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**SECRETARY-GENERAL’S REPORT  
VECONAC 22<sup>nd</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
28 November 2023  
Visayas Ballroom, Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila, Philippines**

His Excellency Major General ROMEO D ALAMILLO AFP (RET), President of the Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP) and President of VECONAC 2023;

His Excellencies, Vice Presidents of VECONAC and Heads of Delegates;

Distinguished Delegates;

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a great honor for me to report to Your Excellencies the significant activities that the VECONAC 2023 Philippines Organizing Committee has accomplished since 1 January 2023.

1. The Joint Veterans Federation of the Philippines - Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (VFP-PVAO) Organizing Committee

After the VECONAC Presidency was handed over to the Philippines by Thailand during the 34th Executive Board Meeting and 21st General Assembly of the Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries (VECONAC) last November 2022 in Bangkok, Thailand, the Veterans Federation of the Philippines immediately organized the Joint VFP-PVAO Organizing Committee that will plan, organize, and implement the execution of the 4th Working Committee Meeting (WCM) in July 2023, and the 35th Executive Board Meeting (EBM) and 22nd General Assembly (GA) in November 2023 to be held in the Philippines as host country for VECONAC 2023.

2. Invitation letters were sent to respective VECONAC Member Countries on 17 May 2023 for the VECONAC 4th WCM to be held at Clark Marriott Hotel, Clark Freeport and Special Economic Zone, Pampanga on 9-12 July 2023. The 4th WCM was

successfully conducted with the participation of 34 delegates from the 10 VECONAC Member Countries.

After the successful conduct of the 4th WCM, the VFP-PVAO Organizing Committee debriefed, critiqued, and drew lessons in preparation for the VECONAC 35th EBM and 22nd GA.

3. The official Letters of Invitation were sent to respective VECONAC Member Countries through email on 7 September 2023 for their Head of Delegation and Delegates to attend the VECONAC 35th EBM and 22nd GA on 26-30 November 2023 to be held in Manila, Philippines.

4. Letters were sent to respective VECONAC Member Countries on 8 August 2023, informing Your Excellencies of the Change of VFP Leadership. Major General Romeo D. Alamillo AFP (Retired) was appointed by the Philippine Defense Department as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Veterans Federation of the Philippines, thereby assuming the role of the VECONAC Presidency for the remaining events and activities of the VECONAC in 2023.

On this note, may we extend our sincere appreciation to all VECONAC Member Countries for the continued support and cooperation extended to us as the host this year that led to a resounding success of the 35th Executive Board Meeting and 22nd General Assembly of the Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries (VECONAC).

Thank you and Mabuhay!

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