



REPORT OF THE VIRTUAL WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING

October 21, 2020

INTRODUCTION

1. The Working Committee Meeting (WCM) was organized virtually on 21 October 2020 and presided by the Veterans Association of Vietnam (VAVN).

ATTENDANCE

2. Ten connection points for the virtual meeting were established consisting of Vietnam as VECONAC Chair, and VECONAC members, namely, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

The List of Participants is at Appendix "A".

THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING (WCM)

3. The WCM commenced with Lieutenant General (Ret) Nguyen Song Phi, Vice President of VECONAC, Vice President of the VAVN and Chair of the WCM delivering the Opening Remarks.

The Vice President thanked colleagues for their support to make the virtual WCM possible. He also conveyed the warmest greetings and best wishes of Senior Lieutenant General (Ret) Nguyen Van Duoc, President of VECONAC and President of the VAVN, to all delegates at the meeting for their good health.

4. Due to the prolonged and complicated development of the COVID-19 pandemic in the region and the world, the Leadership of the Vietnamese State and Government decided to organize all meetings in 2020 via video conference, including the VECONAC meetings, i.e. the WCM, the 33rd Executive Board Meeting and the 20th General Assembly.
5. The VAVN is deeply convinced that, in the spirit of solidarity, cooperation and mutual assistance during such difficult times, we would eventually overcome the COVID-19 pandemic, and wished the virtual WCM success.
6. The WCM reviewed the implementation of Resolutions approved at the 20th GA as follows:
 - **Reviewing the implementation of Resolution 19-1 "Safeguarding and Preservation of Military/Historical Events".**

Four countries - Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam - have submitted their lists. The remaining members agreed to submit their lists to the Secretariat by 31 December 2020.

- **Reviewing the implementation of Resolution 19-3 “Resolution to develop a Vision and Mission Statement of VECONAC”.**

All VECONAC members were of the opinion that this is a difficult issue, so we will do it slowly. The VECONAC Chair will draft the content before asking for members’ opinion. When all members agree with the draft content, the Chair will submit it as a proposed Resolution.

7. The WCM submitted new Resolutions for endorsement at the 33rd EBM and the 20th GA as follows:

- Resolution on Commending Cambodia Veteran Association for successfully holding the 32nd EBM and the 19th GA.
- Resolution on Calamities Affecting the Holding of VECONAC Meetings.
- Resolution on Adding the Meaning of VECONAC Flag to the VECONAC Constitution.
- Resolution on the Annual Commemoration of the Formation of VECONAC on December 19.

Until the 33rd EBM and the 20th GA is convened, the Secretariat will continue to receive new Resolutions proposed by VECONAC members.

8. The WCM agreed to announce a Statement expressing sympathies for the people of central Vietnam recently affected by the storms and floods.

9. The WCM requested that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 33rd EBM and the 20th GA in 2020 be postponed, and that the VAVN continue to hold the Presidency through 2021.

10. The VAVN noted the request from VECONAC members and would report it to the Leadership of the Vietnamese State and Government, asking them to allow the VAVN to hold the Presidency through 2021. At the end of 2021, the VAVN would hand over the VECONAC Chair to the War Veterans Organization of Thailand.

11. Lieutenant General (Ret) Nguyen Song Phi, Vice President of VECONAC, Vice President of VAVN thanked the Leaders of VECONAC and all delegates for their valuable inputs to the WCM.

12. The virtual WCM concluded at 10.30AM on the Twenty-First of October in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty.

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**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS
VIRTUAL WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
21 OCTOBER 2020**

1. BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

- LTC (Ret). RAMI ABD HADIS, Secretary General, Head of delegation
- Warrant officer (Ret). KHAIRDON DAHLAN, Note Taker

2. CAMBODIA

- GEN. MEAS SAVAN, Permanent Deputy Secretary General, Head of delegation
- LTG. CHHEA SIDARA, Deputy Secretary General
- MG. KONG KANNARITH, Chief of Finance Unit.
- LTC. HY SOTHEA, Assistant to Secretary General
- MR. SENG SAMBAN, Assistant to Secretary General.

3. INDONESIA

- MG (Ret). ABDUL GHANI, Chairman of LVRI Expert Team for Foreign Affairs, Head of delegation
- COL (Ret). PETER ARNOLD LUMITANG, Expert for Foreign Affairs, LVRI
- AVM (Ret). TUMIYO, LVRI Expert Team or IT.

4. LAOS

- LTC (Ret). KHAMSING SOSENGINH, Secretary Federation, LVF, Head of Delegation.
- COL (Ret). VIENG NHOUT THASAT, Director of Foreign Relations Division, LVF
- MRS. DAOVIENG SOULIVANH, Deputy Director of Foreign Relations Division, LVF
- MR. PHERNGPHASEANG VIVANGPHEANG, Officer, LVF

5. MALAYSIA

- LTC (Ret). TAJUL ARIFFIN CHU JOHARI (RET), Secretary General, VAMAF, Head of delegation.

6. MYANMAR

- BG (Ret). MYINT HEIN, Joint Secretary - 1, Head of delegation
- LTC (Ret). MAUNG MAUNG AUNG

7. PHILIPPINES

- COMMO (Ret). SALVADOR Q ESGUERRA AFP, Vice President for Operations, VFP, Head of Delegation
- BG (Ret). RAMON G SANTOS AFP, Vice President for Plans and Program, VFP
- JUDGE. AURORA N. RECINA, Representative for Charters
- LT (Ret). OSCAR S WAQUIZ PA, Representative for Affiliate Fraternal Organizations
- VET. ROBERTO C FERNANDEZ, Representative for Regional Veterans Organizations
- COL (Ret). MA CAROLINA C DREO PAF, Board Secretary
- MS. MARIETTA P. GAZO, Representative for Surviving Spouses Organizations
- CAPT (Ret). JOSEPHINE O TANZO PN, Veterans Assistance Officer, VFP
- MS. NATHALIE KATE MASOTES, Administrative Aid, VFP
- MR. ATTY PHYDIAS EMMANUEL R.RAMOS, Legal Officer, VFP.

8. SINGAPORE

- BG (Ret). WINSTON TOH, President of SAFVL, Head of Delegation
- COL (Ret). LAU KEE SIONG, Vice President of SAFVL
- MR. SWEE BOON CHAI, Honorary Secretary
- MS. TINA JESSAMIENE GOH, Assistant Honorary Secretary.

9. THAI LAND

- LTG. RUGPOL CHANLUANG, Deputy Director General, WVO, Head of Delegation
- COL. KITTIPAN CHALERMSANYAHORN, Assistant Director General
- LTC. SORRASAKE THEPPITAK, Director of Policy & Planning Directorate

10. VIETNAM

- LTG (Ret). NGUYEN SONG PHI, Vice President of VAVN, Head of Delegation
- MG (Ret). TRAN VAN HUONG, Chief of Office, VAVN
- MG (Ret). NGUYEN THANH CONG, Director of Propaganda and Education Dept., VAVN
- MG (Ret). LE VAN CAU, Director of Foreign Relations Dept., VAVN, Secretary General of VECONAC
- COL (Ret). PHAM VAN THAO, Director of Finance Dept., VAVN, Treasurer Secretary of VECONAC