



Hanoi, 7 August 2020

Esteemed Excellencies,

First of all, I would like to send my warmest greetings and my best wishes to Excellencies Presidents and Vice Presidents of the VECONAC Member Countries and have the honor to inform Your Excellencies of the following:

With reference to the letter dated 8 July 2020 and signed by the Vice President of VECONAC, the Veterans Association of Vietnam (VAVN) so far has received many responses from our esteemed VECONAC members. On behalf of the VAVN and in my own name, I would like to extend our most sincere thanks to all of you for your valuable input that you sent to the Secretariat of the 20th GA. All the responses echo the agreement that the WCM will be held online. Apart from that, there are ideas that propose the possibility of extending the VAVN's VECONAC Presidency to 2021. In this connection, the VAVN deeply respects and sincerely thanks Your Excellencies for that proposal, which demonstrates a very high sense of confidence that you have given to the VAVN.

Excellencies,

Since its entry into VECONAC in 1997, the VAVN has participated in and highly appreciated the successes of our VECONAC annual meetings. These meetings have served as important fora which work out ideas to take care of our VECONAC veterans, the wounded combatants and the sick ex-soldiers, helping them to have a happy and prosperous life. These meetings also have provided precious opportunities for our VECONAC members to meet each other, thus enhancing the mutual understanding among ourselves.

However, as you know, in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic outbursted, and since then has caused loss of life of over 700.000 people, inflicted severe damage to the world economy and changed many practices in the life of the humankind.

While many countries are in the race of finding an effective vaccine against COVID-19, this pandemic has been progressing complicatedly and unpredictably in many countries in the world. Nobody has been able so far to foresee when the pandemic will be controlled completely.

In 2020, we witnessed for the first time virtual conferences held by the United Nations. International and regional organizations, including ASEAN, have held many important conferences with fine success.

Based on those factors and in the capacity of 2020 VECONAC Chair, the VAVN would like to propose that, due to our insufficient capability in preventing and controlling the COVID-19 pandemic, for the first time in its history, this year, the VECONAC will organize virtual meetings. The concrete information will be as follows:

- The WCM will be held virtually on 21 October 2020.
- The 33rd EBM and the 20th GA will be incorporated in one agenda and will be held virtually on 15 December 2020.

The VAVN looks forward with humbleness to receiving the support and the consensus from our revered Leaders and esteemed colleagues from all VECONAC members. All details relating to the mentioned-above virtual meetings will be provided by the Secretariat of the 20th GA as soon as possibly can.

Excellencies,

I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to convey to Your Excellencies our most sincere thanks for your support and cooperation with the VAVN while undertaking the VECONAC Chairmanship, in the spirit of mutual solidarity, understanding and assistance.

Finally, on behalf of the VAVN, I would like to convey to Excellencies Presidents and Vice Presidents of the VECONAC our best wishes of good health and our highest consideration.

Sincerely Yours.

VECONAC FOREVER, FOREVER VECONAC !

PRESIDENT OF VECONAC

PRESIDENT OF VAVN



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To:

Excellencies Presidents and Vice Presidents of VECONAC Member Countries.