

**STATEMENT BY PERMANENT SECRETARY,
MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
FOR THE 4TH BALI REGIONAL MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON
PEOPLE SMUGGLING, TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND RELATED
TRANSNATIONAL CRIME
BALI, INDONESIA, 29-30 MARCH 2011**

Mr Co-Chairpersons,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning,

First of all, allow me to convey regards from my minister who is unable to attend this important meeting today due to work commitment at home. I would like to join with the other speakers in expressing earlier our appreciation for the warm welcome and hospitality rendered to us by our host and the people of the Republic of Indonesia.

Mr Co-Chairpersons,

Our gathering today, shows our commitments of the Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime.

Brunei Darussalam noted the recent focus within the Ad Hoc Group on the non-binding regional framework. We also took note the core principles highlighted in the framework and believed such framework would provide better outcomes by implementing through bilateral arrangements among interested parties.

I would also like to highlight that the law enforcement agencies of Brunei Darussalam with the participation and cooperation of the community especially the grass root leaders in raising public awareness could contribute significant cohesion between the public and the authority in order to combat these crimes.

To conclude, Brunei Darussalam reiterates our continued support towards the Bali Process and we welcome the initiatives of having any organized capacity buildings such as workshops, training, activities and programs in enhancing our knowledge and capabilities towards combating smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crimes.

With that note, I end my statement. Thank you.