



**The 9<sup>th</sup> ASEM CONFERENCE ON COUNTER TERRORISM  
CHAIRS' SUMMARY  
Yogyakarta, Indonesia  
12-13 December 2011**

1. The 9<sup>th</sup> ASEM Conference of Counter Terrorism (ASEM CCT-9) was held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 12-13 December 2011 and attended by representatives from Austria, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, The Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, UK, Viet Nam, and European Commission. The SEARCCT and the JCLEC participated in the Conference as observers. (List of Participants is attached as Annex I)
2. The Head of the Indonesian National Counter Terrorism Agency and ASEM SOM Leader Indonesia addressed the opening. They underlined the importance of community engagement in enhancing national security as well as protecting civil liberties which are essential in achieving the ideals of democracy. The significance of putting de-radicalisation programme to the forefront of counter terrorism strategy as well as strengthening the role of media was also emphasized.
3. The Conference was guided by the ASEM Copenhagen Declaration on Cooperation against International Terrorism adopted at the 4th ASEM Summit in 2002 and built on the results of previous ASEM Conferences on Counter Terrorism held in Beijing (2003), Berlin (2004), Semarang (2005), Copenhagen (2006), Tokyo (2007), Madrid (2008) Manila (2009), and Brussels (2010).
4. Over the years, law enforcement agencies sought to address the causes and reduce this heinous crime. This endeavour included an effort to create effective partnerships with the community and other public and private-sector. ASEM CCT-9 addressed this very issue under the theme “Improving Community Counter Terrorism” through three different topics entitled: 1) improving community engagement for prevention and de-radicalisation; 2) strengthening policies to improve community counter terrorism initiatives, and 3) the strategic role of the new media in counter terrorism. (Agenda of the Conference is attached as Annex 2)
5. The Conference acknowledged that as the threats of terrorism continues to evolve; there is a need to develop dynamic approaches, through the promotion of community engagement to prevent radicalisation. Taking into account that prevention of radicalisation is a complex issue, it is generally agreed that it is important for the government to establish capacity building programmes for the community engagement actors (law enforcers, social authorities, community leaders, etc), as they are the front liners of community counter terrorism. Besides programmes and initiatives, the promotion of effective communication strategies and dialogue are also important to counter extremist messages and counteract ideologies and symbols, used by terrorists as propaganda.

6. The Conference further underlined that efforts, including the application of better prison management, must be made to facilitate de-radicalisation process so as to avoid people that have been convicted for terrorism acts resorting back to violent extremism when they re-enter society.
7. The Conference raised the challenges in the implementation of relevant counter terrorism legislation in respective ASEM Partners countries, among others in defining the scope of terrorism as well as the lengthy political process in preparing bill related to counter terrorism.
8. The Conference highlighted the significance of using suitable approaches to each of different communities, taking into account their characteristic such as vulnerable groups that are potentially be radicalised or the community in general. The Conference took note of the recent development of European counter terrorism policies such as the recent EU Radicalisation Awareness Network. To improve mechanism and coordination in the international level, ASEM Partners recognised the need to enact necessary legislations and, once they are ready, to ratify regional and international agreements related to counter terrorism.
9. The Conference acknowledged that Community Counter Terrorism Initiatives should be fostered and developed by the community to supplement and enhance law enforcement's efforts in combating and preventing terrorism. These initiatives can be done by advancing community resilience to resist terrorism, the creation of conditions conducive for countering terrorism, and by supporting policies and law enforcement measures in combating terrorism. With the community involvement in the countering terrorism, the use of physical violent means by radicals and terrorists can be reduced and the impact will be kept at minimum.
10. Recognising the opportunities brought by the internet and the social network to counter radicalisation and terrorism, the Conference also took note of the risk of internet as an open source of information to disseminate and advocate radical and extremist ideas.
11. Bearing in mind that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations poses a threat to national and international security as well as to the world community, the use of a multi-stakeholder approach is very essential. In this regard, the conference took note the importance of the media in countering terrorism among others through disseminating information and educating larger audiences, in raising awareness of the threat of terrorism and delivering balanced message in order not to magnify and glorify the terrorist. The Conference also recognized that the media should also play their strategic role to support democracy, through openness, transparency, and inclusiveness. Furthermore, the Conference acknowledged that more cooperation is needed to address challenges of illegal content in the media.
12. The Conference acknowledged law enforcement, intelligence gathering, capacity building, information exchange, and best practices as well as lesson learned on an international level as indispensable in the fight against terrorism.
13. The results of this Conference will be presented to the next ASEM Summit, in Vientiane, Lao PDR on the 5-6 November 2012. The 10th ASEM Conference on Counter Terrorism will be held in Europe in 2012.

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