

RESOLUTIONS OF 31ST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

RESOLUTION 31-1. RESOLUTION ON AWARDING THE VECONAC MEDAL OF HONOUR

Noting that the 14th General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia had unanimously agreed on awarding “VECONAC Medal of Honour” to any member from VECONAC member countries who has actively participated and significantly contributed in furthering the objectives of VECONAC.

Considering that the 16th General Assembly had agreed that member Associations to automatically submit a list of prospective recipients for approval so that the process of awarding the medal will be on going.

Recognising that Colonel (Ret) TA HUNG from the Veterans Association of Viet Nam (VAVN) has met the criteria of selection, particularly he was the 10th Secretary General of VECONAC for the term 2003-2005. Hence, VAVN is recommending Col (Ret) TA HUNG to be awarded the VECONAC Medal of Honour.

Hereby Resolved:

The 31st Executive Board Meeting unanimously endorsed the recommendation in which Col (Ret) Ta Hung to be awarded the VECONAC Medal of Honour and the recommendation will be tabled to the 18th General Assembly for approval.

RESOLUTION 31-2. VECONAC HONOURARY PRESIDENCY CONFERRING AND VECONAC MEDAL OF HONOUR AWARDING INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Noting the past Presidents and Secretary General's tremendous contribution and dedication to VECONAC development and administration.

Referring to Resolution 17-1 of the 17th General Assembly on Conferring VECONAC Honorary Presidency Title to Lt Gen Hsan Oo and Resolution 17-2 on Awarding VECONAC Medal of Honour to Maj Gen (Ret) Zar Ni Winn.

Hereby Resolved:

Lao National Veterans Federation is to organise an investiture ceremony to confer Lt Gen Hsan Oo the title VECONAC Honorary Presidency as well as conferring the VECONAC Medal of Honour to Maj Gen (Ret) Zar Ni Winn during the 18th General Assembly.

RESOLUTION 31-3. DOMICILING VECONAC ACCOUNT

Recognising the incurrence of a considerable amount of bank account transfer charges and the need to avoid any unnecessary expenditures of VECONAC fund.

Referring to the Resolution 17-5 of the 17th GA on domiciling VECONAC Account Permanently in One Member Country.

Hereby Resolved:

The 31st EBM has unanimously agreed that VECONAC Account is to be domiciled in Malaysia. However, the decision is subject to the 18th General Assembly.

RESOLUTION 31-4. VECONAC SECRETARIAT AND CHAIRMANSHIP ROTATION

Recognising the significance for member countries to have an equal opportunity to host VECONAC Executive Board Meeting and General Assembly;

Reaffirming an alphabetical order basis as a criterion in hosting VECONAC as well as 16th GA Resolution 16-5 on the Rotational System of VECONAC Secretariat and Chairmanship;

Hereby Resolved:

It was agreed that the chairmanship of VECONAC is to be rotated as follows:

- 2017 - Brunei Darussalam;
- 2018 - Lao PDR;
- 2019 - Kingdom of Cambodia;
- 2020 - Socialist Republic of Vietnam;
- 2021 - Kingdom of Thailand;
- 2022 - Republic of the Philippines;
- 2023 - Republic of Singapore;
- 2024 - Brunei Darussalam; [Commencing of alphabetical order]
- 2025 - Kingdom of Cambodia;
- 2026 - Republic of Indonesia;

It was further agreed that Executive Board Meeting shall be held back-to-back with General Assembly while Working Committee Meeting shall be convened at least three months prior to EBM and GA.

RESOLUTION 31-5. COURTESY VISIT TO ASEAN SECRETARY GENERAL

In reference to the Resolution 17-8 of the 17th GA on the courtesy visit to the ASEAN Secretary General by the President and Vice Presidents of VECONAC,

Hereby Resolved:

The meeting unanimously agreed that VECONAC member countries shall pay a courtesy call on H.E. Secretary General of ASEAN on 6-9 August 2018 in Jakarta while the LVRI will continue to coordinate with the ASEAN Secretariat on further details of the visit.

The delegation from VECONAC member country shall comprise 1+2+interpreter for Lao PDR and 1+1 for others and each member country shall bear their own cost.

Failing that, the President of VECONAC shall invite H.E. Secretary General to the 18th General Assembly as a guest of honour on the condition that VECONAC shall bear the cost of a business-class airfare for H.E. while LNVF shall bear the cost of lodging and messing.

RESOLUTION 31-6. WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING

Noting the change in tenure of rotational VECONAC Chairmanship to an annual basis.

Reassuring sufficient time for preparation for the upcoming Executive Board Meeting and General Assembly as well as implementation of the previously adopted resolutions.

Hereby Resolved:

The meeting unanimously agreed for the Working Committee Meeting to be convened at least three months prior to Executive Board Meeting and General Assembly. While the host country shall bear the cost of lodging and messing for 1 representative, and the participating countries shall be responsible for air tickets for their representatives.

RESOLUTION 31-7. REQUESTING FOR VECONAC FUND FOR 31ST EBM AND 18TH GA ACTIVITIES

Referring to Resolution 16-7 of the 16th GA on establishing a cap per annum on the expenditure of the VECONAC Secretariat,

Recognising the necessity in accommodating the cost of organising 31st EMB and the 18th GA.

Hereby Resolved:

The 31st Executive Board Meeting has unanimously agreed that USD2,000 to be given to the LNVF to meet the cost of organizing the 31st EBM and 18th GA.

RESOLUTION 31-8. WOMEN AND SPOUSES INTERACTION PROGRAM

Referring to the resolution 17-12 adopted during the 17th GA on establishing the women and spouses interaction program.

Considering that VECONAC Secretariat and the host country is to organise activities for woman veterans and spouses during the General Assembly.

Hereby Resolved:

It was unanimously agreed as follows:

1. LNVF is to arrange the program for women and spouses during the 18th GA.
2. The date, time and activities shall be decided by the LNVF.

RESOLUTION 31-9: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT BUREAU WITHIN THE VECONAC ENTITY

Noting that there is no mechanism and/or platform in place to monitor and implement all Resolutions previously agreed during the Executive Board Meeting and General Assembly.

Recognising that there is a need to create or establish a permanent bureau for each of VECONAC activities for the following purposes:

- Facilitate the implementation of resolutions for continuity and sustainability.
- Act as a coordinator for various economic, social and women/spouses activities within the confederation.

Hereby Resolved:

It is recommended that the General Assembly establish the following bureaus (refer to Appendix 1)

- Economic Bureau.
- Social & Interaction Bureau.
- Women & Spouses Bureau.

Thereafter the General Assembly is to appoint the head of each bureau for a term of three (3) years.

Each member country is to set up their own agencies for the purpose of coordinating the various specific activities within the respective bureau.

The bureau will meet annually just prior to the Executive Board Meeting and/or General Assembly.

RESOLUTION 31-10: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECONOMIC BUREAU WITHIN THE VECONAC ENTITY

Noting that there is no mechanism and/or platform in place to monitor and implement all Resolutions pertaining to economic issues previously agreed during the Executive Board Meeting and General Assembly.

Recognising that there is a need to create or establish a permanent mechanism/platform to facilitate the economic activities involving the member countries for the following purposes:

- Facilitation of economic activities among member countries through the established cooperative.
- Facilitation of trade transaction between member countries.

Hereby Resolved:

It is recommended that the General Assembly establish an Economic Bureau to oversee and coordinate the economic activities within the VECONAC entities (refer to Appendix 2).

The head of the proposed Economic Bureau is to be appointed by the General Assembly for a term of three (3) years.

Each member country is to set up their own cooperative agency for the purpose of coordinating the economic activities within their country.

The bureau will meet annually just prior to the Executive Board Meeting and/or General Assembly.

For purpose of generating of VECONAC fund, a percentage of successful transaction will be contributed to the VECONAC central fund and the quantum of percentage is to be decided by the 18th General Assembly.

RESOLUTION 31-11. AMENDMENT TO VECONAC CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Noting that the Committee chaired by Singapore with Brunei Malaysia as Members has completed the review of the VECONAC Constitution and By Laws; (refer to Appendix 3).

Recognising that the review has taken into consideration inputs from member countries at the 31st Executive Board Meeting;

Hereby Resolved:

The revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws has been endorsed by the 31st EBM and the proposed amendments to be presented to the 18th General Assembly for adoption for endorsement and approval.

RESOLUTION 31-12. APPRECIATION FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION

Acknowledging Lao PDR's outstanding performance in organizing the 31st Executive Board Meeting.

Hereby Resolved:

All the VECONAC Vice Presidents extended their highest appreciation and gratitude to the President of VECONAC cum the President of LNVF for the very successful the 31st Executive Board Meeting.