The 16th ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology
Ministers Meeting and Related Meetings
Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, 26 November 2016

JOIN MEDIA STATEMENT

1.   The 16th ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministers Meeting (TELMIN) was held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, on 25 and 26 November 2016. H.E. Dato Mustappa Sirat, Minister of Communications of Brunei Darussalam, chaired the Meeting, and H.E. Tram Iv Tek, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications of Cambodia was the Vice-Chair. The Ministers also held consultations with their counterparts from the People's Republic of China, Japan and Republic of Korea.

CONNECTED INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY

2.   The Ministers welcomed the progress made in the first year of implementation of the ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2020 (AIM2020) that laid a strong foundation in propelling ASEAN towards a digitally-enabled economy that is secure, sustainable, and transformative; and to enable an innovative, inclusive and integrated ASEAN Community.

3.   The Ministers noted with satisfaction the development of a set of Key Performance Indicators to facilitate the monitoring of the impact of measures implemented under AIM2020. Such indicators will provide better insights on how ASEAN are working towards realising its goals and targets as stipulated in AIM2020.

4.   The Ministers adopted the ASEAN Framework on Personal Data Protection which will establish a set of principles to guide the implementation of measures at both national and regional level to promote and strengthen personal data protection in the region.

5.   The Ministers reiterated their support to further enhance the development of ICT policies, human resources as well as connectivity in the region. Amongst others, the development of an ASEAN Framework on International Mobile Roaming to provide travellers and businesses with affordable access to international mobile roaming services within ASEAN.

6.   The Ministers appreciated the recommendations from the Data Demand Study on a Roadmap to Increase Broadband Capacity in ASEAN (Phase 2), which provide strategic guidance in developing policies that enable the improvement of national broadband capacity across ASEAN in line with the growth of a digitally-enabled ASEAN Community.

7.   The Ministers reaffirmed the importance of promoting regional cybersecurity collaborations and developing coordinated cybersecurity policies and approaches. In this regard, the Ministers welcomed the proposed ASEAN Cybersecurity Cooperation Strategy which calls for stronger coordination of holistic cybersecurity policy and norms

discussions in ASEAN and the development of a robust cybersecurity cooperation and capacity building framework. This will also enhance the coordination of cybersecurity approaches with ASEAN Dialogue Partners and other stakeholders. The Ministers were also of the view that TELMIN may serve as a platform for dedicated cybersecurity discussions in ASEAN, given the strong inter-relationships between the ICT and cybersecurity domains.

8.   The Ministers applauded the relentless effort to acknowledge, recognize and reward ICT innovators through the annual ASEAN ICT Awards with the view to further promote creativity and encourage innovation in the region. Such Awards will also help to promote greater awareness of ASEAN ICT products and services in global ICT market.

9.   The Ministers adopted the Brunei Darussalam Declaration on Connected Innovative Community to advance ASEAN's vision of establishing an innovative and inclusive community whereby the stakeholders, be it businesses or end users, will be able to fully capitalize on the advent of technology to further enrich their wellbeing.

ICT COOPERATION WITH DIALOGUE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

10.   The Ministers looked forward to further deepening the cooperation with Dialogue Partners to enhance ICT policies, develop human resources, explore emerging technologies for adoption, and improve the capacity to address cybersecurity risks in the implementation of AIM2020.

11.   The Ministers acknowledged China's support in the successful conclusion of five China-ASEAN ICT related training activities held in China in the areas of Internet new business and application, network security emergency response capacity building, broadband development and universal service, new generation information technology, and ICT driving socio-economic sustainable development. The Ministers are of the view that the above activities contributed greatly to the sharing of successful practices and experiences, and served as good references for the two sides in developing further such services and technologies.

12.   The Ministers endorsed the Action Plan for Deepening the China-ASEAN Partnership for Common Development in the ICT Field (2017-2021) to strengthen further China–ASEAN ICT cooperation towards promoting socio-economic development, particularly in the ever changing ICT environment, and along this line, the Ministers endorsed the China-ASEAN ICT Work Plan for 2017 which includes the activities to exchange and cooperate in the areas of ICT development and regulatory policies, interconnection of ICT infrastructures, new technologies, capacity building of cyber security emergency response and handling of spam, integrated development of the Internet and the manufacturing industry, policies and successful stories of MSME in harnessing the use of ICT.

13.   The Ministers expressed their appreciation to Japan for her assistance in various areas of cooperation in 2016, including the "ASEAN Smart Network". The Ministers endorsed the 2017 ASEAN-Japan ICT Work Plan which supports the implementation of the ASEAN ICT Master Plan 2020(AIM2020). The Ministers agreed to hold several activities under the ASEAN-Japan ICT Fund including policy symposium to discuss ICT policy including IoT and ICT for public safety. The Ministers expressed their

appreciation to Japan for the contribution of USD 100,000.00 to the ASEAN-Japan ICT Fund this year.

14.   The Ministers valued the importance of the ASEAN-Japan cooperation of Cybersecurity and welcomed the launch of the Step1 of "The ASEAN-Japan Cybersecurity Cooperation Hub" which covers CYDER exercise, Cyber SEA Game and feasibility study of a physical hub. The Ministers also commended the progress made in the implementation of the "ASEAN-Japan Collaboration Framework on Information Security", including the release of the ASEAN-Japan Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Guidelines.

15.   The Ministers acknowledged the Republic of Korea for having successfully implemented a series of cooperative activities in 2016 among others; expansion of new technology and services, capacity building and knowledge sharing, ICT infrastructure enhancement, as well as cooperation with international organisations on AP-IS broadband development, women empowerment through ICT, and development of mobile applications.

16.   The Ministers welcomed the plan to introduce an ASEAN-Korea ICT partnership 2017-2021, focusing on four strategic areas such as innovation, connectivity enhancement, human resource development and information security in line with the strategic thrusts of AIM2020. The Ministers endorsed the 2017 ASEAN-Korea ICT Work Plan which includes cooperation projects in new areas such as IoT, big data and Artificial Intelligence (AI) with the aim of developing and promoting new technologies to proactively respond to the next industrial revolution.

17.   The Ministers welcomed the endorsement of the 2017 ASEAN-EU ICT Work during the 9th TELSOM+EU meeting, to further extend cooperation on sectors of mutual interest that are targeted in both the ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2020 and the EU Digital Single Market initiative. The Ministers further welcomed the Enhanced Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (E-READI) starting early 2017 that will support cooperation including in ICT.

18.   The Ministers noted the convening of the 2nd TELSOM+U.S. meeting and appreciated the United States' assistance in the successful conclusion of ICT-related activities on spectrum management, cybersecurity, and e-commerce and telecommunications commitments in high standards trade agreements.

19.   The Ministers also welcomed the 2017 ASEAN-US ICT Work Plan presented by the United States during its consultation with Senior Officials for cooperation and capacity building on digital economy-related policy areas, including competition policy in the digital age and emerging technologies and innovation-minded policymaking, and look forward to the successful completion of ongoing work on dynamic spectrum allocation and broadband communications for emergency services.

20.   The Ministers also noted the convening of the 6th TELSOM+ITU meeting and expressed their appreciation to ITU for its continuing assistance in advancing the development of the ICT sector in ASEAN including the promotion of child online protection in ASEAN and for its direct country actions on different areas to individual AMSs.

21.   The Ministers reiterated ASEAN's commitment to pursue policy and regulatory dialogue with dialogue and development partners, and the industry towards increasing commercial activities and investments. The Ministers also called for greater participation from the private sector to enhance connectivity and innovation in ASEAN through the development of knowledge and digital skill sets, as well as greater access to quality ICT infrastructure, services, applications and technologies, so as to support the goals of the ASEAN Community.

NEXT MEETING

22.   The Ministers agreed to convene the 17th ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministers Meeting and its Meetings with Dialogue Partners and ITU in Cambodia in 2017.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

23.   The Ministers expressed appreciation to the Government and the People of Brunei Darussalam for their warm hospitality accorded to them and for the excellent arrangements made for the 16th TELMIN and Related Meetings.

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LIST OF MINISTERS

1. **H.E. Dato Mustappa Sirat,** Minister of Communications of Brunei Darussalam;

2. **H.E. Tram Iv Tek,** Minister of Posts and Telecommunications of Cambodia;

3. **H.E. Rudiantara,** Minister of Communications and Information Technology of Indonesia;

4. **H.E. Dr. Thansamay Kommasith,** Minister of Post and Telecommunications of Lao PDR;

5. **H.E. Dr. Mohd Salleh Tun Said Keruak,** Minister of Communications and Multimedia of Malaysia;

6. **H.E. Kyaw Myo,** Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications of Myanmar;

7. **H.E. Rodolfo A. Salalima,** Secretary of the Department of Information and Communications Technology of the Philippines;

8. **H.E. Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim,** Minister for Communications and Information of Singapore;

9. **H.E. Air Chief Marshal Prajin Juntong**, Deputy Prime Minister, Acting Minister of Digital Economy and Society of Thailand;

10. **H.E. Nguyen Thanh Hung,** Deputy Minister of Information and Communications of Viet Nam;

11. **H.E. Chen Zhaoxiong,** Vice Minister of Industry and Information Technology of People's Republic of China;

12. **H.E. Jiro Akama,** State Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan;

13. **H.E. Dr. Choi Jaeyou,** Vice Minister of Science, ICT and Future Planning of the Republic of Korea;

14. **H.E. Le Luong Minh,** Secretary-General of ASEAN.