



VECONAC 30TH EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AND 17TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE 17TH VECONAC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION 17-1. RESOLUTION ON CONFERRING THE VECONAC HONORARY PRESIDENCY

The 17th VECONAC General Assembly;

Noting that the past VECONAC Presidents have contributed significantly to the advancement of the VECONAC Vision, Mission and Goals. **Realizing** that after their tenure as President, they are still contributing to the development of VECONAC.

Hereby Resolved:

Acknowledging the strong leadership of the VECONAC President Year 2014-2016 in administering VECONAC in achieving its vision and mission.

In recognizing the tireless effort and the leadership of Lt Gen Hsan Oo as the President of VECONAC for Year 2014-2016. It was unanimously agreed that Lt Gen Hsan Oo is to be conferred the title Honorary President of VECONAC.

RESOLUTION 17-2. RESOLUTION ON AWARDING THE VECONAC MEDAL OF HONOUR

The 17th VECONAC General Assembly:

Noting that the past VECONAC Secretary General have significantly contributed in administering the VECONAC Secretariat.

Considering the dedication, contribution and sterling effort of Maj Gen (Ret) Zar Ni Winn in performing the duty of VECONAC Secretary General for Year 2014-2016.

Hereby Resolved:

In recognizing the tireless effort and significant contribution of Maj Gen (Ret) Zar Ni Winn as the Secretary General for Year 2014-2016. It was unanimously agreed that Maj Gen (Ret) Zar Ni Winn is to be awarded the VECONAC Medal of Honour.

RESOLUTION 17-3. SAFEGUARDING AND PRESERVATION OF MILITARY HISTORICAL EVENT

The 17th VECONAC General Assembly:

Noting that military historical events and memories is one of the component of National Memories that should be documented and archived as a National Heritage for the future generation to remember and value.

Considering that there is a need to record and document memories of military operations and conflict by each country to recognize sacrifices made by the Veterans of war in maintaining the sovereignty and peaceful environment the country as well as indirectly contributing in the maintaining of peace in the respective region.

Hereby Resolved:

That all VECONAC member countries to propose to their respective government to record, document and preserve the memories and event of military operations and conflicts and that it be properly archived so that it could be accessed and passed on to the next generation within the country and also shared by people from other countries.

RESOLUTION 17-4. REVIEWING THE EXISTING CONSTITUTION IN AN EFFORT TO ENHANCE THE CONTENT

The 17th VECONAC General Assembly:

Noting that the past General Assembly has resolved on a few additional instructions to enhance the administration mechanism of VECONAC.

Considering that the additional instructions bring about the need to amend the VECONAC Constitution and By Laws in accordance with the factual condition.

Hereby Resolved:

There is a need to amend and review the VECONAC Constitution and By Laws to accommodate and regularise any additional instructions that have been approved by the General Assembly. Thereto it is unanimously agreed that a committee is to be formed up with SAFVL providing the chairperson and VAMAF and ESABD as members.

Further, the draft amendment is to be circulated to all VECONAC member countries for comment before tabling it to EBM for discussion thereafter to General Assembly for approval.

RESOLUTION 17-5. DOMICILING VECONAC ACCOUNT PERMANENTLY IN ONE MEMBER COUNTRY

The 17th VECONAC General Assembly:

Noting that the VECONAC fund is also following the rotational system of the VECONAC Secretariat whereby it will be domiciled in the bank of the member countries holding the secretariat position.

Considering the transferring of an account in and out will incur some considerable amount of banking charges that will negatively affect the overall financial position of the VECONAC fund.

Hereby Resolved:

Propose that the VECONAC fund is to be domiciled permanently in one member country appointed by the General Assembly for purpose of cost saving in avoiding the recurrence bank charges, and also prevention from being misconstrued as money laundering act.

RESOLUTION 17-6. RESOLUTION TO DEVELOP A VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT OF VECONAC

The 17th VECONAC General Assembly:

Noting that the 16th General Assembly has adopted a resolution in calling the VECONAC Secretariat to formulate the draft Vision and Mission statement.

Considering that the draft Vision and Mission tabling during the 17th General Assembly still need some fine-tuning.

Hereby Resolved:

The VECONAC Secretariat is **to further fine-tune** the draft Vision and Mission thereafter circulating it to member countries for comments before tabling it to the next EBM for deliberation subsequently to the GA for approval.

RESOLUTION 17-7. RESOLUTION ON THE ROTATIONAL SYSTEM OF VECONAC SECRETARIAT AND CHAIRMANSHIP

The 17th VECONAC General Assembly:

Noting that due to the unavoidable circumstances the Cambodia Veteran Association (CVA) is unable to host the 18th General Assembly as agreed during the 16th General Assembly (in reference to Resolution 16-5 of the 16th General Assembly).

Considering that the Resolution 16-5 during of the 16th General Assembly has stipulated that in the event of the appointed country declining in hosting, the next country in line is to automatically take over as the a host country.

Hereby Resolved:

In accordance to the Resolution 16-5 of the 16th General Assembly, the Lao National Veterans Federation (LNVF) has stated its agreement in volunteering to host the 18th General Assembly in 2018. Subsequently the CVA will take its turn to host the 19th General Assembly in the year 2019.

RESOLUTION 17-8. AN ORGANIZED VISIT TO THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT IN JAKARTA

The 17th VECONAC General Assembly:

Noting that VECONAC has been accepted as VECONAC entities and on the 16th October 2017, VECONAC has been accepted and registered as an Entities Associated with ASEAN on the ASEAN Website.

Considering the acceptance and registration of the above will bring benefits to VECONAC in the long term.

Hereby Resolved:

The VECONAC Secretariat with the help of LVRI is to organise a courtesy visit by Presidents of VECONAC member countries to the ASEAN Secretary General in the ASEAN Permanent Secretariat in Jakarta in the near future. The cost incurred during the visit in term of transportation, accommodation and messing will be borne by each of the VECONAC member countries involved.

RESOLUTION 17-9. MINIATURE MEDAL OF THE VECONAC MEDAL OF HONOUR

The 17th VECONAC General Assembly:

Noting that VECONAC has already awarded the VECONAC Medal of Honour to several specially selected individual during the 16th General Assembly.

Considering that the previous awarding of the VECONAC Medal of Honour to recipient was without the Miniature Medal that can be worn by the recipient when attending an official Military function and Royale Banquet.

Hereby Resolved:

The General Assembly unanimously agreed that VECONAC is to issue a Miniature Medal of the VECONAC Medal of Honour to all previous and future recipient of the medal.

It has been agreed that VAMAF will facilitate in making the Miniature Medal and the cost will be borne by VECONAC Fund.

RESOLUTION 17-10. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO THE HOST COUNTRY

The 17th VECONAC General Assembly

Noting that the 17th General Assembly has been arranged and conducted in a very harmonious and peaceful environment by the host association.

Considering that the host association has put up a lot of effort and fund in making the 30th Executive Board Meeting and the 17th General Assembly a success.

Hereby Resolved:

Highly appreciate and thank the Ex-Service Association of Brunei Darussalam (ESABD) for successfully hosting the 30th Executive Board Meeting and the 17th General Assembly in Parkview Hotel, Jerudong, Brunei Darussalam.

RESOLUTION 17-11. AN APPRECIATION TO THE VECONAC PRESIDENT AND HIS SECRETARIT STAFFS

The 17th VECONAC General Assembly

Noting that the outgoing President, Secretary General and Treasurer General of VECONAC Year 2016-2017 session have put a lot effort and time in administering the VECONAC affair during their tenure of duty.

Acknowledging that the above mentioned Gentlemen have dedicated and contributed a tireless effort and significant contribution to the VECONAC entities holistically.

Hereby Resolved;

Highly appreciate and thank the tireless effort and leadership of the Honourable Pehin Datu Padukaraja Maj Gen (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Shari bin Ahmad as the President of VECONAC in Year 2016-2017.

Highly appreciated and thank also for the dedication, contribution and sterling effort of Lt Col (Rtd) Ramli bin Abdul Hadis in performing his duty as the Secretary General and Lt Col (Rtd) Hj Hashim bin Haji Zainal Abidin in performing his duty as the Treasurer General in the Year 2016-2017.

RESOLUTION 17-12. RESOLUTION ON ESTABLISHING THE WOMEN AND SPOUSES INTERACTION PROGRAM (A REVIEW OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION 2 OF THE 16TH GA)

The 17th VECONAC General Assembly

Noting that the Women Veterans and Spouses interaction program will enhance social and economic development of women veterans and spouses as well as promoting the exchange of ideas and experiences among them.

Suggesting that the Women Veterans and Spouses interaction program should be part of the GA activities.

Hereby Resolved:

The VECONAC Secretariat and the host country is to include activities for women veterans and spouses in the GA programme.

Hence, all member countries is to encourage their women veterans and spouses to participate in the interaction activities organised by the host country in conjunction with the GA programme.

RESOLUTION 17-13. ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING COMMITTEE

The 17th VECONAC General Assembly

Noting that the newly agreed once a year rotational of VECONAC Secretariat and Chairman will begin from year 2018.

Recognizing that the once a year rotational system will enforce a back-to-back EBM and GA, hence, leaving the VECONAC administration with less time to implement the resolutions adopted by previous GA.

Hereby Resolved:

In compliance with the principle of good governance and prudent administration, VECONAC Secretariat is to form up a Working Committee comprising one representative from each of member associations, and the Committee will have a meeting six months before the EBM and GA to validate all actions taken in implementing the resolutions of the previous GA. Thereafter to take the necessary action to resolve all outstanding issues.
