ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS’ STATEMENT ON LAHORE BOMB ATTACK

31 March 2016

ASEAN Member States strongly condemn the bomb attack in Lahore, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on 27 March 2016, which claimed the lives of more than 65 people and wounded numerous others.

ASEAN extends its deep sympathies and condolences to the Government and people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, especially to the families of the victims of this appalling act.

ASEAN underlines that terrorism in no circumstances should not be linked with beliefs or religions, and reiterates that terrorism and violence in all their forms or manifestations, regardless of their motivation, wherever and by whomsoever they are committed are inhuman and intolerable.

ASEAN again stresses the urgency to strengthen regional and international cooperation in fighting terrorism, extremism and radicalism.