



**JOINT STATEMENT  
THE TWELFTH ASEAN PLUS THREE MINISTERIAL MEETING ON  
TRANSNATIONAL CRIME (12<sup>TH</sup> AMMTC + 3) CONSULTATION**

***ASEAN A.C.T.: Addressing Challenges Together***

**22 September 2022 via videoconference**

1. The Twelfth ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (12<sup>th</sup> AMMTC + 3) Consultation was held on 22 September 2022 via videoconference. The Consultation was chaired by the Kingdom of Cambodia under the theme “ASEAN A.C.T.: Addressing Challenges Together”.
2. We noted the outcomes of the Nineteenth ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (19<sup>th</sup> SOMTC + 3) Consultation held on 20 July 2022 via videoconference and the Preparatory SOMTC + 3 for the 12<sup>th</sup> AMMTC + 3 Consultation held on 20 September 2022 via videoconference.
3. We recognised the statements by the Plus Three countries on recent developments in the region as well as the progress and future perspective in areas of cooperation under the AMMTC + 3 framework.
4. We commended the successful convening of the inaugural ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs Plus Three (1<sup>st</sup> DGICM + 3) Consultation held in Singapore on 25 August 2022 via videoconference (hybrid format) and took note of its outcomes.
5. We exchanged views on current security situations, assessed existing cooperation and reaffirmed our commitment to advancing the ASEAN Plus Three (APT) cooperation in preventing and combating transnational crime, towards ensuring peace, stability and development in our region. In this context, we commended the progress achieved in the implementation of the transnational crime component of the APT Cooperation Work Plan 2018-2022, notwithstanding the COVID-19 pandemic. We took note of the adoption of the APT Cooperation Work Plan 2023-2027 at the 23<sup>rd</sup> APT Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 4 August 2022 and looked forward to its effective implementation.

6. We welcomed the kind offer by the Republic of Indonesia to host the 13<sup>th</sup> AMMTC + 3 Consultation in 2023.
7. We expressed our sincere appreciation to the Royal Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia, especially the Ministry of Interior, for the excellent arrangements made for this Consultation. The Consultation was held in the traditional ASEAN spirit of solidarity and cordiality.

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