

**Malaysia's Statement
on Review of Domestic and Bilateral Responses
at the First Ad Hoc Group Meeting of the Bali Process
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1. First and foremost, allow me to express our gratitude to our gracious host for the warm hospitality. It is important for us to meet and discuss during this First Ad Hoc Group Meeting of the Bali Process regarding the global concern of people smuggling, trafficking in persons and irregular people movement especially within this region.

2. Malaysia looks forward for a productive discussion to curb this issues and also exploring the efforts to protect the victims in line with the human rights initiatives.

3. Malaysia noted with great concern the issue of human trafficking and wish to stress that we are fully committed to curb if not the deter human trafficking and shares the concern of the international community that there is a pressing need to accelerate global efforts to put a stop to this ill trade.

4. Allow me to take the opportunity offered by this fora to inform that Malaysia has taken various measures to curb trafficking in persons, amongst others include the following:

- 4.1 The enactment of a comprehensive Anti Trafficking in Persons Act 2007 that came into effect in entirety effectively from 28th February 2008.

- 4.2 The establishment of Special Unit on Anti Trafficking in Persons in each Enforcement agencies such as Immigration Department, the Royal Malaysia Police, Royal Malaysia Customs and the Maritime Enforcement Agency.
- 4.3 Establishment of the shelters for victims of trafficking.
- 4.4 Strengthening the examination of foreigners at all major check points via air, sea and land such as the KLIA, Penang Airport, Port Klang and other major entry points.
- 4.5 Working towards bilateral cooperation with other countries especially in the field of exchange of information.

5. Besides all the efforts that Malaysia has undertaken, we strongly believe that cooperation and collaboration between the source, transit and destination countries are significantly important to curb the menace of people smuggling and human trafficking.

Hence, Malaysia very much welcomes efforts and initiatives towards this.

Thank you.