

**16th MIKTA Foreign Ministers' Meeting  
Vice-Ministerial Retreat**

Mexico City, 11 February 2020

**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ**

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1. We, the Vice/Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Turkey and Australia (and their representatives), comprising MIKTA, met today in Mexico City for the 16th MIKTA Foreign Minister's Meeting, held in the format of Vice-Ministerial Retreat, which marks the conclusion of Mexico's MIKTA coordination.
2. MIKTA brings together five countries from various regions, each with unique historical identities and cultural richness, as well as its own significant presence on the international stage. We value our diversity, which contributes to a rich exchange of ideas and experiences, enhances our mutual understanding, promotes common priorities, and leads to innovative strategies to advance issues of common interest.
3. We welcome the activities undertaken by MIKTA during Mexico's coordination under the theme "Social development, global governance and a sustainable future", which broadened MIKTA's collaboration in areas such as economic and tourism promotion, the strengthening of the multilateral system, and the advancement of sustainable development and social inclusion. MIKTA countries' embassies and consulates around the world have collaborated to increase the partnership's visibility, engage with local government and non-government actors, promote cultural and economic exchanges and advance common objectives.
4. MIKTA countries are responsible global actors strongly committed to the rules-based international order. We are convinced of the irreplaceable value of diplomacy and have a proven capacity to promote constructive dialogue and contribute to the consensus-building processes that are necessary to address the most pressing global challenges. In the face of an uncertain and volatile international stage, we reaffirm our commitment to multilateralism and international cooperation. We support the strengthening of multilateral institutions and international law as key elements of global governance. We have strengthened our cooperation in international organizations and fora to address issues of shared concern.

5. Inequality and lack of inclusion are at the root of many of the most pressing global challenges faced by both developed and developing countries. We will continue to foster international cooperation and collective action to address inequalities and advance more inclusive and sustainable societies. We acknowledge the crucial importance of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to achieve these goals. As we enter the Decade of Action, we reaffirm our strong commitment to advance the 2030 Agenda with a people-centered and multi-stakeholder approach.
6. As open economies that benefit from international trade and investment, we reaffirm the importance of maintaining and strengthening the open, free, transparent, non-discriminatory and rules-based multilateral trading system with the World Trade Organization at its center, and fighting protectionism. We note the persisting trade tensions and their impact on economic growth, and encourage all parties to pursue multilateral action to find constructive solutions. In line with the G20 Osaka Leaders' Declaration, we reaffirm our support for the necessary reform of the WTO, including in the lead up to the 12<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Conference, to ensure the Organization's effectiveness, relevance and capacity to address current and emerging challenges. We support the G20's efforts in this regard and will continue to play an active role on the occasion of G20 meetings and other international fora.
7. Trade and investment flows between MIKTA countries have increased in the past years. We will continue to promote closer economic relations in order to support this trend. We will work with the private sector to generate stronger business ties, with a focus on those sectors where we jointly identify the greatest potential. We will further our efforts to facilitate a greater participation of SMEs in the global economy, and to support entrepreneurship and the development of start-ups. In this regard, we welcome the actions taken in 2019, including the Second MIKTA Business Forum held in Addis Ababa on 11 October 2019, and the round table discussion "MIKTA doing business: trade and investment opportunities" held today with Mexican government, business and chamber representatives. We will also strengthen our collaboration in the tourism sector.
8. We reaffirm our commitment to ensuring gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment to achieve sustainable and inclusive societies. In this regard, we note the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. We welcome the first-ever MIKTA ministerial meeting in the margins of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held in New York on 11 March 2019.

9. We reassert our unwavering commitment to prevent and combat terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism (VECT) in all its forms and manifestations, committed by whomever and for whatever purpose. We recall the MIKTA Foreign Ministers' Joint Statement on terrorism and VECT adopted on 24 September 2019, and remain committed to preventing and countering the use of the internet for these purposes, including the incitement to discrimination and violence motivated by hate, racism, xenophobia and religious intolerance. The need for restricted access to firearms, means and technologies capable of high-scale harm remains another area of shared concern.
10. We recognize that displacement of people, including forced displacement, is a global challenge that persists to this day, and acknowledge that ensuring a safe, orderly and regular migration is key to addressing this challenge. MIKTA countries will continue to promote international cooperation to address global migration-related challenges including their root causes and to further encourage regional and international action. We will explore opportunities to advance the agreement reached at the G20 Summit in Osaka to continue the dialogue on the various dimensions of international migration and displacement. We also recognize that large movements of refugees are a global concern with humanitarian, political, social and economic consequences, and we emphasize the importance of shared action to address its root causes.
11. We support the goals of achieving complete denuclearization and establishing permanent peace on the Korean Peninsula, as set forth in the Panmunjom Declaration and the Pyongyang Joint Declaration. We welcome the Republic of Korea's efforts to promote and accelerate peace, security and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula, and underline the importance of full and expeditious implementation of the abovementioned Declarations. We call on relevant countries to make additional efforts to maintain the momentum for dialogue to those ends, based upon mutual respect and trust, and call on all countries to fully implement United Nations Security Council resolutions.
12. We express our gratitude to Mexico for its leadership as MIKTA coordinator in 2019 and note the collective accomplishments achieved during its term, particularly in strengthening collaboration in multilateral fora and increasing MIKTA's presence worldwide. We will continue to deepen our close cooperation and work together to achieve our joint objectives under the Republic of Korea's chairmanship in 2020.

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