

**ASEAN Regional Forum Statement on  
Strengthening Cooperation in the Management of  
Cross-border Movement of Criminals  
(Draft)**

In recent years, transnational organized crimes, including international terrorist activities, illegal trade in weapons, hijacking, piracy, human trafficking, money laundering, drug trafficking, smuggling of migrants, hostage-taking, and cyber crimes, etc., became increasingly serious and severely harmed Asia-Pacific countries. Based on the discussion in the ARF Workshop on Strengthen Management of Cross-border Movement of Criminals in Guangzhou, China in March 9-10, 2016, ARF participates agreed to issue a Statement on Strengthen Management of Cross-border Movement of Criminals.

**Condemning** all forms of transnational organized crime, no matter where, when, by anyone or any organization, that have impaired peace, order, security and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region and the world at large;

**Concerning** the serious threats by cross-border movement of criminals including terrorists to the personal security of citizens, social stability, infrastructure and environment as well as regional and international peace, stability and development;

**Recognizing** the situation on terrorism has been undergoing complex and profound changes in recent years, the patterns of terrorist attacks has become internationalized, and cross-border movement of terrorists has become increasingly frequent, which have posed serious challenges to the domestic security of all regional countries and to the regional and international security as well. In this background, the common interests and space for cooperation in counter-terrorism among all parties have expanded greatly;

**Convinced** that regional cooperation is necessary for strengthening management of cross-border movement of criminals and will be beneficial to all regional countries, but its effectiveness needs to be improved;

**Recalling** the relevant principles of international laws including the United Nations Charter, and the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and relevant international conventions and protocols on fighting against terrorism, as well as the UN Security Council resolutions aimed at combating international terrorism, including Resolution No. 2161, No. 2170, No. 2199, No. 2249, and No. 2255;

**Emphasizing** upholding the principles of sovereign equality, territorial integrity and non-interference in other countries' internal affairs, respect on and protect of human rights, and safeguarding the legitimate rights and interests of all citizens and organizations.

**Calling on** all ARF participates to try their best to take the following measures in strengthening regional cooperation:

- 1、 Oppose kidnapping, and strengthen cooperation in extradition, hostage rescue, intelligence exchange and criminal judicial assistance.
- 2、 Prevent and stop terrorist bombings and terrorist threats to all forms of transportation, including civil aviation, maritime navigation, railway and road transportation.
- 3、 Enhance information exchange and law-enforcement cooperation with the aim of jointly combating financial activities of extremist and terrorist groups and blocking terrorist financial sourcing and transfer channels.
- 4、 Explore the establishment of contact points among the agencies in charge of counter-terrorism and transnational crimes in regional countries, aiming at discussing the categories, accesses and rules of terrorist intelligence exchange, and conducting real-time intelligence exchange.
- 5、 Encourage all ARF participates to explore to strengthen information sharing and cooperation in conducting joint action in both national and regional level, under mechanisms including International Civil Aviation Organization, and International Maritime Organization.
- 6、 Combat the illegal manufacturing and trafficking in firearms, their parts and ammunition.
- 7、 Enhance the exchanges and cooperation among agencies in charge of

issuing travel documents and frontier inspection agencies in all ARF participants, including the cooperation in information and intelligence sharing and technical exchanges, reinforcing the fight against transnational organized crime on human smuggling, strengthening inspection on terrorist, terror suspects and suspected articles, and detaining and transferring them to security agencies in necessity.

8、 Enhance judicial cooperation in tracking down criminals and booties, and provide necessary judicial assistance for combating transnational organized crime.

9、 Block passages of cross-border drug trafficking to prevent drug-related crimes in border areas, and exchange intelligence and information timely on forms, routes and tendency of cross-border drug trafficking.

10、 Deepen information exchange on transnational human-trafficking cases, and explore to set up anti-trafficking cooperation mechanism.

11、 Strengthen the study and communication on counter-terrorism, anti-smuggling and combating transnational organized crimes, and explore the joint research. Enhance cooperation in personnel training and mutual visits for better capacity building.

12、 Strengthen information exchanges in smuggling cases by terrorist organizations, and explore to set up counter-terrorism and anti-smuggling cooperation mechanism.