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**"Enhancing Cooperation and Capabilities in Addressing Cybercrime"**

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***Excellencies/My fellow Attorney & Prosecutor Generals***

Esteemed Senior Officials,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As this Conference comes to a close this afternoon, I would like to begin by stating that the theme of this year's Conference on Cybercrime could not have been organized at a better and opportune time than now. The threat from cybercrime is multi-dimensional, targeting citizens, businesses and governments alike at a rapidly growing rate. The advances in technology

moves far too quickly for conventional law enforcement methods to keep pace.

Since the start of this Conference yesterday, we have heard numerous efforts made by all the jurisdictions present here today in overcoming the challenges posed by cybercrime. For one, it is a well-recognised fact that continuous training and expertise of prosecutors in the field of cybercrime are pertinent to effectively analyse and prosecute cases related to cybercrimes. Hence, most jurisdictions have teams of prosecutors dedicated and trained to prosecute cybercriminals.

Specialised prosecutors alone cannot eradicate cybercriminals. Legislation is another key to combating cybercrime and throughout this Conference, we have heard of the necessary legislative frameworks in place to investigate and prosecute cybercrimes. These laws are constantly reviewed and where required, are amended in order to ensure that we are not lagging behind the technological advancements.

This Conference has also given all of us here an opportunity to learn valuable experiences of other jurisdictions in the area of cybercrime. For instance, Thailand has shared with us the arrest of the administrator of Alphabay website, a center for illegal trade, shutdown of the website and seizure of assets worth millions of US dollars. The success was largely for the international cooperation between Thailand and major law enforcement operations from US and the Netherlands. Singapore, on the other hand, shared with us how open source information can be useful not only for investigators but also to prosecutors. Information found on the social media like Facebook can be used to our advantage. As it did so in the case where

the Singapore prosecutors proved that a foreign accused person was not too ill to attend his appeal but was actually healthy enough according to his Facebook post. These are only two of the countries' experiences we have heard yesterday.

I am confident that through the friendship we have forged through this Conference, we can continue to share more experiences and also learn from each other's' best practices. If we remain true to our common interests and vision, this will not be the last time we meet to discuss this issue. In fact, I am certain that my officers will meet some of yours in Singapore for the ASEAN Cybercrime Prosecutors Roundtable Meeting next month to further take on the issues we have discussed at this Conference.

To conclude, I would just like to say that no matter what trends we see in cybercrime, our governments can do more to better understand and respond to the crime through cooperation. Conferences like this provide a vital opportunity for our nations to agree on practical steps to improve international cooperation. We share a growing understanding of the difficulties faced in our jurisdictions against cybercrime and we need to work towards developing a well-coordinated response on an international level. The holding of this conference in itself is another substantial demonstration of regional and international cooperation and reiteration of our common interest to suppress cybercrime.

I would like to reiterate my thanks once again to all delegations for all your contributions towards this Conference. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to H.E. Mr Zhang Jun, Prosecutor General of the Supreme People's Procuratorate of the People's Republic of China, my esteemed co-chair for all his support. On behalf of all ASEAN member states, I would like to take this opportunity to thank China for your continuous support through this Conference Mechanism and that we will continue to work together to develop our capabilities and enhance our cooperation to fight transnational crime. As Mr Zhang Jun has mentioned in his welcoming remarks yesterday, that this is the first time he is leading a delegation outside the country as prosecutor-general, I speak on behalf of the ASEAN member states that we hope we continue to work and see more of you in the near future.

For those of you who will be flying out of Brunei later today and tomorrow to your respective countries, I do hope that you had a pleasant stay in Brunei and if you have the chance, to please participate in our social programme which has been specially prepared for all of you this afternoon. I wish you a safe, pleasant and trouble-free journey back home.

Last but definitely not least, it leaves me now to wholeheartedly thank the organizing committee who have been working tirelessly in organizing this Conference as without your time and effort, this would not have been a success.

Thank You.