

2020 APEC COUNTER-TERRORISM ACTION PLAN

ECONOMY:	Thailand		
CALENDAR YEAR:	2020	LAST UPDATED:	2018

Objective: Where appropriate, to self-assess progress against APEC Leaders’ and Ministers’ counter-terrorism commitments, and to identify capacity building needs to assist the CTTF to identify priority areas for future cooperation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Summary of main achievements/progress in implementing Leaders’ and Ministers’ commitments since last update.

- **A.1 Protect Cargo:** On 4 July 2017, the Customs Department established the Customs Intelligence Centre (CIC) to function as the central unit in observing, examining, analysing customs intelligence and performing risk management by targeting customs frauds.
- **A.2 Protect Port Facilities:** On 3 July 2019, Bangkok Port jointly conducted an annual exercise with relevant security agencies to enhance response preparedness to the smuggling of dangerous substances mixed with general cargoes.
- **A.3 Protect International Aviation:** In February 2020, the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) received an audit from the ICAO Universal Security Audit Programme Continuous Monitoring Approach (USAP-CMA), which resulted in significant improvement of the Effective Implementation (EI) scores in many areas compared with the previous audit in 2017.
- **A.4 Protect People in Transit:** (1) CAAT has continuously enforced the Regulation of the Civil Aviation Board No.87 (in effect since 10 January 2012) regarding facilitation of advance passenger screening, which requires all airports operating international routes to establish an Advance Passenger Processing System (APPS) to collect passenger check-in data from aircraft operator and transmit to border control agencies. (2) In August 2019, the Immigration Bureau completed nationwide installation of the Biometrics and Facial Recognition Technology System at all airports, seaports and land border checkpoints. This System has enabled biometric data collection upon arrival and real-time personal identity verification vis-à-vis biometric data contained in passports. It has also significantly solved previous obstacles in identifying banned persons who changed name or nationality, imposters traveling with authentic passport, and apprehended persons whose passports are unavailable for inspection.
- **A.5 Combat Threat to Security:** On 1 February 2018, the Office of National Security Council (NSC) in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) launched the “Inter-Agency Collaboration for Effective Prevention of Terrorism Training Programme” aiming at providing trainings and raising awareness on improving terrorism preventive measures through collaborative synergy and application of international best practices for relevant security and law enforcement personnel. The Programme consisted of developing training manuals in Thai context, training the first batch trainers, and holding several roll-out sessions which were attended by local officials in major provinces such as Phuket,

Chiang Mai and Khon Kaen throughout 2018.

- **B. Halting Terrorist Financing:** At the end of 2019, the Anti-Money Laundering Office (AMLO) completed an assessment of Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) sector related to financing terrorism risks and produced recommendations on a risk-based approach to NPO regulation and supervision. The results of the assessment and recommendations were circulated to all Thai agencies concerned.
- **C. Promoting Cybersecurity:** During 2018 – 2019, the Electronic Transactions Development Agency (ETDA) organised cyber exercises with critical infrastructure sectors such as finance and health care. ETDA also trained 1,000 cybersecurity workforces.

2. *Summary of forward work program to implement Leaders' and Ministers' commitments.*

- **A.2 Protect Port Facilities:** Bangkok Port plans to install an integrated port access control and automated gate system by 2022.
- **A.5 Combat Threat to Security:** The Counter-Terrorism Operation Centre (CTOC) plans to participate in preparatory meetings of Experts' Working Group on Counter-Terrorism under ADMM-Plus in Saint Petersburg, Nay Pyi Taw, and Vladivostok in 2020, aiming at planning for Table-Top Exercise (TTX) and Field Training Exercise (FTX) to be conducted in November 2022.
- **B. Halting Terrorist Financing:** The MoU between AMLO and Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) of Bhutan is expected to be signed by 2020.
- **C. Promoting Cybersecurity:** The Office of National Committee on Cybersecurity is under the process of preparing subordinate legislations and other relevant cybersecurity measures as required by the Cybersecurity Act.

3. *Summary of capacity building needs and opportunities that would accelerate/strengthen the implementation of APEC Leaders' and Ministers' commitments by your economy and in the region.*

- **A.5 Combat Threat to Security:** Special Branch Bureau (SBB), Royal Thai Police needs training courses on various topics such as informant recruitment, suspect tracking, introduction of special or new technological investigative tools, counter intelligence operation, development of counter-terrorism standard operation procedure manuals, online open source intelligence gathering and analysis.
- **B. Halting Terrorist Financing:** AMLO requires a workshop or seminar in the areas of cypto-currency and financial investigation technique, strategic analysis of terrorist financing, and financial information sharing.

A. ENHANCING THE SECURE FLOW OF TRADE AND PEOPLE IN THE APEC REGION

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LEADERS' AND MINISTERS' COMMITMENTS

- Implement the APEC Framework for Secure Trade (2005).
- Implement the common standards for electronic customs reporting developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO) that provides data to target high-risk shipments and facilitate trade (2002).
- Implement as practicable as possible a container security regime that facilitates the smooth flow of trade while enhancing the integrity of containers (2002).
- Promote private-sector adoption of high standards of supply chain security, as developed by the private sector and law enforcement officials (2002).
- Continue cooperation between APEC member economies to facilitate trade recovery after a terrorist attack (2006, 2007, 2011).
- Work towards more consistent security measures that reduces transaction costs, and enhancing cooperation with the private sector (2007, 2011).
- Complete the APEC Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Best Practices Guidelines Document (2011)

- Continue work on the Trade Recovery Program to work toward an operational system for ensuring trade recovery and resilience across the region in the wake of natural disasters and other major disruptions, such as terrorist attacks. (2011)

MEASURES UNDERTAKEN SINCE LAST UPDATE TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS

Customs Department

- Standard Measures
 - Implements the National Single Window (NSW) to integrate import and export data required by government agencies to expedite customs release and clearance of goods while protecting legitimate trade and supply chain security.
 - Implements international standards, guidelines and best practices developed by the World Customs Organization, mainly the WCO SAFE Framework of Standards and the Authorised Economic Operator (AEO).
 - Promotes container security regime that facilitates smooth flow of international trade while enhancing customs regulatory control and supply chain security.
 - Follows Counter-Terrorism Guidelines of WCO Security Programme on Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and Dual-Use Items (DUI); Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW); and Programme Global Shield (PGS) to oversee and facilitate legitimate trade of precursor chemicals and dual-use materials which can be used to manufacture Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).
- Recently Adopted Measures
 - Established the Customs Intelligence Centre (CIC) to function as the central unit in observing, examining, analysing intelligence and performing risk management by targeting customs frauds (4 July 2017).
 - Since 2019, the Customs Department has developed and operated a freight tracking system called the ‘e-Lock System’ as to ensure secured conveyance of transit freight through Thailand’s land borders as well as to prevent smuggling of goods into Thailand via transit freight.
- Hosted a workshop on Strategic Trade Control Enforcement (STCE) for Thai and ASEAN Member States’ customs officials to equip knowledge in examining conventional weapons, WMDs and delivery systems (23 – 26 July 2019); and a national workshop on Programme Global Shield (PGS) to equip skills in intercepting precursor chemicals and DUI which may be illegally used to manufacture IEDs (28 October – 1 November 2019).
 - Has up-to-date accredited 382 companies in Thailand as Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) in compliance with international standards, guidelines and best practices developed by the WCO SAFE framework (as of May 2020).

THAI Airways International Public Company Limited (THAI)

- Strictly complies with Thailand’s National Civil Aviation Security Programme (NCASP), National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme (NCASTP) and National Aviation Security Quality Control Programme (NASQCP).
- Has been validated and re-certified as an RA3 by the members of the European Union allowing THAI to be eligible to carry cargoes and mails into the European Union’s member states.
- All THAI cargo screener officials are trained and approved by the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT).

Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT)

- Enacted the Regulation of the Civil Aviation Board: No.93 on Security of Cargo and Air Mail (RCAB No.93, in effect from 10 September 2015) which established a regulatory and certifying regime to ensure that all cargo operators in Thailand implement security measures in compliance with the National Civil Aviation Security Programme (NSASP) as well as the Annexes 17 and 18 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation on "Safeguarding International Civil Aviation Against Acts of Unlawful Interference" and "Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air" respectively.
- Has consistently conducted quality control activities (audit, inspection and test) to the cargo operators such as BFS, Triple I or THAI.

FURTHER MEASURES PLANNED TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS (indicate timeframe)

Customs Department

- Continuously strengthen collaboration with law enforcement and security agencies in border security so as to counter terrorism and transnational organised crime through WCO Security Programme both at national and regional levels (no specific timeframe).

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LEADERS' AND MINISTERS' COMMITMENTS

- Review ship and port facility security plans; automatic identification systems (AIS) installed on certain ships (2004).
- Support international efforts to fight piracy (2002, 2008).
- Support the implementation of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (2004).
- Cooperate with APEC **member economies** on training to enhance ship and port security in the region (2002).
- Cooperate with the International Maritime Organisation on its efforts to undertake an analysis of small boats as potential threats to maritime security (2009).
- Enhance ability to identify, assess, and share information on threats to transportation facilities, vehicles, people and cargo, to prevent and combat acts of unlawful interference (2011)

MEASURES UNDERTAKEN SINCE LAST UPDATE TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS

Maritime Department

- Since 2004, the Marine Department has been continuously implementing the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 and its amendment on the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code 2002, including conducting port security assessment, appraising and approving ship and port's security plan.
- Obliges all ships of 300 gross tonnages and upwards to install the Automatic Identification System (AIS) and the Long-Range Identification

Tracking (LRIT).

- Issued an order in November 2019 obliging operators of all passenger and cargo ports to install CCTV cameras at the docking precincts and to link CCTV data to respective regional branch offices of the Department to ensure safety and security of port areas and to monitor all arriving and departing vessels' compliance with regulations.

Bangkok Port

- Has updated its security plan for 2020 to comply with the International Ship and Port Security Facility Code (IPSP Code).
- Organised a training on threat response and intervention against unauthorised vessel (22 March 2019).
- Organised a threat response training on smuggling of conventional weapons, weapons of mass destruction (WMD), and pertaining equipment (21 June 2019).
- Jointly conducted an annual exercise with relevant security agencies to enhance response preparedness to the smuggling of dangerous substances mixed with general cargoes (3 July 2019).

Royal Thai Navy

- Continues to enhance reconnaissance and surveillance capabilities of navy ships and aircrafts. Regularly organises trainings for navy intelligence officers in collaboration with domestic and foreign partners.
- Conducted joint maritime patrol with neighbouring countries such as India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam. Participated in regional maritime exercises to enhance personnel's capacities in preventing and countering maritime terrorism such as ASEAN-China Maritime Exercise (October 2018) and ASEAN-US Maritime Exercise (September 2019).
- Seconded liaison/operational officers to (1) the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC) in Singapore, (2) the Maritime Security Information Fusion Centre (IFC) at Singaporean Navy, and (3) the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) in Bahrain.

Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT)

- Developed, implemented and maintained the National Civil Aviation Security Programme (NCASP), the National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme (NCASTP) and the National Civil Aviation Security Quality Control Programme (NCASQCP).
- Has continuously updated the NCASP's provisions concerning aviation security measures in accordance with the latest amendment of Annex 17 of the Convention of Civil Aviation's Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) such as explosives and explosive devices screening measures, personnel background check and cyber security.
- Has consistently conducted quality control activities (audit, inspection and test) to the aviation security operators such as Airport of Thailand (AOT), Department of Airport (DOA) or Thai Airways.
- In February 2020, CAAT received an audit from the ICAO Universal Security Audit Programme Continuous Monitoring Approach (USAP-CMA), which resulted in significant improvement of the Effective Implementation (EI) scores in many areas compared with the previous audit in 2017.

FURTHER MEASURES PLANNED TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS (indicate timeframe)

Bangkok Port

- Will install CCTV cameras covering all areas within Bangkok Port by 2021 in compliance with the Marine Department's order (November 2019).
- Plans to install an integrated port access control and automated gate system by 2022.

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LEADERS' AND MINISTERS' COMMITMENTS

- Introduce highly effective baggage screening procedures and equipment in all APEC international airports as soon as possible; and accelerate implementation of standards for reinforced flight deck doors for passenger aircraft wherever possible (2002).
- Support International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) [mandatory aviation security audits](#) (2002, 2009).
- Enhance air cargo security by promoting adoption of the guidelines developed by the [ICAO](#) (2002).
- Examine emerging approaches to air cargo security; share information on efficient screening technologies and training; and harmonise aviation security measures (2009).
- Adopt strict domestic export controls on Man-Portable Air Defense Systems (MANPADS); secure stockpiles; regulate production, transfer, and brokering; ban transfers to non-state end-users; and exchange information in support of these efforts (2003).
- APEC economies which did not do so before 2007 to conduct one MANPADS' assessment of a major international airport using the MANPADS' Vulnerability Assessment (MVA) guide established by the ICAO or similar international guidelines (2005).
- Work towards continuous improvement of aviation security oversight and quality control (2009).
- Implement effective capacity building programs for air cargo and air traveller protection, which help develop institutions and mobilize expertise and resources efficiently (2010).

MEASURES UNDERTAKEN SINCE LAST UPDATE TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS

Thai Airways International Public Company Limited (THAI)

- Regularly participated in several aviation security meetings such as the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA), the National Aviation Security Committee and the Airport Security Committee.
- Has provided aviation security training to all staff biannually to ensure sufficient awareness of duties and responsibilities in respect of aviation security procedures, which contributes to effective prevention of unlawful interference.
 - Implements security audit, inspection, survey, test and exercise to ensure compliance and effective implementation of required standards.
 - Has successfully passed an audit of IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) as well as the Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP) of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

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LEADERS' AND MINISTERS' COMMITMENTS

- Implement as expeditiously as possible an Advance Passenger Information system for the collection and transmission of advance passenger information (2002).
- Consider joining the Regional Movement Alert System (RMAS) (2006).
- Adopt and implement agreed standards for machine readable travel documents, and application of biometrics in entry and (where applicable) exit procedures and travel documents consistent with ICAO and the International Standards Organization (2002).
- Assure the highest possible integrity of all government officials who are involved in border operations (2002).
- Develop a standardized strategic safety and security master plan for tourists, a crisis management model, and promote the development by industry of simple-to-use safety and security measures for tourism businesses (2002).
- Voluntarily provide information on lost and stolen travel documents to the existing database of the International Criminal and Police Organization (ICPO-Interpol) on a best endeavours basis (2005).
- Implement APEC Travel Facilitation Initiative to facilitate regional international travel, while ensuring the security of the overall travel system. (2011)

MEASURES UNDERTAKEN SINCE LAST UPDATE TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS

Thai Airways International Public Company Limited (THAI)

- Has been implementing security measures for transit flights and submitting Advance Passenger Information (API)/Advance Passenger Processing (APP) to countries upon their requirements.

Immigration Bureau

- Completed nationwide installation of the Biometrics and Facial Recognition Technology System at all airports, seaports and land border checkpoints (August 2019). This System has enabled biometric data collection upon arrival and real-time personal identity verification vis-à-vis biometric data contained in passports. It has also significantly solved previous obstacles in identifying banned persons who changed name or nationality, imposters traveling with authentic passport, and apprehended persons whose passports are unavailable for inspection.
- Participated in no less than 25 workshops, seminars and trainings on counter-terrorism, transnational organised crime, people smuggling investigation, border control and management, which were organised by international partners such as the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Bangkok sponsored by the United States' government, the Australian Embassy, and the Embassy of People's Republic of China (during January 2019-May 2020).

Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT)

- Enacted the Regulation of the Civil Aviation Board No.87 (in effect since 10 January 2012) regarding facilitation of advance passenger screening, which requires all airports operating international routes to establish an Advance Passenger Processing System (APPS) to collect passenger check-in data from aircraft operator and transmit to border control agencies.

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LEADERS' AND MINISTERS' COMMITMENTS

- Enhance coordinating counter-terrorism activities, where appropriate, through effective collaboration, technical assistance and capacity building, and cooperation between APCE's Counter – Terrorism Task Force with relevant international, regional and functional organizations (2003) in accordance with the relevant APEC rules and practice.
- Eliminate the severe and growing danger posed by the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery by strengthened non-proliferation regimes and adopting and enforcing effective export controls (2003,2004,2005,2006) as well as take appropriate individual and joint actions to protect legitimate financial and commercial system from abuse (2006).
- Review progress on commitments to dismantle trans-national terrorist groups (2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008).
- Relevant economies to take steps towards the ratification and implementation of, or the commitment to ratify all basic universal antiterrorist conventions (2004,2008).
- Ensure that any measures taken to combat terrorism comply with all relevant obligations under international law, in particular international human rights, refugee and Humanitarian law (2005).

- Relevant economies to implement the International Atomic Energy Agency Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources as well as the Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources (2005).
- Continue efforts and cooperation on food defense to mitigate the terrorist threat to the food supply following the voluntary APEC Food Defense Principles (2007).
- Implement the APEC Consolidated Counter-Terrorism and Secure Trade Strategy to make regional commerce and travel more secure, efficient, and resilient (2011).

MEASURES UNDERTAKEN SINCE LAST UPDATE TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS

Thai Airways International Public Company Limited (THAI)

- Has strictly followed the Security Programme Manual (SPM) approved by the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) as an operational standard. The SPM is revised annually to ensure up-to-date requirements.
- Has set up a Contingency Plan and Emergency Plan which are reviewed 1-2 times a year.
- Provides supports and attends counter-terrorism exercises with Airport of Thailand (AOT) and relevant government agencies.

Office of National Security Council (NSC)

- National Engagements: (1) Collaborated with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in launching the “Inter-Agency Collaboration for Effective Prevention of Terrorism Training Programme” (1 February 2018, Bangkok) aiming at providing trainings and raising awareness on improving terrorism preventive measures through collaborative synergy and application of international best practices for relevant security and law enforcement personnel. The Programme consisted of developing training manuals in Thai context, training the first batch trainers, and holding several roll-out sessions which were attended by local officials in major provinces such as Phuket, Chiang Mai and Khon Kaen throughout 2018. (2) Co-organised a Crisis Management Exercise Training Programme with the Counter-Terrorism Operations Centre (CTOC) (14 March 2019, Bangkok).

- Bilateral Engagements: In furtherance of cooperation on counter-terrorism and transnational organised crime, NSC paid an exchange visit at executive level to Japan’s counter-terrorism agencies (December 2018, Tokyo), and attended security issues consultations with Australia (August 2019, Canberra) and India (December 2019, New Delhi).

- Multilateral Engagements: NSC attended/hosted several important meetings such as: (1) UN – NSC Secretary-General attended the “UN High-Level Conference of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States” (28-29 June 2018, New York) to share Thailand’s views and recommendations in stemming the flow of Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs); (2) ASEAN – participated in the “ASEAN Cross-Sectoral and Cross-Pillar Meeting to Develop the Work Plan of the ASEAN Plan of Action to Prevent and Counter the Rise of Radicalisation and Violent Extremism (ASEAN PoA PCRVE) for 2018-2025” (4-5 April 2019, Bali); and (3) BIMSTEC – hosted the Third Annual Meeting of the BIMSTEC National Security Chiefs (21 March 2019, Bangkok).

Counter-Terrorism Operations Centre (CTOC)

- Has continuously strengthened counter-terrorism cooperation at bilateral level with Indonesia, China, Australia and the United States, and at

multilateral level by participating in the Experts' Working Group on Counter-Terrorism under the framework of ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting with Dialogue Partners (ADMM-Plus).

Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT)

- Conducted civil aviation risk assessment through an inter-agency sub-committee established by the National Civil Aviation Security Committee (NCASC) comprising relevant government agencies such as the National Intelligence Agency, the Counter Terrorism Operation Centre, the Office of National Security Council, the Royal Thai Police, etc. in order to regularly publish an assessment on current threat in civil aviation and raise awareness to all aviation security operators.

Special Branch Bureau (SBB), Royal Thai Police

- Has continuously exchanged intelligence and coordinated with partner countries on monitoring, issuance and receipt of warnings with regards to movements of terrorist groups and transnational organised crimes.

- Attended seminars, workshops, conferences and meetings on counter-terrorism, counter violent extremism, investigation management, reintegration and rehabilitation, online extremism and related matters in Canada, United States, South Korea, Singapore, Japan, China, Australia, Indonesia and Malaysia.

- Organised training courses for SBB personals on intelligence gathering for counter-terrorism, enhancing security protection for targets vulnerable to terrorist attacks, suspect tracking, and informant selection (the last course was conducted by French and Israeli experts).

FURTHER MEASURES PLANNED TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS (indicate timeframe)

Office of National Security Council (NSC)

- Organise activities to enhance Thailand's capacity to protect critical infrastructure and soft targets from terrorist attacks in 2020.
- Exchange visits at executive level with Australia's counter-terrorism agencies in 2021.

Counter-Terrorism Operations Centre (CTOC)

- Co-organise bilateral counter-terrorism exercise trainings with the United States under codenames 'Tempest Wind 2020' and 'Balance Torch' in July and August 2020 respectively.
- Participate in the 11th and 12th meetings of Experts' Working Group on Counter-Terrorism under ADMM-Plus in Moscow and Nay Pyi Taw in July and December 2020 respectively.
- Participate in preparatory meetings of Experts' Working Group on Counter-Terrorism under ADMM-Plus in Saint Petersburg, Nay Pyi Taw, and Vladivostok in 2020, aiming at planning for Table-Top Exercise (TTX) and Field Training Exercise (FTX) to be conducted in November 2022.

Special Branch Bureau (SBB), Royal Thai Police

- Add a new category of persons under surveillance for potential international terrorism threat into the immigration screening system in order to strengthen intelligence gathering capability by September 2020.
- Participate in intelligence meetings and conferences with member economies throughout 2020.

WHAT SPECIFIC CAPACITY BUILDING NEEDS DOES YOUR ECONOMY HAVE THAT HINDER YOUR ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS, AND WHAT CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES COULD BE PROVIDED THROUGH APEC TO ADDRESS THESE NEEDS? PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE REGARDING THE TYPES OF CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD BENEFIT YOUR ECONOMY (E.G., SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, INFORMATION SHARING, BEST PRACTICES, SPECIALIZED TRAINING, ETC.)

Special Branch Bureau (SBB), Royal Thai Police

- Needs training courses on various topics such as informant recruitment, suspect tracking, introduction of special or new technological investigative tools, counter intelligence operation, development of counter-terrorism standard operation procedure manuals, online open source intelligence gathering and analysis.

WHAT KIND OF EXPERTISE AND/OR ASSISTANCE COULD YOUR ECONOMY PROVIDE TO OTHER APEC MEMBERS THAT COULD HELP ADDRESS THEIR CAPACITY BUILDING NEEDS? PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE REGARDING THE TYPES OF CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES THAT YOUR ECONOMY COULD PROVIDE (E.G., SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, INFORMATION SHARING, BEST PRACTICES, SPECIALIZED TRAINING, ETC.)

Special Branch Bureau (SBB), Royal Thai Police

- Sharing experiences and best practices derived from hosting conferences during Thailand's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2019 on security protection of delegate's accommodation/conference venue and tactical driving skills for VIP's vehicle.

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LEADERS' AND MINISTERS' COMMITMENTS

- Cut off terrorists' access to the international financial and commercial system, including by implementing standards and agreements on combating terrorist financing and money laundering (2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009).
- Enhance law enforcement and regulatory capabilities by establishing or identifying a financial intelligence unit (FIU) in each member economy, and enhancing information sharing with other FIUs (2002).
- Relevant economies to implement UN and other international instruments (2002).
- Implement, where applicable, the FATF's Special Recommendations on terrorist financing, including those relating to non-profit organizations, alternative remittance systems and illicit cash couriers (2002, 2008).

MEASURES UNDERTAKEN SINCE LAST UPDATE TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS

Anti-Money Laundering Office

- Has up-to-date signed MoUs on the Exchange of Financial Intelligence relating to money laundering with 54 agencies in 50 countries (as of May 2020).
- On 31 December 2016, Thailand enacted the "Counter Terrorism and Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction Financing Act (CTPF Act)", which included the financing for proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (PF), in addition to the financing of terrorism (TF), as a predicate offence prosecutable by the Anti-Money Laundering Act. Until now, the CTPF Act has been enforced only against persons or entities designated by the UN or so-called UN List as there has been no domestic designation for PF offence yet. Since the enactment, AMLO has frozen the assets of designated persons of which the value was estimated at THB 2,600,000 (approximately equivalent to USD 83,000) in total.
 - AMLO has been regularly designating domestic persons in accordance with the UNSCR 1373. Thailand's TF domestic list now includes 102 persons and being shared with member states of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar and Sri Lanka) and Malaysia.
 - At the end of 2019, AMLO completed an assessment of Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) sector related to financing terrorism risks and produced recommendations on a risk-based approach to NPO regulation and supervision. The results of the assessment and recommendations were circulated to all Thai agencies concerned.

FURTHER MEASURES PLANNED TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS (indicate timeframe)

- The MoU between AMLO and Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) of Bhutan is expected to be signed by 2020.
- AMLO to Organise a Workshop on Human Resources Development and Capacity Building on AML/CFT for BIMSTEC member states in Bangkok by the end of 2020.

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE APEC CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOUR ECONOMY PARTICIPATED DURING THE LAST YEAR. WHAT BENEFITS DID YOUR ECONOMY DERIVE FROM THESE ACTIVITIES? WHAT FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES WOULD BE USEFUL?

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs as focal point for Thailand CTWG has conveyed invitation for AMLO to participate in relevant APEC activities. The last APEC activity attended by AMLO was the “Halting Terrorist Financing: APEC Workshop on Targeted Financial Sanctions Regime” held in November 2017 in Santiago, Chile, which aimed to enhance understanding of the scope and components of the targeted financial sanctions regime and strengthen capacity of APEC member economies to implement sanctions and prevent terrorists’ access to the financial system.

WHAT SPECIFIC CAPACITY BUILDING NEEDS DOES YOUR ECONOMY HAVE THAT HINDER YOUR ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS, AND WHAT CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES COULD BE PROVIDED THROUGH APEC TO ADDRESS THESE NEEDS? PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE REGARDING THE TYPES OF CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD BENEFIT YOUR ECONOMY (E.G., SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, INFORMATION SHARING, BEST PRACTICES, SPECIALIZED TRAINING, ETC.)

- AMLO requires a workshop or seminar in the areas of cypto-currency and financial investigation technique, strategic analysis of terrorist financing, and financial information sharing.

WHAT KIND OF EXPERTISE AND/OR ASSISTANCE COULD YOUR ECONOMY PROVIDE TO OTHER APEC MEMBERS THAT COULD HELP ADDRESS THEIR CAPACITY BUILDING NEEDS? PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE REGARDING THE TYPES OF CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES THAT YOUR ECONOMY COULD PROVIDE (E.G., SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, INFORMATION SHARING, BEST PRACTICES, SPECIALIZED TRAINING, ETC.)

- AMLO, as lead shepherd of BIMSTEC Subgroup on AML/CFT, has cooperated with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in organising the Workshop on Human Resources Development and Capacity Building on AML/CFT for BIMSTEC member countries every year.
- AMLO requires 2 years in advance to obtain budget approval for any capacity-building activities and the allocated amount was usually limited. However, if external sponsorships from other APEC member economies were available, AMLO could consider partaking in or co-organising APEC workshops or seminars.
- AMLO, as member of EGMONT group and the ASEAN regional risk assessment on TF under the Financial Intelligence Consultative Group (FICG), stands ready to share financial intelligence matters with other members of each group.

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LEADERS' AND MINISTERS' COMMITMENTS

- Counter terrorism by implementing and enhancing critical information infrastructure protection and cyber security to ensure a trusted, secure and sustainable online environment (2002).
- Enhance mutual cooperation on countering malicious online activities and engaging in efforts to increase cybersecurity awareness (2010).

MEASURES UNDERTAKEN SINCE LAST UPDATE TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS

Thai Airways International Public Company Limited (THAI)

- Cyber security awareness has been promoted throughout the organization via company intranet.
- Attended cyber security workshops and seminars and works closely with the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) and the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) to develop industry-specific cyber security standards.
- Implements THAI's Cyber Security Plan in compliance with the Ministry of Transport's standards.

Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (MDES)

- During 2017 – 2019, Thailand enacted a set of digital laws in view of developing safe and secured digital economy and sustainable development such as the Computer Crime Act (Amendment), the Cybersecurity Act and the Personal Data Protection Act.
- The Cyber Security Operation Centre (CSOC) under MDES has been working closely with Thailand Computer Emergency Response Team

(ThaiCERT) and the Royal Thai Police to combat cyber threats and cybercrimes.

- During 2018 – 2019, the Electronic Transactions Development Agency (ETDA), a public organization under MDES, organised cyber exercises with critical infrastructure sectors such as finance and health care. ETDA also trained 1,000 cybersecurity workforces.
 - In February 2019, MDES completed an APEC Telecommunications and Information Working Group (TELWG) project titled “APEC Framework for Securing the Digital Economy” providing strategic recommendations to member economies for developing policy and regulatory frameworks to secure and protect their digital economies from cyber-related threats including exploitation by terrorist groups.
 - In November 2019, MDES set up Anti-Fake News Centre to mitigate adverse effects from the dissemination of false information. Once false information is detected, the Centre will coordinate with relevant agencies to produce and disseminate an accurate clarification of the same subject.
- Office of National Security Council (NSC)
- Participated in the 3rd and 4th “Study Group on Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) to Reduce the Risk of Conflict Stemming from the Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)” under ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-sessional Meeting on Security of and in the Use of ICTs (ARF ISM on ICTs) on 29 January 2019 and 26-29 March 2019 in Singapore.
 - Participated in several regional workshops focusing on enhancing ARF member states’ capacity to prevent and investigate cyber-attacks by terrorists on 3-6 September 2019 in Japan and on developing cyber norms for state on 27-28 November 2019 in Vietnam.

FURTHER MEASURES PLANNED TO IMPLEMENT COMMITMENTS (indicate timeframe)

Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (MDES)

- The Cybersecurity Act prescribes the establishment of the Office of National Committee on Cybersecurity by May 2020 to focus on protecting critical information infrastructure, monitoring cyber threats and alerting entities concerned, and coordinate incident response. The Office of National Committee on Cybersecurity will then prepare subordinate legislations and other relevant cybersecurity measures as required by the Cybersecurity Act.
- Office of National Security Council (NSC)
- Organise activities to enhance Thailand’s capacity to protect critical information infrastructure and soft targets from cyber-attacks.

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- MDES participated in two workshops under the auspice of APEC TELWG namely 1) Workshop on Public-Private Dialogue on Status, Trends, Opportunities and Threats of Social Network (October 2018, Taipei), and 2) Multi-Stakeholder Regional Workshop on Social Network and Digital Platform Governance (February 2019, Bangkok). These workshops brought together public and private sectors including NGOs and academia with a view to examining threats and updating trends of social network which were formulated into policy recommendations and best practices on social network governance for member economies to further develop their own policies.

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- In August 2019, MDES provided a speaker to share the development of the APEC Framework for Securing the Digital Economy at the APEC SCSC Workshop: Facilitating Trade through Adherence to Globally – Recognised Cybersecurity Standards and Best Practices, organised by the United States in Chile.
- ThaiCERT stands ready to share cybersecurity threat information and provide good practices and recommendations to interested parties. For further information about the services ThaiCERT currently offers, please visit www.thaicert.or.th/contact-en.html

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