

*Ministerial Conference on International Transport Security  
Tokyo, Japan 12-13 January 2006*

**Ministerial Declaration**

1. We, the Ministers Responsible for Transport Security, met in Tokyo, Japan, on 12-13 January, 2006, to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern.
2. Transport systems form the foundation of today's globalized society, supporting a wide range of human activity and logistics, and contributing to economic development.
3. Owing to their easy accessibility, high profile and social as well as economic significance, transport systems have become a key target for terrorists and, in some cases, also a means of attacking other targets. We reiterate our sympathy and condolences for the loss of lives in terrorist attacks worldwide, and we resolve to take every practicable measure to prevent other such terrorist acts.
4. These recent events have shown that no state in the world is immune from terrorism. Acts of terrorism can be attempted at any time and in any place.
5. Protection being only as strong as the weakest link of the overall security system, we consider the implementation of effective preventive security measures to be of the utmost importance in the fight against terrorism.
6. We value very highly the significant efforts of individual States and of the International Maritime Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, and the World Customs Organization in setting standards and recommended practices for transport and trade security. We confirm our commitment to close collaboration with these organizations, and to the implementation of their standards and recommended practices. We also appreciate the participation of concerned transport stakeholders in this global effort.
7. While commending all of these efforts, we reaffirm that high priority must continue to be given to addressing vulnerabilities in transport systems, to ensuring that measures deal effectively with the threat,

and to ensuring that special attention is paid to capacity building assistance to those states that have not yet fully addressed the security threats to transport.

8. We recognize that more active and wide-ranging international and domestic cooperation, including partnership between public and private sectors, is essential to ensure the resilience and integrity of international transport security. Therefore, we hereby confirm our resolution to intensify our efforts in this regard.
9. At the same time, we have a responsibility to ensure that as far as practicable, transport systems are not interrupted by terrorist threats, and that they continue to provide efficient and reliable services. Security measures must be based on an assessment of risk and be compatible with facilitating the legitimate flow of people and goods.
10. We have exchanged views on these matters during this Conference, and we have issued joint statements supporting stronger cooperation in the fields of maritime, aviation and land transport security.
11. Finally, we strongly encourage all States to join us in taking steps to further strengthen and enhance transport security worldwide for all modes of transport, and to support efforts to address vulnerabilities in the inter-modal supply chain.

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