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NEW FORUM FOR ASEAN PROSECUTORS / ATTORNEYS GENERAL ESTABLISHED

On 15 September 2025, Attorney-General Lucien Wong joined 9 other Prosecutors- and Attorneys-General of ASEAN Member States to sign the Declaration on the Establishment of the Prosecutors / Attorneys General Meeting ("APAGM") in Bali, Indonesia.



Figure 1: Prosecutors- and Attorneys-General of ASEAN Member States after signing the Sanur Bali Declaration to establish the new ASEAN Prosecutors / Attorneys General Meeting

- The APAGM is intended to enhance cooperation on prosecution and other related matters within ASEAN. It will facilitate coordination on prosecution cases, promote capacity building and information sharing, and enable more professional exchanges among the prosecution agencies of ASEAN Member States. The Joint Declaration and Terms of Reference of the APAGM is appended in the **Annex**.
- 3 Attorney-General Lucien Wong said: "Improvements in digital technologies and a more interconnected financial system has also resulted in transnational criminal activity increasing significantly. It is essential for prosecution authorities of ASEAN member states to work together and enhance our mutual capabilities to tackle these challenges. Singapore is committed to

work with our ASEAN partners to tackle transnational crimes and uphold the rule of law."

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RECOGNISING the need for an institutionalised structure within ASEAN for the ASEAN prosecutors to coordinate with and support all ASEAN Organs in advancing ASEAN Community-building agenda pursuant to the purposes and principles enshrined in the ASEAN Charter;

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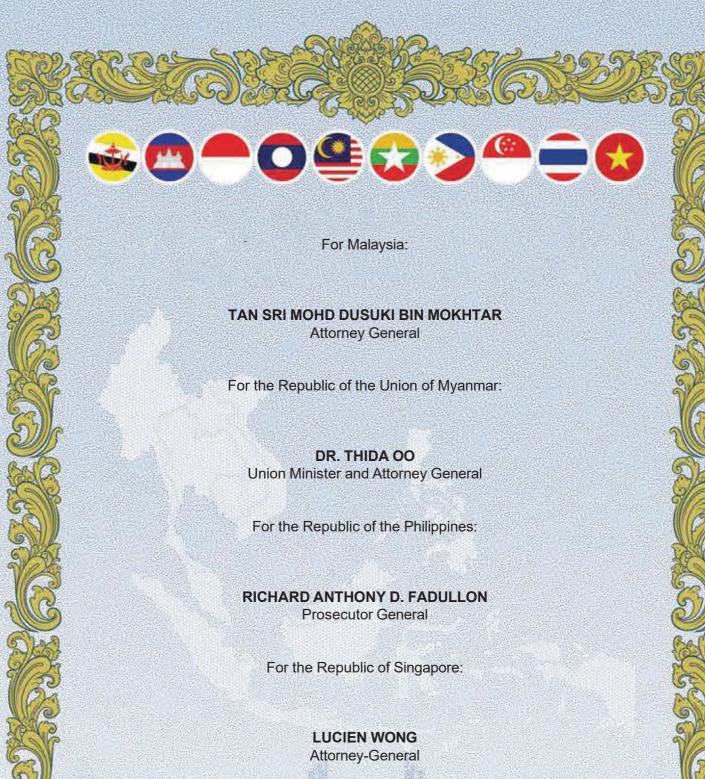
1. **ESTABLISH** the ASEAN Prosecutors/Attorneys General Meeting (APAGM) as an ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Body to be listed in Annex 1 of the ASEAN Charter to carry out the role and mandate as provided for in its Terms of Reference hereby adopted and attached to this Declaration; and



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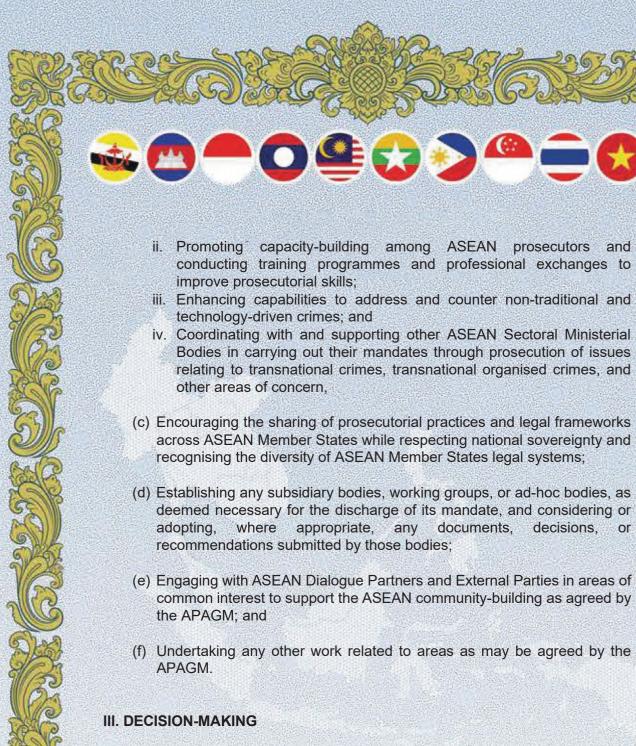
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 The APAGM is established as an ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Body and listed under Annex 1 of the ASEAN Charter and supported by its Senior Officials and subsidiary bodies.

II. OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS

- 3. The APAGM is responsible for ASEAN cooperation in the area of prosecution and other related matters as follows:
 - (a) Developing strategies, initiatives, programmes, and activities to support prosecution cooperation among ASEAN Member States, as well as facilitating prosecution coordination if permitted by the domestic laws of the respective ASEAN Member States;
 - (b) Strengthening cooperation in support of ASEAN integration and community-building efforts, as well as the relations among the prosecutors in the region, including through:
 - Supporting international legal cooperation in the areas of prosecution and other areas of cooperation as deemed necessary within the mandates of the APAGM:



4. Decision-making in APAGM and its subsidiary bodies shall be based on consultation and consensus among all APAGM Members.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

 The APAGM shall consist of the Prosecutors and/or Attorneys General of ASEAN Member States who shall serve as the supreme decision-making body to oversee implementation and evaluate its objectives and functions.

