

JOINT STATEMENT

**THE ELEVENTH ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING
ON TRANSNATIONAL CRIME (11TH AMMTC)**

Manila, Philippines 20 September 2017

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 countries, gathered here in Manila, Philippines on 20 September 2017 for the Eleventh ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (hereinafter referred to as the 11th 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 11th AMMTC on 18 September 2017. The 11th AMMTC was chaired by AMMTC Leader Philippines Catalino S. Cuy, Officer-in-Charge of the Department of the Interior and Local Government of the Republic of the Philippines.
2. We took note of the outcomes of the 17th SOMTC and Its Related Meetings held on 22-27 May 2017 in Vientiane, Lao PDR and the 20th Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of Ministries of Foreign Affairs Meeting (DGICM).
3. We also took note of the report of the 37th ASEANAPOL (ASEANAPOL – XXXVII) in Singapore from 11 – 14 September 2017.
4. We are pleased to note the progress in the implementation of the SOMTC Work Programme 2016-2018. We also took note of SOMTC's adoption of the Illicit Trafficking of Wildlife and Timber Component of the SOMTC Work Programme 2016-2018.

5. We reiterated our commitment in addressing the irregular movement of persons in the region and underscored the importance of the contribution made to the Trust fund to Support Emergency Humanitarian and Relief Efforts in the Event of the Irregular Movement of Persons in Southeast Asia from ASEAN Member States, Dialogue Partners and international community.
6. We took note of the adoption of the ASEAN Plan of Action in Combating Transnational Crime (2016-2025) and looked forward to the full implementation of the Plan of Action.
7. We welcomed SOMTC's recommendation to establish the SOMTC Working Group on Arms Smuggling as well as the SOMTC Working Group on Illicit Trafficking of Wildlife and Timber and look forward to the meaningful deliberations in these Working Groups.
8. Recognising the changing trends of terrorism in the region and globally, we adopted the revised ASEAN Comprehensive Plan of Action on Counter-Terrorism to deal with current challenges.
9. We adopted the Terms of Reference of the AMMTC to facilitate our cooperation and coordination in preventing and combating transnational crime in the region.
10. We took note of the progress made in the development of the Bohol Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Work Plan 2017-2020 to implement the ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children. In this regard, we commended all ASEAN Sectoral Bodies involved in the development of the work plan. In this connection, we adopted in principle and looked forward to the full endorsement of all ASEAN Sectoral Bodies of the Bohol TIP Work Plan 2017-2020. We agreed to submit the Bohol TIP Work Plan 2017-2020 to the 31st ASEAN Summit for notation.
11. We welcomed the Joint Statement of the ASEAN Director-Generals of Immigration and Heads of Consular Affairs Division of the Ministries of Foreign

Affairs (DGICM) on the prevention of the Movement of Foreign Terrorist Fighters, adopted *ad referendum* on 23 September 2016.

12. We adopted the Manila Declaration to Counter the Rise of Radicalisation and Violent Extremism and endorsed the ASEAN Declaration to Prevent and Combat Cybercrime, which demonstrates ASEAN's strong commitment to collectively address these issues that threaten the peace, security and stability of the region.
13. We welcomed the kind offer by Myanmar to host the 12th AMMTC and Its Related Meetings in 2018.
14. We expressed our deep appreciation to the Government and people of the Republic of the Philippines 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.
