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**Opening Remarks of  
MAJOR GENERAL ROMEO D ALAMILLO AFP (RETIRED)  
VFP PRESIDENT / VECONAC 2023 PRESIDENT  
VECONAC 35th Executive Board Meeting  
27 November 2023  
Visayas Ballroom, Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila, Philippines**

Excellencies Heads of Delegation, Distinguished Delegates and Observers, Ladies and Gentlemen, Good morning!

A very warm welcome to you to the VECONAC 35th Executive Board Meeting.

On behalf of the Filipino Veterans Community, the Veterans Federation of the Philippines, in partnership with the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office, expresses our honor and pleasure in hosting today's VECONAC 35th Executive Board Meeting here at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila. We are pleased that as many as 161 delegates and observers from the ten member countries of VECONAC are in attendance.

Before we commence the proceedings, may I introduce the Office Bearers for the year 2023: Secretary General - Rear Admiral Jande S. Francisco PN (Ret.), Treasurer General - Captain Gilbert M. Baladhay PN (Ret.), Head Secretariat - Colonel Maria Carolina C. Dreo PAF (Ret.) and last but not the least, yours truly - Major General Romeo D. Alamillo AFP (Ret.).

This morning, we aim to revise the draft Resolutions to be approved and adopted in the 22nd General Assembly tomorrow, Wednesday, the 28th of November, 2023. These draft Resolutions were proposed and discussed thoroughly during the 4th Working Committee Meeting at the Marriot Clark Hotel, Clark Freeport and Special Economic Zone, Pampanga, last 9-12 July 2023.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and profound gratitude to Your Excellencies Heads of Delegations, the equally Distinguished Delegates and Observers, for your presence. We are looking forward to views, proposals and discussions. But besides that, I wish you all a pleasant stay and a good time in Manila.

That said, I officially declare the 35th Executive Board Meeting open.

Thank you and Mabuhay!

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