

**JOINT STATEMENT OF THE FIRST ASEAN PLUS  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA MINISTERIAL MEETING  
ON TRANSNATIONAL CRIME  
(1<sup>ST</sup> AMMTC + ROK) CONSULTATION**

**Bangkok, Thailand, 28 November 2019**

1. We, the Ministers/High-Level Representatives of the ASEAN Member States and the Republic of Korea responsible for handling transnational crime matters, convened the First ASEAN Plus Republic of Korea Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (1<sup>st</sup> AMMTC + ROK) Consultation in Bangkok, Thailand on 28 November 2019. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Retired) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd Yussof, Minister of Defence II and Chairman of the National Security Committee of Brunei Darussalam, and H.E. Dr. Cheol-Kyu Hwang, Chief Prosecutor, International Centre for Criminal Justice of the Republic of Korea.
2. We noted the outcomes of the Thirteenth ASEAN Plus Republic of Korea Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (13<sup>th</sup> SOMTC + ROK) Consultation held in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 25 July 2019 and the Preparatory SOMTC + ROK Meeting for the 1<sup>st</sup> AMMTC + ROK Consultation in Bangkok, Thailand on 26 November 2019.
3. We exchanged views and reaffirmed our commitment to the continued partnership between ASEAN and the ROK and took note of the progress made in enhancing our regional capacity to combat transnational crimes through the Non-Traditional Security component of the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Plan of Action to implement the Joint Declaration on Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity 2016-2020.
4. We welcomed the convening of the inaugural AMMTC + ROK Consultation as a mark of our shared intention to deepen and advance the level of partnership and cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK in combating transnational crimes that threaten the peace and prosperity of our region.
5. We noted the adoption of the ASEAN SOMTC-ROK Work Plan for Cooperation to Prevent and Combat Transnational Crime 2019-2023 at the Preparatory SOMTC + ROK for the 1<sup>st</sup> AMMTC + ROK Consultation in Bangkok, Thailand on 26 November 2019.

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6. We committed to implementing this Work Plan, which aims to strengthen the mutual cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK in our fight against transnational crime, by enhancing the capacity of our law enforcement agencies through the exchange of information and expertise. The SOMTC + ROK Consultation would oversee the implementation of these activities annually.
7. We welcomed the kind offer by the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> AMMTC + ROK Consultation in 2020.
8. We expressed our sincere appreciation to the Government and people of the Kingdom of Thailand for their warm welcome and the generous hospitality accorded to us and our respective delegations, as well as the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.

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