBY RESOLVE TO:

1. Enhance cooperation and coordination among our respective immigration officers as well as other relevant stakeholders in developing and implementing comprehensive approaches and measures in efforts to prevent cross-border movement of foreign terrorist fighters;
2. Explore practical ideas and initiatives to prevent the movement and curb the flow of foreign terrorist fighters through, *inter alia*, dialogues, sharing of lessons learned and adoption of best practices;
3. Take appropriate measures in order to strengthen and reinforced border control and border security measures;
4. Intensify and accelerate the availability of information including intelligence information, and increase awareness on actions and movements of foreign terrorist fighters' including through, *inter alia*, better utilisation of existing information and database sharing platforms; and
5. Utilise all available tools to prevent the misuse of travel documents for foreign terrorist fighters travel by, among others, implementing international standards for passport control and the use of biometric information.

We reaffirm our commitment to accomplish the elements of this Joint Statement as may be necessary and in accordance with our respective national laws, regulations and policies.

Done in Bali, Indonesia on the Twenty Third Day of September in the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen, in Bali, Indonesia.
