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MINISTERIAL COUNCIL ON LAW AND SECURITY

On 8 June 2016, the Australian Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Counter-Terrorism, and the Indonesian Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs met in Sydney, Australia for the second meeting of the Ministerial Council on Law and Security.

Commending 10 years of bilateral cooperation under the Framework for Security Cooperation (the Lombok Treaty), Ministers emphasised the importance of promoting security while protecting individual rights in the rapidly developing digital environment.

- Ministers:
 - acknowledged the strength of the relationship between Indonesia and Australia and the links between law, justice and security agencies, which are well placed to tackle contemporary regional and global security threats
 - condemned the 14 January 2016 terrorist bombing in Central Jakarta, and more recent terror attacks around the world
 - acknowledged other important agreements that underpin strong operational relationships including the *Australian Federal Police – Indonesian National Police Arrangement on Cooperation in Preventing and Combating Transnational Crime [2011]*, the *Memorandum of Understanding on Combating International Terrorism [2015]* and the *Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation in the Exchange of Financial Intelligence [2004]*, and
 - emphasised the importance of ongoing cooperation, both bilaterally and regionally, to counter terrorism, people smuggling, illegal unregulated and unreported fishing (IUUF) and enhance cyber security, through law enforcement cooperation and intelligence sharing.

On the ongoing threat posed by foreign terrorist fighters,

- Ministers noted recent law enforcement activity in Australia, Indonesia and throughout the region, including numerous arrests of individuals on terrorism charges.
- Ministers reaffirmed the importance of maintaining momentum in relation to the evolving threat of foreign terrorist fighters in the region, noting positive steps to strengthen legislative frameworks. Ministers agreed to continue to work collaboratively to enhance intelligence sharing arrangements. Ministers also agreed to address mutual law and security challenges through bilateral initiatives such as the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation.

On countering terrorism financing,

- Ministers:
 - discussed the importance of maintaining momentum in promoting financial intelligence unit cooperation
- acknowledged the progress in implementing the outcomes of the first joint Indonesia-Australia Regional Counter Terrorism Financing (CTF) Summit in Sydney in November 2015. In particular, Ministers noted the production of the first regional terrorism financing risk assessment, and reiterated the importance of regional cooperation to combat illicit financial flows to terrorist organisations, particularly ahead of the second CTF Summit in Bali in August 2016, and
- noted Indonesia's decision to host an international ministerial conference on counter terrorism in Bali at the same time as the CTF Summit, to which Australia will be invited.

On countering violent extremism,

- Ministers:
 - expressed concern about the exploitation of the online environment by violent extremists to spread propaganda and recruit others, and emphasised the importance of working cooperatively with the digital industry to counter violent extremist material
 - shared strategies to manage terrorist offenders and violent radicalisation in prisons and agreed that there would be mutual benefit in continuing to learn from our respective experiences bilaterally and through our co-chairing of the Global Counter Terrorism Forum Detention and Reintegration Working Group.
 - noted the positive progress in implementing the outcomes from Australia's Regional Summit to Counter Violent Extremism in Sydney in June 2015, in particular the development of a compendium of counter narratives from across the region and a regional network of civil society organisations to facilitate exchange of effective approaches to challenge violent extremism.

On cyber security,

- Ministers provided updates on key developments since the inaugural meeting, including Indonesia's National Cyber Desk and Australia's Cyber Security Strategy. Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to enhanced cooperation on cyber security, noting the importance of maintaining momentum through the Cyber Security Working Group and bilateral Cyber Policy Dialogue. Ministers agreed to continued cooperation under these frameworks, and affirmed that our respective national Computer Emergency Response Teams will continue to cooperate under their working arrangements.
- Ministers commended Indonesia's plans to establish a new national cyber security agency. Recognising Australia's experience in establishing the Australian Cyber Security Centre, Ministers acknowledged that Australia is capable of providing advice to Indonesia on the governance arrangements and operations of Indonesia's new agency.

On the next meeting,

- Ministers noted that agreement to future activities will be subject to the priorities of the incoming Australian government.
- Ministers noted the breadth of the bilateral relationship across diverse law and security issues, including international crime cooperation and robust relationships in crisis

coordination.

- Now a firmly entrenched feature of the bilateral architecture, Ministers agreed that the third meeting of the Australia-Indonesia Ministerial Council on Law and Security would be hosted by Indonesia in 2017.

The Indonesian side commended the Australian side on the excellent cooperation in the preparations and hosting of the 2016 Australia-Indonesia Ministerial Council on Law and Security.