



**JOINT DECLARATION ON MARITIME COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

The Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia (hereinafter as “the Governments”) aspiring to a peaceful, secure and stable maritime domain in which people, commerce and the environment can flourish make the following joint declaration.

Noting:

1. the principles enshrined in the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership, signed on 4 April 2005 and the Agreement on the Framework for Security Cooperation (Lombok Treaty), signed in Lombok on 13 November 2006, including its Plan of Action;
2. the importance of maritime trade and the blue economy to our collective prosperity;
3. our shared interest in developing maritime connectivity; and
4. the strength of our ongoing maritime cooperation.

Reaffirming:

1. our commitment to unimpeded lawful commerce, freedom of navigation and overflight and sustainable use of living marine resources in accordance with international law;

2. our commitment to maintaining and promoting peace, security and stability in the region, full respect for legal and diplomatic processes, and to the peaceful resolution of maritime disputes in accordance with international law, including the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea; and
3. our commitment to addressing the challenges posed by transnational crime committed at sea.

The Governments will seek to deepen and broaden maritime cooperation with the following objectives:

1. to work together to improve the management and sustainability of living marine resources;
2. to continue to strengthen cooperation to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing as well as crimes in the fisheries sector;
3. to promote development of improved maritime infrastructure and greater regional connectivity to help facilitate maritime trade, investment, services, and tourism;
4. to drive coastal economic growth by generating new employment through skill and capacity development;
5. to work together to strengthen the maritime security architecture in our region, including sharing of information relevant to the maintenance of maritime security;
6. to work together, including through bilateral and regional mechanisms, to improve maritime safety and to strengthen their commitment and efforts in preventing and responding to environmental threats caused by pollution in the marine environment;
7. to improve search and rescue coordination and communications, enhancing our ability to respond to aviation and maritime incidents in our seas, as well as disaster risk management;
8. to promote a secure port and ship security regulatory environment;
9. to strengthen navy-to-navy links, including through cooperative activities;
10. to build closer cooperation between our maritime civil law enforcement agencies through information sharing, capacity building and the conduct of bilateral cooperative activities;

11. to combat transnational organized crime committed at sea through closer cooperation and information sharing between law enforcement and justice agencies;
12. to build further cooperation on marine research and work together on marine science;
13. to strengthen education and research cooperation in the area of maritime safety and security, as well as sustainable development of the blue economy;
14. to work together to strengthen cooperation in the area of maritime cultural heritage in accordance with respective national policy, laws, and regulations; and
15. to work together in regional and multilateral fora to promote our joint maritime interests and commitments.

The Governments commit to develop a Plan of Action to support implementation of these objectives.

Signed in duplicate at Sydney on 26 February 2017 in the English and Indonesian languages, both texts having equal validity.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
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