



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE SECRETARIAT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS
(ASEAN SECRETARIAT)**

AND

**THE SECRETARIAT OF THE SHANGHAI
COOPERATION ORGANIZATION
(SCO SECRETARIAT)**

The Secretariat of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, hereinafter referred to as "the ASEAN Secretariat", represented by the Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations,

of the one part

and

The Secretariat of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, hereinafter referred to as "the SCO Secretariat", represented by the Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization,

of the other part

AGREEING to take immediate measures for more effective cooperation and collaboration between the two Secretariats in the various fields;

CONFIRMING the functions of ASEAN and SCO as set out in the Bangkok Declaration of 1967 and the Charter of the SCO of 2002, respectively;

RECOGNISING that this Memorandum of Understanding shall not be legally binding under international law;

have reached the following understanding:

I. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The ASEAN Secretariat and the SCO Secretariat shall initially cooperate in the following:

a. Priority Areas:

Transnational crime:

- (a) Counter terrorism;
- (b) Drugs and narcotics control;
- (c) Arms smuggling;
- (d) Money laundering; and
- (e) Trafficking in persons.

b. Other Areas:

- (a) Economic and financial cooperation;
- (b) Tourism;
- (c) Environment and natural resources management;
- (d) Social development; and
- (e) Energy cooperation, especially hydroelectric power and bio-fuels.

II. METHODS OF COOPERATION

1. The ASEAN Secretariat and the SCO Secretariat shall cooperate by exchanging information and best practices on issues of mutual interest to their respective organisation's work priorities.
2. To enable a more effective and mutually beneficial cooperation, the ASEAN Secretariat and the SCO Secretariat agree to undertake yearly consultations, preferably on the sidelines of or back-to-back with existing meetings.
3. Any further specific technical and sectoral cooperation shall be accommodated by supplementary Exchange of Letters between the two Secretariats as mutually agreed upon.

III. FINAL PROVISION

1. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by written consent of both Secretariats.
2. The ASEAN Secretariat and the SCO Secretariat shall implement this Memorandum of Understanding in conformity with their respective regulations, rules and administrative practices.

Done at **Jakarta**, on **21** of **April** 2005, in duplicate in the English, Russian and Chinese languages. In case of discrepancy in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.