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## **Summary Report - 30th Counter-Terrorism Task Force Meeting**

Purpose: Information  
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**1<sup>st</sup> Counter-Terrorism Working Group Meeting  
Ningbo, China  
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**30<sup>th</sup> APEC Counter-Terrorism Task Force Meeting**  
*28-29 June, 2013, Medan-Indonesia*  
**Executive Summary**

1. During this third CTTF meeting of 2013, members endorsed the revised version of the CTTF Strategic Plan 2013-2017 to be submitted to the Steering Committee on ECOTECH (SCE). The endorsed draft incorporated members' inputs received during the meeting.
2. Members also endorsed the paper that recommends upgrading the CTTF to a working group (CTWG). The Secretariat will submit the endorsed paper to SCE and SOM for consideration. Members were encouraged to contribute intersessionally to the drafting of the new CTWG Terms of Reference for submission to SCE.
3. CTTF members were requested to send inputs to the Chair for the CTTF contributions to the 2013 APEC Minister's and Leader's Statements. CTTF Friends of the Chair Group (FoTC) gathered to discuss ideas and suggestions on the tasks and upcoming challenges for the group in 2014 and beyond.
4. CTTF members received reports by the Chair and the Secretariat on intersessional work and activities undertaken since the last meeting held in Surabaya at SOM2, which included among other items, progress on the drafting of the CTTF Strategic Planning, CTTF review of Independent Assessment final report, and drafting the CTTF paper recommending the CTTF be upgraded to a permanent working group.
5. Members received presentations from Mr John Keogh, GS1 and ABAC member, on safe and secure supply chains and global counterfeiting as well as a presentation by Mr Neil Klopfenstein, Executive Secretary of Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (OAS- CICTE) regarding CICTE's work plan and potential collaboration with the CTTF in areas of mutual interest, such as supply chain security.
6. Members welcomed reports on projects and initiatives delivered intersessionally on implementation of the CTTF Work Plan and the APEC Counter-Terrorism and Secure Trade Strategy. Members were requested to send inputs to the CTTF Chair to prepare the annual progress report on implementation of the Counter Terrorism-Secure Trade Strategy to CSOM.
7. Indonesia proposed the STAR IX Conference to take place in China on the margins of SOM meetings in 2014. P.R. China briefed on the next CTTF Meeting in 2014 in SOM1 (TBA) during APEC year in China.

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The 30th meeting of the APEC Counter-Terrorism Task Force (CTTF) was held in Medan, Indonesia on 28-29 June, 2013 in the margins of SOM3. The meeting was chaired by Ambassador Harry Purwanto (Indonesia) with the participation of 16 member economies (all except Hong Kong China, Japan, Korea and Mexico). Non-member participants invited to the meeting were Mr John Keogh, GS1 and ABAC member, and Mr Neil Klopfenstein, Executive Secretary of Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (OAS- CICTE).

The 30th CTTF meeting was preceded by the APEC CTTF Policy Dialogue on Secure Infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific Region held on 27 June (SOM3) organized by the U.S. and Canada. The three themes included in the dialogue for discussion were: *i) Secure Infrastructure Approaches, Policies and Processes; ii) Bringing Resilience into Regional Security; iii) Furthering Secure Infrastructure and Resilience through Cooperation.*

**OPENING REMARKS; CTTF CHAIR'S REPORT ON INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND APEC SECRETARIAT BUSINESS**

**CTTF Chair, Ambassador Harry Purwanto** welcomed CTTF members to the third meeting of 2013. He acknowledged terrorism as a continuous threat to all economies, people and supply chains in Asia Pacific and that upgrading the status of the CTTF to a working group will enhance the opportunities to increase APEC's capacity for enhancing secure trade and travel throughout the region. He also highlighted the important role and contributions of CTTF to specifically counter terrorism in the region. The Chair remarked on CTTF intersessional work undertaken since last meeting in Surabaya, which includes the drafting of the CTTF Strategic Plan 2013-2017 and the paper recommending CTTF's upgrade to a permanent working group.

Ambassador Purwanto also encouraged members to finalize all the pending matters to ensure valuable outputs for the Concluding SOM meeting and for the upcoming APEC summit. He underlined three important pending matters that needed to be discussed and finalized, including the working group's new Terms of Reference, the Strategic Plan and the contribution for the Leaders' declaration. The Chair thanked all members and the Secretariat for supporting the intersessional work that contributed to the preparation of the meeting. He also congratulated China, which will host the next CTTF meeting and expressed his commitment to work closely with the host economy in his capacity as CTTF Chair during 2014.

The Chair welcomed the Major of Medan City, Mr Dzumi Eldin, who offered welcoming remarks to CTTF members. Mr Dzumi Eldin remarked that Indonesia and particularly Medan City realize that peace and public order are a vital element in achieving development. He also expressed that some relevant CTTF subjects should be coordinated within the framework of global and intra-regional cooperation. He pointed out that terrorism, as a cross-border organized crime, should be tackled by using a comprehensive approach, involving citizens.

Ambassador Harry Purwanto also welcomed the distinguished non-member participants invited to present at the meeting; the Executive Secretary of Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (OAS- CICTE) Mr Neil Klopfenstein and GS1/ABAC member Mr John Keogh.

CTTF members reviewed and endorsed the draft annotated agenda for the 30th meeting and the Summary Report of the 29th Counter Terrorism Task Force Meeting provided by the Secretariat. CTTF members expressed to the Chair their great appreciation for hosting three CTTF meetings and events during 2013 and for the Indonesian hospitality.

The APEC **Secretariat** reported on ongoing tasks and intersessional work undertaken by the group since the last CTTF meeting held in Surabaya in April 2013. In coordination with the CTTF Chair, the CTTF Strategic Plan 2013-2017 draft was distributed to members for consideration and to collect their inputs. Members of the Friends of the Chair provided valuable feedback on the draft, which was circulated twice for members' review. During the same period, the Secretariat distributed the paper recommending the CTTF's upgrade to a working group for members' review intersessionally.

Regarding the STAR IX conference, Indonesia informed the Secretariat in April about the plan to hold the conference during the P.R. China's host year. Based on CTF's contribution to the APEC Leaders' 2013 Declaration, the Secretariat encouraged members to send ideas for STAR IX to the CTF Chair. The Secretariat also shared for members' reference the document titled, APEC Secretariat Report on Key Developments of June 2013. The Secretariat's report also included project management updates.

### **CTTF 2013 INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT**

The APEC **Secretariat** provided an update on the CTF independent assessment process. After the last meeting in Surabaya, the Friends of the Chair Group reviewed the draft report of the independent assessment conducted by Mr. John Platts and sent their written feedback to the Secretariat. Mr. Platts was very grateful for these suggestions and tried to reflect them in his final report. In May, the Secretariat circulated to members the CTF Independent Assessment Final Report, which was also printed out for the present 30<sup>th</sup> CTF meeting.

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS**

The **CTTF Chair** updated members on the last version of the CTF Strategic Plan 2013 -2017 for members' review and endorsement. Members gave some suggestions to the draft and eventually endorsed the revised version that incorporated members' inputs received during the meeting. Members agreed that the CTF strategic plan will be a 'living document', open to additional member input as well as new initiatives and events accommodated within its framework. They also agreed to submit the final document to the Steering Committee on ECOTECH (SCE) meeting in Medan through the Secretariat.

### **COUNTER-TERRORISM ACTION PLAN (CTAP)**

The Secretariat reminded members to submit their updates on individual CTAPs in order to prepare the 2013 CTAP Summary Report which includes data on capacity gaps and opportunities shown in different charts. The Chair encouraged members to send the updates to the Secretariat as soon as possible and by the deadline of October 1, 2013.

The United States remarked that it would be most useful for this process to receive as many CTAPs updates as possible and added that the U.S. and Canada found the information from the last year's CTAP Summary Report very valuable for developing and implementing the Policy Dialogue on Secure Infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific Region held in Medan the previous day.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CTF WORK PLAN AND THE APEC COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SECURE TRADE STRATEGY'S CROSS-CUTTING ACTIVITY AREAS**

The CTF Chair invited CTF members to provide updates on projects and activities proposed for 2013.

Members expressed their support for the process for producing the annual progress report on implementation of the Counter Terrorism-Secure Trade Strategy and agreed to send inputs to the CTF Chair to prepare the upcoming progress report for the approval of APEC Senior Officials.

#### **Secure Supply Chains**

Under Secure Supply Chains, **the United States** updated members on the joint CTF/TPTWG/SCCP Trade Recovery Project that has its background in the 2006 Leader's Declaration that identified the importance of trade recovery from terrorism or major natural disasters. The project which has been developed in coordination with the World Customs Organization to establish an information sharing platform system was submitted to APEC by TPTWG and did not receive approval for funding in BMC session 1 due to lack of APEC funding, but it is still eligible for consideration. The next steps for TPTWG will be to explore new sources of funding.

**The Russian Federation** briefed on its proposal for holding a thematic discussion on Container Transportation Security. Russia remarked that the format will be similar to the Policy Dialogue on Secure Infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific Region held in Medan the previous day. Russia expects that participants of the dialogue will be not only from CTTF but also from other APEC sub fora such as TPTWG, the SCCP, and international organizations such as WTO, UNODC, CICTE and representatives from the APEC business community. Russia will deliver more details and updates on this dialogue intersessionally through the Secretariat and during the first CTTF meeting in China. Members expressed their support for the Russian initiative to organize this dialogue.

**Mr John Keogh** of GS1 and ABAC member shared his presentation on safe and secure supply chain and global counterfeit.

#### Secure Travel

Under Secure Travel **the United States** presented the Summary Report with outcomes of the self-funded project Aviation Security: Low Cost/ No cost Security and Checkpoint Optimization Capabilities Workshop, led by the TPTWG, held on May 14-15, 2013 in Bangkok. The U.S. encouraged all members who participated in the workshop to submit their evaluation forms. **Thailand** also remarked the positive outcomes of the workshop and highlighted the participation of the Minister of Transport of Thailand.

**The United States** provided an update on two projects the BMG is leading in coordination with the CTTF and SCCP. The Trusted Traveler project is aimed at developing consensus on traveler characteristics that should form the basis of trusted traveler programs. The other project is focused on development a lessons learned document on the challenges economies face in implementing Advanced Passenger Information systems. Both projects are part of the APEC Travel Facilitation Initiative. . BMG members have received questionnaires regarding trusted traveler characteristics for completion intersessionally. The U.S. will draft a report based on the responses and circulate it to the BMG, CTTF, and SCCP for review and approval. Once the report is approved, the U.S. will consider related capacity building workshops and training sessions.

**The United States** shared the "Overview of Evaluations from the 3rd APEC Aviation Security Canine Screening Workshop, held in Auckland, New Zealand, in March 18-19, 2013. The U.S. remarked that the strong majority of the workshop participants said that their understanding of using canine units for aviation passenger screening was substantially improved. The participants also said that their understanding of the requirements for establishing an aviation security canine screening program was substantially improved, as well as canine training and other significant benefits of this kind of program.

**The United States** also presented its project proposal for follow-on bus security training based on the positive outcomes of the first workshop on bus antiterrorism held in Manila in July 2012. The 'Joint APEC CTTF/TPTWG Bus Anti-Terrorism Follow-On Workshop: *Expanding and Sharing Best Practices*' will focus on: i) Information Sharing; ii) Case study presentations on the operational and policy aspects of bus security; and iii) Developing and disseminating a formal bus security experts list. The workshop will be held in the late spring or early summer of 2014 (dates and venue TBA).

**The Russian Federation** expressed its appreciation and support for the U.S. proposal, recognizing that land transportation security is vulnerable in APEC economies and that the proposal reflects CTTF commitment to ensure a comprehensive transportation security in the APEC region. The Russian Federation shared with members a presentation on information support of transport complex safety against acts of unlawful interference in the Russian Federation.

**Indonesia** briefed on the High-Level Policy Dialogue on Travel facilitation to be held in Bali on 1-2 October 2013". The dialogue led by the Tourism Working Group (TWG) involves the Business Mobility Group (BMG), Counter-Terrorism Task Force (CTTF) and the Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures (SCCP). The dialogue background comes from the 2011

Leader's Declaration on Travel Facilitation Initiative which aims to make travel in the region faster, easier and more secure. The dialogue carries and reflects the theme of APEC 2013: "Resilient Asia Pacific, Engine of Global Growth", particularly one of the three priorities namely Promoting Connectivity. The dialogue expects high level participation, including ministers from APEC economies responsible for travel facilitation, tourism, transportation, immigration and custom, as well as participants from international organizations including UNWTO, WTTC, PATA and IATA. The four main topics are: Visa Facilitation, Advance Passenger Information, Trusted Travel Program and Tourist Friendly Airport. CTTF members supported Indonesia's organization of this high-level policy dialogue.

### Secure Finance

Under Secure Finance **Australia** reported CTTF members on Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs) project held on 21-22 May 2013 in Jakarta, Indonesia. Australia led an APEC Counter Terrorism Task Force (CTTF) capacity building workshop in Jakarta to address some of the key challenges faced by Indonesia in its efforts to protect non-financial businesses and professions (DNFBPs) from terrorist financing. Workshop participants developed a better understanding of how to effectively enforce regulation and adopt reporting measures that can help protect the DNFBP sector from abuse by terrorism financiers. A similar workshop will be held in the Philippines in late 2013. Australia aims to disseminate an APEC-wide report in September 2013, which will be followed by a second capacity building workshop in conjunction with the Philippines in late 2013 (TBA).

**Indonesia** expressed its appreciation for Australia's initiative to conduct this workshop in Jakarta and remarked that stakeholders who participated particularly from the financial sector regarded this capacity building event as very useful.

**Indonesia** briefed on the national development of Anti Money Laundering/ Countering Financing Terrorism (AML/CFT). **Russia** expressed its appreciation for Indonesian efforts with the aim to developing a national AML/CFT system and expressed its congratulations to other three APEC economies (Brunei Darussalam, the Philippines and Thailand) for their consistent efforts to improve national AML/CFT systems.

**The Russian Federation** updated on its initiatives in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). Russia will be chairing this task force for one year started 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013, with the vice-presidency of Australia. Russia updated on the ongoing project presented to FATF on detection of illegal financial flows linked to drug production and trafficking and thanked member economies for their support. The purpose of this initiative is to get data on financial flows resulting from drug trafficking through identifying bank transactions, front companies and beneficiaries of money transfers, as well as other relevant information, which will help to reveal and eventually undermine the drug industry's management system.

### Secure Infrastructure

Under Secure Infrastructure, **Canada** reported the outcomes of the APEC-funded workshop of Major Events Security Planning held on 10-12 June in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Thirty-one representatives from fifteen APEC economies participated, including both security planners from a range of departments and counterterrorism officials from ministries of foreign affairs. The objective of the workshop was for economies to provide input on the content and design of the Major Events Security Framework (MESF), a planning tool that Canada has developed and is now adapting for use by APEC economies. Workshop participants tested a prototype of this framework; their input, including broader discussions on best practices, will be incorporated into the final version, which will be further tested and finalized at the second workshop in Santiago, Chile. Canada encouraged all economies to send inputs for the MESF and to participate in the second workshop in in Santiago of Chile on 28-30 October 2013. **Chile** extended invitation to all member economies to attend the workshop that is organized by the "Inter American Committee against the Terrorism, (CICTE)" of the Organization of American States (OAS) in cooperation with the "United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute", (UNICRI) the Minister of Interior and Public Security of Chile and the Chilean police.

Members expressed their appreciation and support to Canada for organizing the workshop in Chile.

**The United States** and **Canada** reported on the outcomes of the CTF Policy Dialogue on Secure Infrastructure in the Asia Pacific Region, held in Medan on 27 June 2013. The dialogue gave members the opportunity to ask questions about and share information regarding their policies, practices, and plans on secure and resilient infrastructure, which is essential for secure finance, travel, and supply chains. Additionally, it gave the chance to identify a number of capacity building opportunities and gaps that APEC economy members can address in future workshops related to the topic.

**Russia** expressed its appreciation for Canada's and the U.S.'s initiative to conduct this dialogue that addresses a crucial topic in the APEC region, and encouraged member economies to maintain the momentum by supporting and participating in future dialogues related to the same subject.

The themes for the discussion were:

***Discussion Theme 1: Secure Infrastructure Approaches, Policies and Processes*** to provide an overview of infrastructure protection and resilience activities in the region in order to help enhance understanding of regional approaches, practices, and challenges to secure infrastructure, and promote a set of common capacity building priorities in the area of secure infrastructure.

***Discussion Theme 2: Bringing Resilience into Regional Security*** to evaluate regional activities and identify potential opportunities for addressing gaps in existing critical infrastructure protection and resilience activities with the purpose of helping APEC work toward an integrated approach to critical infrastructure protection and resilience in support of a secure environment, including by addressing interdependencies and cascading impacts.

***Discussion Theme 3: Furthering Secure Infrastructure and Resilience through Cooperation*** to discuss how APEC sub-fora can engage most effectively within APEC and with the private sector to promote "physical connectivity" that supports economic growth and enhanced regional critical infrastructure protection and resilience.

## **SECURE TRADE IN APEC REGION (STAR) CONFERENCE**

**Indonesia** updated members on the plan to organize the STAR IX Conference proposing this conference to take place in China on the margins of SOM meetings 2014. To develop this initiative Indonesia will present a project for APEC-funding.

## **ACTIVITIES IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA**

Mr John Keogh, GS1 and ABAC member made a presentation on safe and secure supply chain and global counterfeiting. Regarding ABAC Commissioned Report he highlighted that ABAC has completed thorough analysis and proposes capacity building workshops aligned to the identified supply chain chokepoints blending policy with action for improved shared outcomes. ABAC proposed the re-use of industry driven product data and global product data standards to enable a more rapid achievement of improved outcomes for all stakeholders that will support the achievement of the Bogor Goals.

Mr Neil Klopfenstein, Executive Secretary of Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (OAS-CICTE) presented an overview of CICTE's work plan, and discussed potential collaboration with the CTF in areas of mutual interest such as in: Maritime Security; Trade Facilitation and Supply Chain Security; Cyber Security; and Major Events Security. CTF Members agreed to enhance collaboration and information sharing with CICTE.

**Viet Nam** reported on upcoming joint projects in the framework of the ASEAN-Japan Dialogue on Counterterrorism. A project proposal will be submitted to ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on

Transnational Crime in July for approval. The objectives of this project include: i) Sharing experiences among ASEAN countries in building the capacity of civil security employees and self-employed/community guards to prevent and respond to terrorist attacks; ii) Generating discussion on possible solutions to strengthen the capacity of civil security employees and self-employed/community guards to prevent and respond to terrorist attacks, especially from a private public partnership perspective. The seminar is intended to be held from 8th to 9th October in Vietnam.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

Members discussed the CTTF's contributions to the 2013 APEC Minister's and Leader's Statements. CTTF members were requested by the Chair to send suggested inputs electronically.

The CTTF Chair provided an update on the revised CTTF ToR paper recommending the upgrading of CTTF to a permanent working group for submission to the Steering Committee on ECOTECH (SCE) meeting in Medan. Friends of the Chair Group (FoTC) gathered to discuss ideas and suggestions on the current tasks and challenges in 2014 and beyond. Regarding the upgrade of the CTTF, members agreed to call the group the 'Counter Terrorism Working Group (CTWG)'.

Members were encouraged to contribute intersessionally to the drafting of the new CTWG Terms of Reference for submission to SCE.

### **NEXT MEETING**

P.R. China updated on the next CTTF meeting to be held in 2014 in the margins of SOM1, most probably after the Chinese New Year (TBA). The Chinese Organizing Committee for APEC year 2014 is studying the schedule of meetings and the details of the APEC year which will be announced as soon as possible.

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

The Chair thanked all members and the Secretariat for the support and valuable contributions to the discussion during the meeting. He specially thanked the Friends of the Chair Group (FoTC) for its active support for the CTTF's work.