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THE 20TH VECONAC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

INTRODUCTION

1. Due to the complicated development of the COVID-19 pandemic in the region and the world, for the first time in its history, the Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries (VECONAC) agreed to organize the 33th Executive Board Meeting (EBM) and the 20th General Assembly (GA) virtually.

2. The President and Vice Presidents of VECONAC attended the virtual 20th GA which was convened on December 15, 2020 and presided by H.E. Senior Lieutenant General (Ret) Nguyen Van Duoc, President of VECONAC and President of the Vietnam Veterans Association. Present at the 11 connection points were Leaders of the VECONAC Member Countries and Representative of the ASEAN Secretariat.

The List of Participants is at Appendix “A”.

THE 33RD EBM

3. As per normal practice, the 33th EBM should be held routinely according to the VECONAC Constitution and By-laws. However, due to the complicated development of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 33th EBM was incorporated in one agenda with the 20th GA which was organized virtually.

THE OPENING OF THE 20TH GA

4. The 20th GA was convened at a moment of important historical significance, namely, the 40th anniversary of the founding of VECONAC (December 19, 1980-December 19, 2020). Commencing in his opening speech, H.E. Senior Lieutenant General (Ret) Nguyen Van Duoc, President of VECONAC, wished the Leaders of different generations and all members of VECONAC good health, happiness and

success. He highly appreciated the ideas that cared for the veterans, the wounded combatants and the sick ex-servicemen to have a happy and prosperous life. On this occasion, the President expressed his deep sympathies over the losses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic to the people of our respective countries and his high appreciation on the effective coordination and cooperation between the Governments and the people of ASEAN member countries in the fight against the pandemic. In 2020, Vietnam assumed and accomplished successfully the role of ASEAN Chair and Non-permanent Member of the Security Council of the United Nations while the VAVN also assumed and performed the role of VECONAC Chair with a high sense of responsibility. Before declaring the 20th GA open, H.E. the President wished the VECONAC further successes, making an important contribution to the cause of peace, stability and well-being of Southeast Asia and the world over, and wished the 20th GA a fine success.

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Agenda

5. The 20th GA adopted the agenda which is at Appendix “B”.

Country Reports

6. The VECONAC members took turn to present the latest development of their associations.

The Country Reports are at Appendix “C”.

Secretary-General’s Report

7. The Secretary-General reported to the 20th GA the activities in the period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

The Secretary-General’s Report is at Appendix “C”.

Treasurer’s -General’s Report

8. The Treasurer-General reported to the 20th GA the financial position of the VECONAC for the year 2020.

The Treasurer -General’s Report is at Appendix “D”.

Resolutions

9. After reviewing the draft resolutions, the 20th GA has endorsed new resolutions which are elaborated in this Joint Communiqué. They are:

- Resolution 20-1: Reviewing the implementation of Resolution 19-1 “Safeguarding and Preservation of Military/Historical Events”.
- Resolution 20-2: Reviewing the implementation of Resolution 19-3 “Resolution to Develop a Vision and Mission Statement of VECONAC”.
- And so on, and so forth.

The list of Resolutions is at Appendix “F”.

Adoption of the War Veterans Organization of Thailand (WVO) as VECONAC Chair 2021

10. The 20th GA unanimously adopted the WVO as Chair of the VECONAC in the year 2021.

11. The WVO accepted the role as VECONAC Chair 2021 with pleasure.

Office Bearers for Year 2021

12. The 20th GA endorsed the following members for the year 2021:

12.1. President: General SIRIPONG WONGKHUNTI- President of WVO

12.2. Secretary General:

12.3. Treasurer General:

12.4. Vice Presidents:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12.4.9. of WVO

12.4.10. Senior Lt Gen (Ret) – NGUYEN VAN DUOC - President of VAVN

Adoption of Venue of the 34th EBM and the 21st GA

13. The WVO has confirmed to host the 34th EBM and the 21st GA in ..., Thailand in 2021.

Chairmanship Handing-Taking Over

14. H.E. Senior Lieutenant General (Ret) Nguyen Van Duoc, President of VAVN handed over VECONAC Presidency to H.E General SIRIPONG WONGKHUNTI- President of WVO.

15. H.E. Senior Lieutenant General (Ret) Nguyen Van Duoc, President of VAVN handed over the VECONAC flag, hammer and budget to the Representative of the WVO.

Acceptance Remarks

16. In the acceptance remarks, H.E General SIRIPONG WONGKHUNTI, President of WVO as the incoming President of VECONAC thanked the VAVN for a successful execution of the 20th GA virtually.

Closing Remarks

17. H.E. Senior Lieutenant General (Ret) Nguyen Van Duoc, President of VAVN thanked the Leaders of the VECONAC Member Countries and all delegates for their active support and assistance that enabled the 20th GA, which was for the first time to be organized virtually, to be conducted successfully.

Joint Communiqué

18. The Joint Communiqué was adopted by the Twentieth General Assembly of VECONAC on the Fifteenth of December in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty in Hanoi, the Capital of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

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