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VECONAC 19TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

INTRODUCTION

1. The President and Vice Presidents of Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries (VECONAC) met at VECONAC 19th General Assembly (GA) which was convened on 10th December 2019 at Sokha Hotel, Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia. The 19th GA was attended from all Vice-Presidents and VECONAC member countries. The list of participants is at Annex “A”.

32ND Executive Board Meeting

2. The VECONAC 32nd EBM is regularly ever held as stated and endorsed in the constitution and by law. The opening ceremony was honorary opened by H.E General KUN KIM, President VECONAC and held on December 09th 2019 in RaingSab Room, at Sokha Hotel Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia. The 32nd EBM has endorsed 14 Resolutions were completely approved to be further endorsed in the 19th General Assembly on 10th December 2019. (The 32nd EBM report is at Annex ‘B’).

OPENING CEREMONY

3. At the VECONAC 19th GA opening ceremony, H.E General KUN KIM Senior Minister, President VECONAC profoundly expressed his thanks to Samdech, Excellencies, national and international distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen for joining as guests of honor and as members of this important General Assembly of ours at this moment.

4. VECONAC President also mentioned with great pride that Cambodia Veterans Association hosts the 32nd Executive Board Meeting and the 19th General Assembly of the Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries at the time when the Kingdom of Cambodia has been able to firmly maintain peace, independence and sovereignty and development of the country towards more growth, under the wise leadership of **Samdech Akkak Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.**
5. In the Opening Ceremony of VECONAC 19th General Assembly was graced by **Samdech Akkak Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia and as President of Cambodia Veterans Association (CVA)** on 10th December 2019 at Noun Srey Hall in Peace Palace, Phnom Penh Kingdom of Cambodia.
6. In his address, **Samdech Akkak Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia and as President of Cambodia Veterans Association (CVA)** expressed his sincere appreciation to all present. He also stated that he is delighted and proud of the 19th General Assembly, which Cambodia is host as the rotated ASEAN Veterans Confederation chair, and that Cambodia Veterans Association has gained valuable experiences, good relationship and cooperation in the field of our veterans, in particular the Resolutions agreed upon at the 19th General Assembly. Prime Minister Hun Sen made mentioned four points in his speech to emphasize that VECONAC have to work together to promote the livelihood of the veterans who fought in the war and raise their wellbeing. This is inclusive the family of the veterans to be recognized by VECONAC. He also defined that VECONAC must come together to formulate policies, implement action plans and mechanisms to expand the VECONAC capabilities to manifest its mission. He then cited that VECONAC should collaborate in knowledge sharing, by developing programmes and synergy in executing the plans. Lastly, he accentuated that bilateral/multilateral cooperation and exchange of views and expertise between VECONAC has always benefitted Peace and Well-being of the region and such bilateral/multilateral collaborations be actively Pursued and Recorded as a permanent feature by all member countries of VECONAC.

7. In this occasion, **Samdech Akkak Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia and as President of Cambodia Veterans Association (CVA)** presented the investiture of the Honorary Presidency to **His Excellency Pehin Dato Padukaraja Major General (R) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Shari Bin Ahmad, President Veterans Association of Brunei Armed Forces**. The Medal of Honor was also presented to **Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Ramli Bin Abdul Hadis, Secretary General Veterans Association of Brunei Armed Forces**.

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Agenda

8. The meeting adopted the agenda which is at Annex “D”

Country Report

9. The VECONAC member countries took turn reporting the latest development of each organization. The Countries Reports are at Annex “E”

Secretary General Report

10. The Secretary General of VECONAC 19th GA briefed the meeting on the activities that took place from 01 Jan 2019 to 31 December 2019. The detailed report is at Annex “F”

Treasurer General Report

11. The Treasurer General of 19th VECONAC summarized the financial position of VECONAC for the year 2019. The detailed report is at Annex “G”

Resolutions

12. Following the recommendations, draft resolutions, proposals and resolutions that were raised, reviewed, agreed and approved, the 19th VECONAC General Assembly has endorsed 14 new RESOLUTIONS which are elaborated to this Joint Communiqué. They are:

- **RESOLUTION19-1:** SAFEGUARDING AND PRESERVATION OF MILITARY HISTORICAL EVENTS
- **RESOLUTION19-2:** RESOLUTION ON DOMICILLING VECONAC ACCOUNT
- **RESOLUTION19-3:** RESOLUTION TO DEVELOP A VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT OF VECONAC
- **RESOLUTION19-4:** RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT BUREAU WITHIN THE VECONAC ENTITY
- **RESOLUTION19-5:** RESOLUTION ON APPOINTING LVRI AS THE COORDINATOR AND LINK BETWEEN VECONAC AND ASEAN SECRETARIAT
- **RESOLUTION19-6:** THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECONOMIC BUREAU WITHIN THE VECONAC ENTITY
- **RESOLUTION19-7:** AWARDING THE VECONAC HONORARY PRESIDENCY TITLE AND VECONAC MEDAL OF HONOUR TO VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF ROYAL BRUNEI ARMED FORCES (VARBAF)
- **RESOLUTION19-8:** INCREMENT OF ANNUAL FEES
- **RESOLUTION19-9:** DRAFT RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE VECONAC HONORARY PRESIDENCY TITLE AND VECONAC MEDAL OF HONOUR
- **RESOLUTION19-10:**DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF VECONAC HONORARY PRESIDENCY TITLE AND VECONAC MEDAL OF HONOUR TO PAST HOST COUNTRIES
- **RESOLUTION19-11:** FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET ESTIMATION
- **RESOLUTION19-12:**THE CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY GENERAL AND TREASURER GENERAL OF THE HOST COUNTRY
- **RESOLUTION19-13:**APPRECIATION TO THE HOST COUNTRY
- **RESOLUTION19-14:**BILATERAL/MULTILATERAL COLLABORATION BETWEEN VECONAC MEMBER COUNTRIES

The detailed Resolutions are at Annex “H”

Office Bearers for Year 2020

13. The 19th GA endorsed the following members for the year 2020:

13.1. **President:** Senior Lt Gen (Ret) – NGUYEN VAN DUOC - President of VAVN

13.2. **Secretary General:** Senior Col (Ret) TRAN NGOC DAN

13.3. **Treasurer General:** Senior Col (Ret) PHAM VAN THAO

13.4. **Vice Presidents:**

13.4.1. Maj. Gen (Ret) PEHIN DATU PADUKARAJA DATO PADUKA SERI HAJI SHARI AHMAD, President of VARBAF

13.4.2. Lt. Gen EK KRET – Vice Secretary General of C.V.A

13.4.3. Maj. Gen (Ret) SAIFUL SULUN – President of LVRI

13.4.4. Brig. Gen (Ret) SOMPHON KEOMIXAY – President of LVF

13.4.5. Capt. (Ret) DATUK SHARUDDIN BIN HJ OMAR– President of VAMAF

13.4.6. Maj. Gen (Ret) MYA WIN – President of MWVO

13.4.7. Lt. Gen RAUL S. URGELLO AFP (RET.) – Executive Vice President of VFP

13.4.8. Brig. Gen (Ret) WINSTON TOH BEE CHEW – President of SAFVL

13.4.9. Lt. Gen RUGPOL CHANLUANG – Deputy Director-General of WVO

13.4.10. Lt. Gen NGUYEN SONG PHI – Vice President of VAVN

Adoption of Venue for 33rd Executive Board Meeting and 20th General Assembly

14. The Veterans Association of Vietnam (VAVN) has confirmed to host the 33rd Executive Board Meeting and the 20th General Assembly in Hanoi, Vietnam in 2020.

Chairmanship Handing-Taking Over

15. H.E General KUN KIM Senior Minister, President of VECONAC handed over VECONAC Presidency to H.E Senior Lt. Gen (Ret) NGUYEN VAN DUOC, President of VAVN.

Acceptance Remarks

16. In the acceptance remarks, H.E Senior Lt. Gen (Ret) NGUYEN VAN DUOC President of VAVN as the incoming President of VECONAC thanked CVA for a successful execution of the 32nd EBM and 19th GA.

Closing Remarks

17. In his Closing Remarks, HE General KUN KIM Senior Minister thanked to all delegates for their active contribution and sharing of ideas that enabled the 32nd EBM and 19th GA to be conducted successfully under a constructive and friendly atmosphere with success.

Joint Communiqué.

18. The Joint Communiqué was adopted by the Nineteenth General Assembly of VECONAC on the Tenth of December in the Year Two Thousand and Nineteen in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia.

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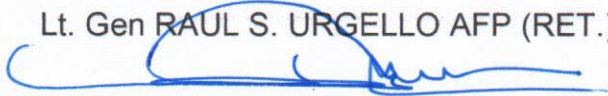
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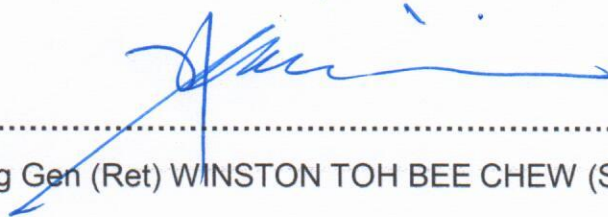
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