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SOUTHEAST ASIA MULTILATERAL DIALOGUE ON BIOSECURITY

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ABSTRACT:

The Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security (“the Center”) proposes this Track II biosecurity dialogue between Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and the United States. Continued support will allow for substantive discussions on emerging issues and threats and more detailed focus on topics of interest from previous dialogue sessions. This proposed dialogue will address intertwined health and security risks related to emerging infectious diseases, including those with pandemic potential; deliberate and accidental misuse of high-consequence pathogens, including Select Agents; and potential risks related to advanced biology and biotechnology. These topics are often sensitive in nature, and dialogue participants have developed trusted relationships over time, promoting candid discussion of priority threats and national capabilities. The dialogue continues to raise new topics and areas for collaboration and identify biosecurity priorities with potential for inclusion in Track I diplomacy efforts. Long-standing participants have briefed highlights of previous dialogue discussions to Ministers of Health and Defense as well as other high-ranking government officials, and they are eager to continue making progress on biosecurity through this dialogue. This dialogue can benefit the global public by facilitating collaboration to improve early warning for biological emergencies and coordinated response to protect the public’s health and security.

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