

Address by Ambassador Zhang Qiyue
At the Fourth Bali Process Ministerial Conference
on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons And
Related Transnational Crime

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Co-Chairs,

Dear Colleagues,

First of all, I wish to offer, on behalf of the Chinese Government, warm congratulations on the opening of this Ministerial Conference, and express thanks to Indonesia and Australia for their thoughtful arrangements.

Co-Chairs,

Since the Third Ministerial Conference, thanks to the concerted efforts of all members, the Bali Process has taken out a new step and demonstrated new vitality. Members have become more harmonious and practical in their collaborated efforts to deal with people smuggling and other transnational crimes. Personnel exchanges in the Asia-Pacific region has kept expanding. China highly appreciates these developments.

Co-Chairs,

Since 2009, the Chinese Government has been earnestly implementing its international commitments, and has made new progress in preventing and combating people smuggling and other transnational crimes.

First, endeavor to improve law enforcement capabilities pursuant to international conventions. As a signatory to the ***United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime*** and the ***Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation***, China has adopted a series of effective measures to prevent and combat maritime crimes. As a result, maritime smuggling activities have been effectively curbed. Large-scale people smuggling at sea has been basically eliminated. The maritime security order is now stable.

Second, expand exchange and enhance practical cooperation. China has further enhanced and deepened cooperation with other members concerned, especially with ASEAN countries to combat people smuggling by means of information sharing, cooperation in individual cases, and law enforcement training. This has further enhanced our respective capabilities to crack down on crimes and significantly helped maintain and promote the orderly and healthy development of personnel exchanges.

Third, strengthen port and border control and step up efforts to fight crimes. Addressing people smuggling and related crimes is always a priority for China's border management efforts. China has consistently strengthened control over border transportation hubs, port restricted areas and transportation vehicles, increased the use of technologies, intensified fraud detection and tightened document examination. Since 2009, China has combated a total of 34 most severe illegal migration cases, each involving more than 20 organized sneakers, and destroyed 41 gangs. This has served as an effective deterrent to people smuggling and related crimes.

Co-Chairs,

The Bali Process is a gradually maturing and dynamic dialogue and cooperation mechanism in this region. This mechanism will celebrate its tenth anniversary next year. We expect and have every reason to believe that this forum, with the aim to develop and promote mutual trust and cooperation, will help expand the common interests of all members and make greater contribution to the orderly flow of people and to peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region. China will continue to work closely with all members to achieve this goal.

Thank you.