



VECONAC 2024 SINGAPORE



DRAFT RESOLUTIONS FROM 5TH WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE 36TH EBM AND 23RD GA

RESOLUTION 5-1: CALL ON THE ASEAN SECRETARY-GENERAL IN JAKARTA

Recalling that the first courtesy call on the then 14th ASEAN Secretary-General Dato Lim Jock Hoi was made about six years ago on 7 August 2018, at the ASEAN Secretariat, Jalan Sisingamangaraja 70A, South Jakarta 12110, Indonesia;

Considering that Indonesia is the VECONAC host country in 2025;

Recommending that Indonesia organize a courtesy call in 2025 on Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, the 15th Secretary-General of ASEAN, and to officially invite him to attend the official opening of the 24th General Assembly in Indonesia.

RESOLUTION 5-2: INTRODUCING A VECONAC ANTHEM

Realising that VECONAC does not have an anthem to bind the member countries;

Recognising that a VECONAC anthem can be a symbol of unity and identity among member countries;

Noting that in composing the VECONAC anthem, it must take into account the diverse cultural backgrounds and sensitivities of member countries;

Proposing Indonesia to undertake a further study of the subject before it is tabled for detailed discussion at the next Working Committee Meeting in 2025.

RESOLUTION 5-3: MEMBERSHIP TO THE WORLD VETERANS FEDERATION

To leave each VECONAC country to decide on their membership to WVF.

RESOLUTION 5-4: TO SYSTEMIZE THE AWARD OF THE VECONAC MEDAL OF HONOUR AND CERTIFICATE

Observing that there is inconsistency in practice in awarding the VECONAC Medal of Honor and Certificate to recipients recommended by member countries where some past VECONAC Presidents had received only the Certificate and a past VECONAC Secretary-General had received both VECONAC Medal of Honor and Certificate;

Proposing that VECONAC implement a system of recognition where the VECONAC Medal of Honour and Certificate is awarded uniformly across recommended

appointment holders such as a past VECONAC President, Secretary-General and/or Treasurer-General, including any other members recommended by a member country, subject to unanimous approval by the presiding General Assembly.

RESOLUTION 5-5: TO AWARD A VECONAC LETTER OF COMMENDATION TO DESERVING VETERANS

Reaffirming VECONAC's commitment to supporting and honoring its veterans;

Acknowledging there are veterans who have contributed significantly to their respective nation's veterans' organizations and the VECONAC;

Desiring to recognize deserving veterans' exemplary performance and contributions that have made a positive impact on their national veterans' organizations, their local community, and the VECONAC fraternity;

Proposing to have a VECONAC Certificate of Commendation for deserving veterans, signed by the incumbent VECONAC President.

Recognizing that it is the responsibility of the country's respective veterans' organization to nominate their deserving veterans for the VECONAC Certificate of Commendation and such nominations should be forwarded to the prevailing VECONAC Secretariat for tabling at the next Working Committee Meeting (WCM) for review;

Accepting that if each nomination is supported by a simple majority of WCM members, the recommendations, not exceeding five members per country, including how the VECONAC Certificate of Commendation will be worded, and presented to the selected veterans, are then forwarded to the next General Assembly for endorsement.

RESOLUTION 5-6: TO REVAMP THE VECONAC WEBSITE

Noting that the current VECONAC website was inaugurated in 2016 at the VECONAC 29th Executive Board Meeting and 16th General Assembly in Brunei;

Realizing that the VECONAC website is now into its eighth year and its design is outdated and not up to date with modern day website designs;

Emphasizing there are justifications and benefits to revamp the website to improve visibility, enhance accessibility and increase online presence;

RESOLUTION 5-7: TO PROMOTE EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING BILATERALLY OR MULTILATERALLY

Realizing that VECONAC presents an ideal opportunity to organize bilateral or multilateral exchanges or workshops for the cross-sharing of knowledge and expertise;

Acknowledging that member countries may want to independently establish some of these learnings and programmes in their home countries, or to initiate further bilateral or multilateral exchanges beyond the VECONAC meetings;

Proposing to encourage each VECONAC country, at their initiative, to share their expertise, knowledge and experience with other VECONAC countries either bilaterally or multilaterally.

RESOLUTION 5-8: STRENGTHENING VECONAC'S FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Noting that VECONAC's vital role in fostering cooperation among veterans' associations in Southeast Asia is also dependent on a secure financial foundation to ensure VECONAC's long-term sustainability;

Acknowledging that VECONAC's current revenue stream comes only from the annual subscriptions from member countries;

Emphasizing that there is an urgent need to find different revenue streams to ensure VECONAC's long-term sustainability;

Proposing to establish a Finance Committee to explore and recommend innovative fundraising initiatives to create a diverse funding portfolio for VECONAC.

RESOLUTION 5-9: RESOLUTION TO FORM A BUSINESS FORUM COMMITTEE

Noting that there is a desire among VECONAC countries to establish a VECONAC Business Community to further the interaction and collaboration of the members;

Accepting that there is a need to operate an e-market place platform to facilitate business interactions, activities, and cooperation amongst members;

Acknowledging that Veterans Association of Vietnam has kindly volunteered to host an inaugural meeting in October 2024 in Hanoi, Vietnam to firm up the business model for the VECONAC e-Market with inputs from business partners and delegates;

Agreeing that the Business Forum committee comprising all member countries will present its proposals at the 6th Working Committee Meeting and 37th EBM / 24th GA in Indonesia in 2025.