



JOINT STATEMENT

**THE THIRTEENTH ASEAN PLUS THREE MINISTERIAL MEETING ON
TRANSNATIONAL CRIME (13TH AMMTC + 3) CONSULTATION**

Labuan Bajo, Indonesia, 22 August 2023

1. The Thirteenth ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (13th AMMTC + 3) Consultation was held in Labuan Bajo, Indonesia on 22 August 2023, and chaired by Indonesia under the theme "ASEAN Matters: Epicentrum of Growth".
2. We noted the outcomes of the Twentieth ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (20th SOMTC + 3) Consultation held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 22 June 2023, the Second ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of Ministries of Foreign Affairs Meeting Plus Three (DGICM + 3) Consultation held in Phuket, Thailand on 10 August 2023, and the Preparatory SOMTC + 3 for the 13th AMMTC + 3 Consultation held in Labuan Bajo, Indonesia on 20 August 2023.
3. We welcomed the adoption of the first SOMTC + 3 Work Plan on Cooperation to Combat Transnational Crime (2024-2027) at the 20th SOMTC + 3 Consultation, to complement the ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Cooperation Work Plan 2023-2027, and looked forward to its full and effective implementation.
4. We welcomed the adoption of the first DGICM + 3 Work Programme (2023-2024) to enhance practical cooperation on border management and security under the APT framework and looked forward to its full and effective implementation.
5. We recognised the statements by the Plus Three countries on recent developments in the region, as well as on the progress and future perspectives in areas of cooperation under the AMMTC + 3 framework.
6. We exchanged views on current security situations, including emerging threat such as online scam, assessed existing cooperation and reaffirmed our commitment in advancing APT cooperation in preventing and combating transnational crime, towards ensuring peace, stability and development in our

region. We also commended the progress achieved in the implementation of the transnational crime component of the APT Cooperation Work Plan 2023-2027.

7. We welcomed the kind offer from the Lao People's Democratic Republic to host the 14th AMMTC + 3 Consultation in 2024.
8. We welcomed Timor-Leste's first participation in the Consultation as an observer. We expressed our deepest appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, especially the Indonesian National Police, for the warm hospitality accorded to us and our respective delegations, including the excellent arrangements made for this Consultation. The Consultation was held in the traditional ASEAN spirit of solidarity and cordiality.
