## CLOSING ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT OF VAVN AT THE 20<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Ha Noi, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021)

Your Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In performing the role of VECONAC Chair TY 2020-2021, the Veterans Association of Viet Nam (VAVN) has accomplished the responsibility entrusted by our Confederation to organize successfully three virtual important events, namely, the Virtual Working Group Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Executive Board Meeting and the 20<sup>th</sup> VECONAC General Assembly on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

This accomplishment is primarily due to the strong political determination of the Leaders of our ten VECONAC Member Countries, especially in the context of the complicated fluctuations of the COVID-19 pandemic that claimed many people's lives and caused social-economic disorder in many of our countries.

This accomplishment is also the result of untiring efforts both physical and mental of all distinguished delegates attending the General Assembly. On behalf of the VECONAC Leadership and the VAVN, I would like to express my most sincere gratitude and thanks to all of you.

We believe that the results achieved at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Executive Board Meeting and the 20<sup>th</sup> VECONAC General Assembly meet the practical interests of the veterans of 10 VECONAC Member Countries, contributing to peace, security and common prosperity of our region and the world.

Your Excellencies,

Because of COVID-19 pandemic, the VAVN could not hold the General Assembly in-person. We hope that in the near future when the COVID-19 pandemic is controlled, on the basis of bilateral relations, the VAVN will have opportunities to invite and welcome as many delegations as possible from VECONAC Member Countries to visit our beautiful country.

Last but not least, I would like to take this occasion to wish Your Excellencies Heads of Delegations and all delegates good health, happiness and success.

Thank you.

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