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4TH ASIA MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON TIGER CONSERVATION 19 - 21 JANUARY 2022, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

Malaysia successfully hosted the 4th Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation (AMC4) between the 19th to 21st January 2022. AMC4 saw the participation of Ministers and Senior Officers from Tiger Range Countries (TRCs). The aim of AMC4 was to deliberate progress made by the TRCs toward strengthening the conservation of wild tigers, their prey species and habitats. AMC4 also served as a platform to reiterate countries' future commitments towards this critically endangered species.

AMC4 was jointly organized by the Malaysian Government and Global Tiger Forum (GTF) with the support of local and international partners. More than 300 participants consist of Ministers, Senior Government Officials, local and international NGOs and the private sectors took part in the conference that lasted for three days.

The final day of AMC4 culminated with a Ministerial Meeting of TRCs, chaired by The Honourable Datuk Ali Biju, Deputy Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Malaysia, and inaugurated by The Right Honourable Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri bin Yaakob, Prime Minister of Malaysia. At the meeting, the TRCs Ministers collectively adopted several important actions to ensure the recovery of wild tiger populations within their historical range.

At AMC4, Ministers of the TRCs also adopted the Kuala Lumpur Joint Statement on Tiger Conservation which emphasized joint commitments towards tiger conservation. The Statement reiterated that the TRCs, being custodians of the last remaining tigers in the wild, have a common goal of stabilising and strengthening wild tiger populations and their prey across their historical ranges. This joint statement brought about

renewed impetus to achieve this goal. The Kuala Lumpur Joint Statement on Tiger Conservation is in **Annex 1**.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia in his inauguration speech, highlighted the need to adopt the South East Asia Tiger Recovery Action Plan (STRAP). STRAP will provide South East Asia a means to set realistic and actionable targets for tiger recovery. He also highlighted Malaysia's urgent actions to protect and conserve Malaysia's endemic Malayan Tiger.

The TRCs and partners attending the conference acknowledged and appreciated the Malaysian Government's efforts, through the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources Malaysia, especially for taking leadership in hosting this conference following a series of preparatory meetings conducted since 2019.

The Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Malaysia on behalf of the Government of Malaysia appreciates the collaboration by co-organisers Global Tiger Forum (GTF) and other local and international partners for their support in organizing AMC4.

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GLOBAL TIGER FORUM**

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KL JOINT STATEMENT ON TIGER CONSERVATION

Wild tiger remains endangered across Tiger Range Countries of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Kingdom of Bhutan, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of India, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Nepal, the Russian Federation, the Kingdom of Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The Tiger Range Countries, being custodians of the last remaining tigers in the wild, having deliberated at the 4th Asia Ministerial Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 19th to 21st January 2022, with the common goal of stabilising wild tiger population and its prey, as well as strengthening the conservation efforts addressing new issues within Tiger Range Countries. A renewed impetus is required to achieve the goal.

Therefore,

Drawing inspiration and reconfirming the principles and actions of the Hua Hin Declaration on Tiger Conservation (2010), the St. Petersburg Declaration on Tiger Conservation (2010), the Thimphu Affirmative Nine-Point Action Agenda (2012), the Dhaka Recommendations (2014), and the New Delhi Resolution on Tiger Conservation (2016) – we renew our collective pledge to ensure the conservation of tigers in the wild and their habitats.

Inspired by Malaysia's "extraordinary actions to save the tiger" and to reaffirm these actions at the Tiger Summit in 2022. These include strengthening enforcement, ground patrols, conservation of core habitats, ex-situ conservation programmes and establishment of the National Tiger Conservation Task Force (MyTTF) chaired by the Prime Minister.

We **ACKNOWLEDGE** with appreciation and welcome the invitation of the President of the Russian Federation to host the Second International Forum on Tiger Conservation in Vladivostok on September 5, 2022 (the "Tiger Summit 2022").

We **RECOGNISE** the perilous state of tigers in Tiger Range Countries in South East Asia with breeding tiger populations having been lost from at least three countries during the 21st Century. As such, we commit to support the implementation of actions within the South East Asia Tiger Recovery Action Plan (STRAP) based on agreed priorities to recover and strengthen tiger population in potential tiger habitats within South East Asia.

We, the representatives of the Tiger Range Countries, **RESOLVE** to:

1. **Ensure protection and prevent** the degradation of tiger **habitat as well as their ecological linkages,**
2. **Mainstream ecological corridors** into land-use policies, including smart green infrastructure in tiger landscapes,
3. **Undertake regular country-level monitoring and assessment of** wild tiger, prey, and habitat,
4. **Strengthen enforcement capacity using appropriate and standard technology for continuous and systematic patrolling** to safeguard tiger, prey, and habitat,
5. **Formalise the collaboration and sharing of intelligence information among law enforcement agencies** for strengthening enforcement to combat poaching and trafficking of wildlife,
6. **Promote and strengthen community stewardship and Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA)** by involving Indigenous Peoples and/ or Local Communities (IPLC), and Civil Society to ensure their support in tiger conservation,
7. **Address emerging human-wildlife interface issues,**
8. **Assess financial gaps and leverage various source of funding** including government/sovereign funding and complementary financing from donor agencies to achieve sustainable resources for tiger conservation,
9. **Calling on international organizations** to continue providing financial and technical support to countries in tiger conservation,
10. **Enhance knowledge sharing in order to monitor, mitigate and control diseases affecting tiger and prey,**

11. Recognize the critical role of wild tiger conservation in the global **climate change and biodiversity conservation** agenda,
12. **Support the implementation of South East Asia Tiger Recovery Action Plan (STRAP)** based on agreed priorities to recover tiger population and strengthen tiger conservation in potential tiger habitats,
13. **Strengthen capacity development for all stakeholders**, including the increased use of appropriate technology to improve management effectiveness, create a platform for interactive knowledge exchange at all levels, and
14. **Enhance transboundary and bilateral cooperation for tiger conservation.**

We also **RESOLVE** that the Tiger Summit 2022 serve as a top-level leadership platform for all Tiger Range Countries to review the national and international results of the Global Tiger Recovery Program (2010-2022) adopted by Heads of Governments in 2010 in St. Petersburg and endorse new long-term targets and commitments in tiger conservation on the basis of such review

We **REQUEST** the Global Tiger Forum and the Global Tiger Initiative Council, in close coordination with the Russian Federation, to set up a joint mechanism and work plan for the preparation of the Tiger Summit 2022 that will enable and facilitate the required inputs of all Tiger Range Countries, with support of other partner organizations of the Global Tiger Recovery Program as appropriate.

We **ACKNOWLEDGE** and **APPRECIATE** the contribution of different partners for the implementation of Global Tiger Recovery Programme (GTRP) and the national tiger action plans, we urge the Global Tiger Forum (GTF), the Global Tiger Initiative Council (GTIC) to continue their efforts towards achievement of the KL Joint Statement.
