

Joint Press Statement of the 20th Meeting of the ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM) and Related Meetings

Bali, Indonesia, 21-22 September 2016

1. The 20th Meeting of the ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM) was held on 21-22 September in Bali, Indonesia. It was chaired by Dr. Ronny F. Sompie, Director General of Immigration Ministry of Law and Human Rights, the Republic of Indonesia, and was attended by the ASEAN Heads of Immigration and Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and the ASEAN Secretariat.
2. The Meeting exchanged views on challenges and important national developments in immigration, information, capacity building programs and best practices on border management and immigration related matters.
3. The Meeting agreed to issue the Joint Statement of the DGICM on the Prevention of the Movement of Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs).
4. The Heads of Consular Division of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs deliberated on the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) of Working Group to Study Consular Assistance by ASEAN Missions in Third Countries to Nationals of ASEAN Member States (DWGCA) and agreed to circulate the revised draft TOR for further consideration. The Heads of Consular Division also discussed on the Guideline for the Provision of Emergency Assistance by ASEAN Missions in Third Countries to Nationals of ASEAN Member States in Crisis Situations and agreed to defer the discussion on this issue to a later stage.
5. The Meeting agreed on the Establishment of Ad Hoc Working Group on ASEAN Common Visa and the inaugural Working Group meeting will be conducted in due time.
6. The Meeting took note of the presentation by The Habibie Center on the proposed comprehensive study on visa research under the framework of EU-ASEAN Migration and Border Management Programme II (EA-MBMP II) and looked forward to the outcomes of the Study. The Meeting also noted the presentation from the ASEAN Coordinating Committee of Services (CCS) on the ASEAN Business Travel Card.
7. The Meeting was preceded by the 12th ASEAN Immigration Intelligence Forum (AIIF) on 20 September 2016 in Bali, Indonesia. The Forum highlighted the significance of immigration intelligence sharing amongst ASEAN Member States particularly in the fight against people smuggling and other transnational crimes.

The Forum adopted *ad referendum* the TOR of ASEAN Heads of Major Immigration Checkpoints Forum (AMICF). The Forum also agreed to follow up Indonesia's proposal of immigration cooperation on the prevention of FTFs' movement between ASEAN Member States through, *inter alia*, developing data sharing mechanism and convening of workshop(s).

8. The Meeting welcomed the offer by Lao PDR to host the 21st DGICM in 2017.
9. The Meeting was held in the traditional spirit of ASEAN solidarity and cordiality and the warm hospitality offered by the people and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia.
