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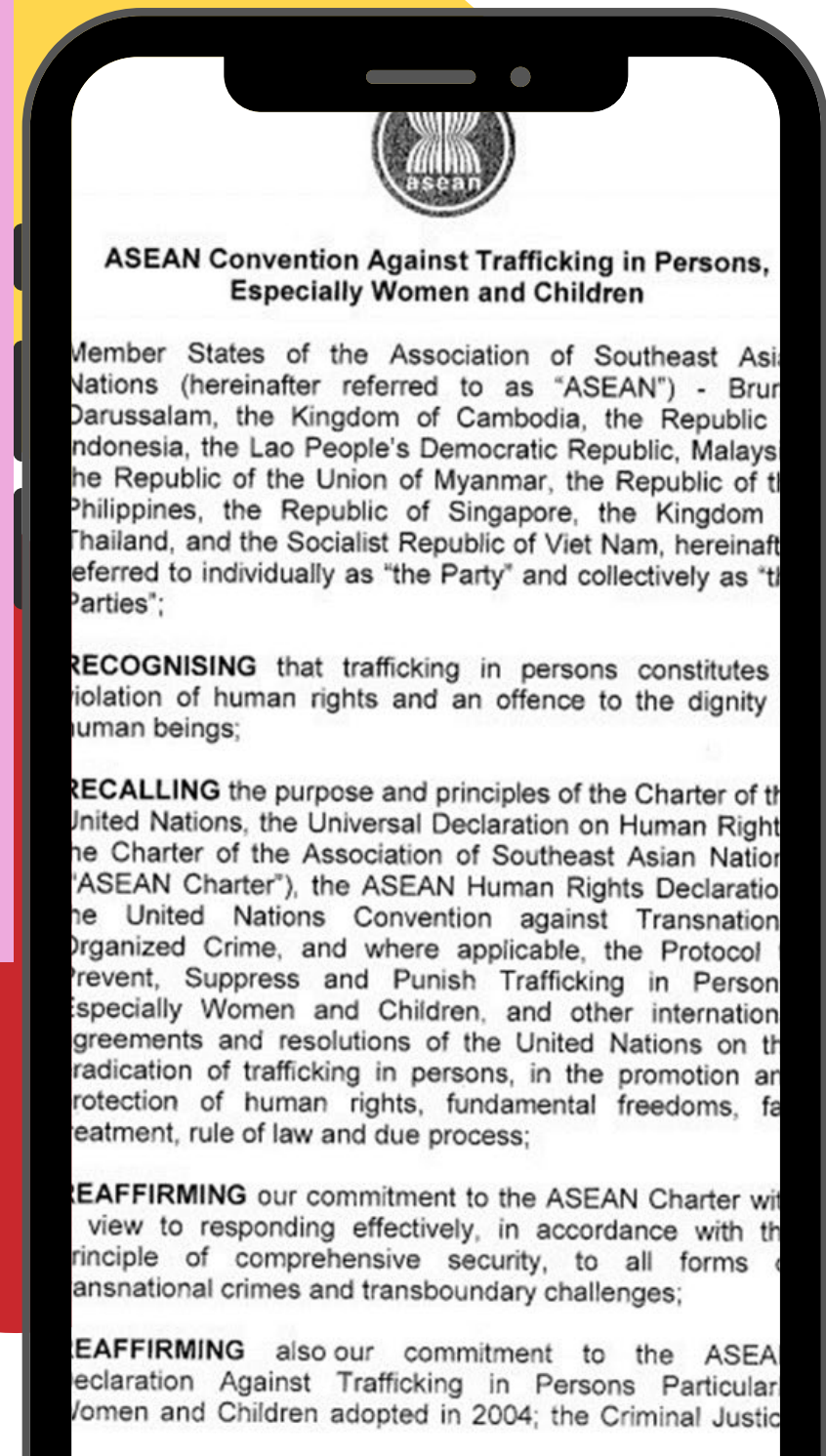
Timor Leste's Readiness and Commitment to implement the ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (ACTIP)



Presentation of the ASEAN SOMTC-Philippines  
Department of the Interior and Local Government



ASEAN CONVENTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS,  
ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN



## UNDERSTANDING ACTIP

The **ACTIP**, a landmark agreement, signifies a collective effort by the ASEAN member states to create a united front against the trafficking of persons, with a specific focus on the vulnerable groups of women and children.

# WHY ACTIP MATTERS

*“No single country can effectively address these challenges independently.”*



Information and  
intelligence sharing

Law enforcement  
cooperation

Mutual Legal  
Assistance

Victim -centered  
approach

Mechanisms for  
International and  
Regional  
Cooperation



## FOLLOWING ACTIP'S ADOPTION IN 2015 AND ITS ENTRY INTO FORCE IN 2017

ASEAN progressively strengthened implementation mechanisms under SOMTC, including regional reporting arrangements, technical cooperation initiatives, monitoring mechanisms, and institutional coordination platforms .





# ASEAN MULTI -SECTORAL WORK PLAN AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS OR *BOHOL TIP* *WORK PLAN*

## ASEAN Multi-Sectoral Work Plan Against Trafficking in Persons 2023-2028 (‘Bohol TIP Work Plan 2.0’)

### A. Background

The ASEAN Convention against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (**ACTIP**) was signed by the ASEAN Leaders at the 27<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit on 21 November 2015. ACTIP came into force on 8 March 2017 after the sixth ASEAN Member State deposited its instrument of ratification with the ASEAN Secretariat on 6 February 2017. ACTIP is now in force in all ASEAN Member States following the ratification of Brunei Darussalam in April 2020. As a way forward towards the implementation of both ACTIP and ASEAN Plan of Action Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (**APA**), the ASEAN Multi-Sectoral Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Work Plan, also referred to as the Bohol TIP Work Plan 2017-2020 (**BWP**), was developed by SOMTC-Philippines in November 2016 through the collaborative efforts of relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies working towards countering TIP. The Bohol TIP Work Plan was envisioned to drive the work of the ASEAN Member States to counter TIP from 2017-2020 consistent with the APA timeline.



Monitoring, Evaluation Learning  
and Reporting (MERL)  
Framework for the ASEAN Multi-  
Sectoral Work Plan Against  
Trafficking in Persons 2023-2028  
(Bohol TIP Work Plan 2.0)



#### **Article 24 Monitoring, Reviewing and Reporting**

1. The ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) shall be responsible for promoting, monitoring, reviewing and reporting periodically to the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC) on the effective implementation of this Convention.
2. The ASEAN Secretariat shall provide the support for supervising and coordinating the implementation of this Convention and assist the SOMTC in all matters relating thereto.



PROMOTE



MONITOR



REVIEW



# TIMOR LESTE'S ACCESSION TO ACTIP



**TIMOR-LESTE JOINS  
ASEAN AS 11TH MEMBER**  
**ASEAN**  
**MALAYSIA 2025**  
INCLUSIVITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Timor -Leste officially deposited its Instrument of Accession to the ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (ACTIP) with the ASEAN Secretariat on November 24, 2025 .

# ACCESSION TO ACTION

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*What Timor Leste's  
accession means to  
ACTIP in practice?*



INFORMATION  
AND INTELLIGENCE  
SHARING



COORDINATION AMONG AUTHORITIES  
THROUGH JOINT INVESTIGATIONS,  
CASE REFERRALS, AND CROSS-  
BORDER COORDINATION



MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE  
AND VICTIM SUPPORT



# OPPORTUNITIES MOVING FORWARD



▶ **STRENGTHENING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISMS THROUGH NATIONAL ACTIP REPRESENTATIVE (NAR)**

▶ **APPLICATION OF VICTIM-CENTERED APPROACH IN ADDRESSING TIP**

▶ **TIMOR LESTE'S PARTICIPATION TO VARIOUS MEETINGS AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING**

*Moving forward, ACTIP provides practical opportunities for Timor - Leste to strengthen coordination, policy formulation, and regional engagement.*



**THANK  
YOU**