



APPENDIX “M”

Resolution of 25 GENERAL ASSEMBLY Monday, 05 October 2026

1. Resolution GA25-1: STRENGTHENING VECONAC ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ASEAN COMMUNITY

- **RECALLING** that VECONAC was established on 19 December 1980 to promote veterans' welfare, friendship, cooperation, peace and regional solidarity;
- **RECOGNISING** that the experience, networks and commitment to public service of veterans can contribute meaningfully to ASEAN Community-building, particularly in peace, humanitarian assistance, disaster response, community resilience and people-to-people cooperation;
- **RECOGNISING FURTHER** the need to strengthen VECONAC's institutional capacity, long term planning, regional engagement and sustainable financing;
- **HEREBY RESOLVES** to seek closer engagement and support from ASEAN in the following areas:
 1. Institutional Engagement and Legal Recognition - Seek ASEAN's support to conduct an institutional assessment to VECONAC's legal status, aligning VECONAC's Constitution to ASEAN cause where appropriate.
 2. Regular ASEAN–VECONAC Liaison - Explore appropriate arrangements for regular ASEAN–VECONAC engagements, including mutual participation in relevant meetings and activities, and the appointment of senior focal points from both sides to facilitate continuing coordination.
 3. Inclusion of VECONAC's Plans and Achievements within ASEAN - Seek appropriate opportunities to share VECONAC's activities, achievements and good practices through relevant ASEAN platforms and publications, and seek ASEAN's support, where appropriate, for projects and programmes proposed by VECONAC.
 4. Strategic Planning and Joint Project/Programme Initiatives - Seek ASEAN's support and technical cooperation in developing a long-term VECONAC Strategic Plan and implementing regional programmes and projects. Explore linkages with relevant ASEAN mechanisms, and appropriate partnerships under a possible "VECONAC Plus" framework to strengthen VECONAC's regional role and institutional effectiveness.
 5. Strengthening Humanitarian Cooperation - Explore cooperation with the AHA Centre and other relevant ASEAN mechanisms to enable veterans' networks to support veterans, their families and communities affected by major disasters and humanitarian emergencies, contributing towards an inclusive and people-centred ASEAN Community.
 6. Establishing a Sustainable Financing Model and Strategy - Seek ASEAN's support in facilitating access to relevant expertise, partnerships and appropriate funding opportunities to assist VECONAC in developing a sustainable resource-mobilisation and financing strategy.
 7. Explore the Establishment of a Permanent VECONAC Secretariat
 - Recognizing that the annual rotation of the VECONAC Presidency may affect institutional continuity and the implementation of long-term programmes, explore the establishment of a Permanent VECONAC Secretariat to support successive Presidencies, coordinate regional programmes and maintain institutional continuity.

- Seek ASEAN's support and guidance on the appropriate structure, legal status, staffing, financing and possible location of the Permanent Secretariat, including the feasibility of establishing it in Jakarta in close proximity to the ASEAN Secretariat, subject to relevant ASEAN procedures and approval.

2. Resolution GA25–2: On the admission of the National Liberation Combatants Council (conselho dos combatentes da libertação nacional “CCLN”) of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste as the 11th full member of the Veterans Confederation of Asean Countries (VECONAC)

- **RECALLING** the Preamble and Article 1 (1.1, 1.2, 1.3) of the VECONAC Constitution, which set forth the noble mission to improve the wellbeing of veterans and to strengthen solidarity, friendship, and mutual cooperation in the cause of peace, security, and prosperity within the ASEAN community;
- **IN ACCORDANCE** with Article 4 (Membership) of the VECONAC Constitution, which explicitly stipulates that: "In the event of any nation subsequently joining the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), then its recognized national Veterans/Ex-Services association shall be invited to join the Confederation";
- **IN ACCORDANCE** with Article 7 (Clause 7.2.2) and Article 11 (Clause 11.1) of the VECONAC Constitution regarding the authority of the General Assembly to decide on matters submitted by the Executive Board and the administrative procedures of meetings determined by the host member;
- **ACKNOWLEDGING** the historic event in which the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste was officially admitted as the 11th full member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) at the 47th ASEAN Summit held on 26 October 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;
- **RECALLING** the spirit of the previous Resolution No. 24-8, which agreed in principle to invite the Veterans Organisation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to join VECONAC, and tasked the rotating President of VECONAC with formally notifying and coordinating this process;
- **COMMENDING** the Cambodian Veterans Association (C.V.P.), in its capacity as the host nation and rotating President of VECONAC for 2026, for arranging the official invitation extended to the high-level delegation of Timor-Leste to attend the 38th Executive Board Meeting and the 25th General Assembly;
- **REFERRING** the official letter, No.7277/A-CCLN/IX/2026, dated 25th September 2026 of the National Liberation Combatants Council (CCLN), on Acceptance of Invitation to join VECONAC.
- **REFERRING** to the official confirmation letter from Minister of National Liberation Combatant's Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, No.52/MACLN/IX/2026, dated 28 September 2026, on Confirmation of the Conselho dos Combatentes da Libertação Nacional (CCLN) as Timor-Leste's officially recognized Veterans Organization
- **REFERRING** to the official letter from the National Liberation Combatants Council (CCLN) of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, dated 29th September 2026, on Application for admission as the 11th full member of the Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries (VECONAC).
- **NOTING** the support from all the founding member associations and regular member associations, in endorsing with the accession process
- **HEREBY RESOLVES:**
 1. Recognition of Procedures and Full Fulfillment of Requirements:
Recognize that the National Liberation Combatants Council (CCLN), representing the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, has fully, properly, and legally fulfilled all legal, administrative, and institutional requirements in accordance with Article 4 of the VECONAC Constitution and By-Laws.
 2. Admission as the 11th Full Member of VECONAC:

Officially approve the admission of the National Liberation Combatants Council (CCLN), representing the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, as the 11th Full Member of the Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries (VECONAC) at the 25th General Assembly, with the official accession declaration ceremony being solemnized in the Kingdom of Cambodia in 2026.

3. Rights, Privileges, and Obligations:

As a full member, the CCLN shall be entitled to equal rights, voting rights, honors, and full privileges, and shall assume all responsibilities, duties, and financial contributions on an equal basis with all other member associations, pursuant to Article 4, Article 10, and Rule 4 of the VECONAC Constitution and By-Laws.

4. Updating of the Constitution and By-Laws:

Task the 39th Executive Board and the 2027 VECONAC Secretariat with incorporating the CCLN (Timor-Leste) into Article 2 (Members) of the Constitution and undertaking technical updates to the VECONAC emblem and flag (Rule 1 of the By-Laws to reflect the 11-member ASEAN structure), in accordance with the amendment procedures outlined in Article 13 of the VECONAC Constitution.

5. Enhancing the Spirit of ASEAN Solidarity and Peace:

VECONAC extends its warmest welcome to the CCLN of Timor-Leste into the VECONAC family in the spirit of "Peace, Friendship, Solidarity, and Cooperation," and looks forward to working jointly to foster the exchange of experiences in peacebuilding, national reconciliation, and the enhancement of the welfare and quality of life of veterans and war victims throughout the entire ASEAN region.

3. Resolution GA25–3: ESTABLISHMENT OF VECONAC SERVICE MEDALS.

- **WHEREAS** VECONAC currently maintains only two categories of awards, namely:
 - Presidential Medal (The Honorary Presidency Medal), awarded exclusively to former VECONAC Presidents; and
 - The Medal of Honour, awarded exclusively to former Secretaries-General and Treasurers- General
- **AND WHEREAS** there is a need to expand VECONAC's system of recognition to appropriately acknowledge distinguished service and significant contributions by individuals from member countries and across the ASEAN veterans community;
- **HEREBY RESOLVES** that VECONAC shall establish the following categories of service medals, which will supersede all other VECONAC service medals and certificate of commendation:
 - a. Distinguished Service Medal**
Distinguish Service medal " To be awarded to former VECONAC Presidents and Vice Presidents in Recognition of the exceptional leadership and distinguished service to VECONAC".
 - b. Medal of Honour**
Medal of Honour " To be awarded to former VECONAC Secretaries General, Treasurer General and deserving individuals in recognition of their outstanding service and contribution to the organisation".
 - c. Medal of Merit**
To be awarded to senior office-bearers or individuals who have rendered meritorious service to VECONAC or their respective national veterans' organizations. Each member country is entitled to submit a maximum of five (5) nominees. VECONAC shall fund the cost of three (3) medals per member country. The nominating member country shall be responsible for covering the expenses of the remaining two (2) medals, if requested.

d. Certificates of Commendation (Referring to Resolution GA-23-4)

To be awarded to individuals who have made noteworthy contributions in support of the objectives and activities of VECONAC or their respective national veterans' organizations. Each member country may submit a maximum of 5 nominees.

– **HEREBY RESOLVES:**

1. The approving authority for the Distinguished Service Medal, Medal of Honour, and Medal of Merit shall be the VECONAC General Assembly.
2. The Certificates of Commendation shall be recommended by the respective member country and approved by the Executive Board Meeting.
3. Malaysia shall assist VECONAC in the procurement of the medals and Certificates of Commendation through an approved manufacturer in Malaysia.
4. VECONAC shall bear the cost of producing all VECONAC medals and certificates.

4. Resolution GA25–4: Scheduling of the Executive Board Meeting and General Assembly prior to the ASEAN Summit.

- **RECOGNIZING** that the Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries (VECONAC) was founded and organized for the common purpose and objectives of the ASEAN veterans, the common effort and strategic thrusts of each member country are being consolidated as one ASEAN veterans represented by VECONAC;
- **CONSIDERING** that VECONAC undertakings, purposes and objectives are to be facilitated for inclusion in the ASEAN Summit Report, it will be more comprehensively represented in the ASEAN leadership if each VECONAC member country/veteran organization also sustain and strengthen their respective collaboration with their ASEAN office in their respective country to help achieve the purposes and objectives of VECONAC in a wider scope, perspective and recognition through the Annual ASEAN Summit;
- **FURTHER** recognizing the importance and relevance of inclusion of each member country's/veteran organizations' Report on their Respective Collaboration with their respective country's ASEAN office during the Executive Board Meeting and General Assembly that will be consolidated by the Secretariat of the VECONAC Host Country/Veterans Organization;
- **HEREBY RESOLVES** that the Executive Board Meeting and General Assembly of VECONAC shall be scheduled at prior to the ASEAN Summit, in order to enable the VECONAC Rotating Chairperson to submit the Annual Assembly Report to the ASEAN Secretariat including the Consolidated Reports on their activities with their respective ASEAN office from each VECONAC Member Country/Veterans Organization in a timely manner and ensure its proper consideration and inclusion in the ASEAN Summit documentation.

5. Resolution GA25–5: To review the VECONAC Constitution and By-Laws

- **REFERRING** to the proposal by C.V.P. to review the VECONAC Constitution and By-Laws, which have remained in effect since the organization's establishment, noting that while national, regional, and global contexts have evolved over time, several articles and provisions have yet to be fully implemented;
- **REFERRING** to VARBAF's preparation of a draft amendment pursuant to Resolution 24-5, aimed at clarifying the roles, functions, and purposes of Working Committee Meeting.
- **RECOGNIZING** that VECONAC Meetings have undergone several changes, and have affected some member countries in different ways, and
- **NOTING** that the current VECONAC Constitution and By-Laws do not include the recent development on the conduct of meetings,
- **HEREBY RESOLVES** that a designated Brunei be tasked with forming a working group to review the current VECONAC Constitution and By-Laws, ensuring that appropriate amendments are made to reflect the common interests of all VECONAC members.

6. Resolution GA25–6: To recommend the VECONAC medals to VECONAC host 2025 leaders of the Legiun Veteran Republik Indonesia (LVRI) and Treasurer General of VECONAC 2025

- **NOTING** that the 37th Executive Board Meeting (EBM) and the 24th General Assembly (GA) were successfully hosted and completed in 2025 in Indonesia by the Legiun Veteran Republik Indonesia (LVRI) to the great success, due mainly to the innovative approach, foresight and systematic organization of the events and activities led by the leaders of the Legiun Veteran Republik Indonesia (LVRI);
- **RECOGNIZING** the inspiration of the leadership, along with the dedication of the leaders of LVRI, were pivotal to the success of both the 37th Executive Board Meeting (EBM-37) and the 24th General Assembly (GA-24) 2025;
- **HEREBY RESOLVES** that the 25th General Assembly approve the award of the VECONAC Medals to:
 1. Distinguished Service Medal to H.E. General (Ret) H.B.L. Mantiri, President of VECONAC 2025
 2. Medal of Honour to H.E. Vice Admiral (Ret) Djoko Sumaryono, Secretary General of VECONAC 2025.
 3. Medal of Honour to Hon. BG (Ret) Yayat Rochadiat, Treasurer General of VECONAC 2025.
 4. The Medal of Honour will be awarded to Treasurer General of Singapore of VECONAC 2024, Major (Retired) Frank Chang in Brunei in 2027.

7. Resolution GA25–7: To propose the award of VECONAC Distinguished Service Medal to Captain Datuk Sharuddin bin Hj Omar (Retd), President of VAMAF

- **RECALLING** the Resolution of the 14th General Assembly whereby the former President and Secretary General of VECONAC were awarded the VECONAC Medal of Honour in recognition and appreciation of their distinguished service and contributions to the administration and development of VECONAC during their respective terms of office; and further recalling the Resolution of the 15th General Assembly authorizing Member Associations to submit nominations of individuals or office bearers for consideration of the VECONAC Medal of Honour based on their meritorious contributions to the advancement of VECONAC, whether directly or indirectly.
- **RECOGNIZING** that Captain Datuk Sharuddin bin Hj Omar (Retd), the incumbent President of VAMAF, has rendered exemplary service as President of VAMAF for a period exceeding six (6) years and concurrently served as Vice President of VECONAC during the same period;
- **ACKNOWLEDGING** his unwavering commitment, dedicated leadership, and tireless efforts in promoting and advancing the Vision, Mission, and Objectives of VECONAC;
- **FURTHER RECOGNIZING** his significant role in strengthening bilateral and multilateral relations, enhancing cooperation among Member Associations, and fostering regional solidarity and collaboration within VECONAC.
- **HEREBY RESOLVES** that Captain Datuk Sharuddin bin Hj Omar (Retd) has fully satisfied the criteria for the award of the VECONAC Distinguished Service Medal by reason of his outstanding leadership, exemplary service, distinguished contributions, and steadfast commitment to the advancement and development of VECONAC.

8. Resolution GA25-8: ON THE REVAMP AND REFRESH OF THE VECONAC WEBSITE

- **SINCE** the VECONAC website was first created, this marks the first time we are planning to update its design and structure.
- **NOTING** that the purpose of this initiative is to update the website architecture to ease daily upkeep and enhance security by relocating the website to a more secure cloud-based platform;

- **ACKNOWLEDGING** the concurrent need to refresh the website's look and feel to improve the ease of site navigation and simplify the process of updating content for all member countries;
- **A MODERN**, safe, and easy-to-use website is important for VECONAC's image and helps us communicate better with members and the public;
- **HEREBY RESOLVES** that the approval of the revamped and refreshed VECONAC website, with a capex budget of SGD 3,500 and an annual recurring budget of SGD 4,200 (SGD350 monthly), with the SAFVL continuing as the website administrator until another VECONAC country agrees to take over the administrative role.

9. Resolution GA25-9: RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD THE VECONAC MEDALS OF HONOUR TO THE VECONAC HOST 2019/LEADERS OF THE CAMBODIA VETERANS AND PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION (C.V.P.).

- **NOTING** that the 32nd Executive Board Meeting (EBM) and the 19th General Assembly (GA) were successfully hosted and completed in 2019 in Cambodia to the great success, due mainly to the innovative approach, foresight and systematic organization of the events and activities led by the leaders of the Cambodia Veterans and Pensioners Association (C.V.P.);
- **ACKNOWLEDGING** the letter dated 14 June 2025 addressed to rotating VECONAC President regarding the request for the award of VECONAC medals of honor to three leaders of the C.V.P.;
- **RECOGNIZING** that inspiration and leadership, along with the dedication of the leaders of C.V.P., were pivotal to the success of both the 32nd Executive Board Meeting (EBM) and the 19th General Assembly (GA) 2019; Hereby resolved that the 24th General Assembly approve the award of the VECONAC Medals of Honour to:
 1. H.E. Lt. Gen. (Ret) NEY KUN, Deputy Secretary General, Cambodian Veterans and Pensioners Association (C.V.P.)
 2. H.E. Lt. Gen. OUM SOK, Deputy Secretary General, Cambodian Veterans and Pensioners Association (C.V.P.)
 3. H.E. KIM CHANSOLYNA, Standing committee member. Cambodian Veterans and Pensioners Association (C.V.P.)

10. Resolution GA25-10: Amendment to the Constitution on the Renaming of Member Associations, including the Cambodian Veterans Association (C.V.A.) to the Cambodian Veterans and Pensioners Association (C.V.P.), the Ex-Servicemen Association of Brunei Darussalam (ESABD) to the Veterans Association of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (VARBAF), and the Lao National Veterans Federation (LNVF) to the Lao Veterans Federation (LVF).

- **RECOGNIZING** that the 24th General Assembly formally acknowledged the approved changes in the official names of member associations, namely: the Cambodian Veterans Association (C.V.A.) to the Cambodian Veterans and Pensioners Association (C.V.P.); and further noting the request by the Veterans Association of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (VARBAF) to change the name from Ex-Servicemen of Brunei Darussalam (ESABD) to Veterans Association of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (VARBAF); as well as the change from the Lao National Veterans Federation (LNVF) to the Lao Veterans Federation (LVF);
- **REQUESTING** that such amendments be duly incorporated to ensure full compliance and consistency with Article 4 of the Constitution and By-Laws, which stipulates that each member country shall be represented by a single duly constituted and legally recognized national organization;

- **HEREBY RESOLVS** that Article 2 of the Constitution be amended to reflect the official and legally recognized names of the respective member associations, as follows:
 1. “Cambodian Veterans Association (C.V.A.)” shall be replaced with “Cambodian Veterans and Pensioners Association (C.V.P.)”;
 2. “Ex-Servicemen Association of Brunei Darussalam (ESABD)” shall be replaced with “Veterans Association of Royal Brunei Armed Forces (VARBAF)”;
 3. “Lao National Veterans Federation (LNVF)” shall be replaced with “Lao Veterans Federation (LVF)”.

11. Resolution GA25-11: To recommend the Conferment of VECONAC Medals upon the Host Country Leadership and the Leaders of All VECONAC Member Countries, ASEAN Secretary General and the most deserving individuals in Commemoration of the 60th ASEAN Anniversary

- **NOTING WITH HIGH APPRECIATION** that the 38th Executive Board Meeting (EBM-38) and the 25th General Assembly (GA-25) were successfully convened and conducted in 2026 in the Kingdom of Cambodia by the Cambodian Veterans and Pensioners Association (C.V.P.), achieving remarkable success through the innovative foresight, meticulous preparation, and exceptional leadership demonstrated by the host country;
- **COMMEMORATING** the auspicious and historic milestone of the 60th Anniversary of ASEAN, symbolizing six decades of enduring peace, solidarity, mutual respect, and regional cooperation;
- **DESIRING** to mark this momentous 60th Anniversary of ASEAN by honoring shared brotherhood, mutual dedication, and leadership across the Confederation through equal and collective recognition;
- **HEREBY RESOLVES** that the 25th General Assembly unanimously approves the conferment of the VECONAC Medals to the designated leadership of the Host Country and all VECONAC Member Countries as well as the most deserving individuals as follows:

Cambodia

1. Distinguished Service Medal to H.E. General KUN KIM, President of VECONAC 2026
2. Medal of Honour to H.E. General MEAS SAVAN, Secretary General of VECONAC 2026.
3. Medal of Honour to H.E KONG KANNAROTH, Treasurer General of VECONAC 2026.
4. Medal of Honour to Lauk Neak Oknha LEANG Khun, Co-Founder and Chairman, Chip Mong

Brunei

1. Distinguished Service Medal to Lt Col Ramli Abd Hadis, President of VARBAF
2. Medal of Honour to Major Rosnani Ismail, Secretary General VARBAF
3. Medal of Honour to Major Pg Masnah Pg Hj Bahar, Treasurer General

Indonesia

1. Distinguished Service Medal to GENERAL (RET) H.B.L. MANTIRI, President of LVRI
2. Medal of Honour to VADM (RET) DJOKO SUMARYONO, Secretary General of LVRI
3. Medal of Honour to BG (RET), YAYAT ROCHADIAT, Treasurer General of LVRI

Laos

LVF

1. Distinguished Service Medal to LT. GEN. (RET) SENGNOUANE SAYALAT, President of
 2. Medal of Honour to Secretary General of LVF
 3. Medal of Honour to Treasurer General of LVF
- (Note: Names for the final two nominees are pending and will be provided).

Malaysia

VAMAF

1. Distinguished Service Medal to CAPTAIN DATUK SHARUDDIN BIN HJ OMAR (RETD), President of VAMAF
2. Medal of Honour to LT COL TAJUL ARIFFIN BIN CHU JOHARI (RETD), Secretary General of VAMAF
3. Medal of Honour to LT COL. ABD HAMID BIN HJ NAYAN (RETD), Treasurer General of

Myanmar

1. Distinguished Service Medal to GEN (RET.), KHIN AUNG MYINT, President of MWVO
 2. Medal of Honour to MAJ.GEN (RET.), SAN MYINT, Secretary General of MWVO
 3. Medal of Honour to Treasurer General of MWVO
- (Note: Names for the final one more nominee is pending and will be provided).

Philippines

VFP

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1. Distinguished Service Medal to MGEN ROMEO D ALAMILLO AFP (RET.), President of
2. Medal of Honour to MGEN RUBEN L CARANDANG PAF (RET.), Secretary General of
3. Medal of Honour to CAPT GILBERT M BALADHAY PN (RET), Treasurer General of VFP

Singapore

1. Distinguished Service Medal to BG (RET) Winston Toh, President of SAFVL
2. Medal of Honour to SLTC (RET) Adrian Toh, Honorary Secretary of SAFVL
3. Medal of Honour to LTC (RET) Harpal Singh, Honorary Treasurer of SAFVL

Thailand

1. Distinguished Service , President of WVO
2. Medal of Honour to ,Secretary General of WVO
3. Medal of Honour to , Treasurer General of WVO

Timor-Leste

1. Distinguished Service Medal to Major General João Miranda “Aluc Descart”, 1st Vice-President, Conselho dos Combatentes da Libertação Nacional (CCLN) / National Council of National Liberation Veterans
2. Medal of Honour to Ms. Inês Maria de Almeida, 3rd Vice-President, CCLN
3. Medal of Honour to Mrs Umbelina de Jesus Pires Amaral Chief of Finance

Vietnam

1. Distinguished Service Medal Sen. Lt.Gen (Ret) BE XUAN TRUONG President of VAVN
2. Medal of Honour to Secretary General of VAVN
3. Medal of Honour to Treasurer General of VAVN
4. Medal of Honour to H.E. Lê Văn Kiêm, Vice President of the Veterans Association of Vietnam and Chairman of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Entrepreneurs
5. Medal of Honour to Mrs. Nguyễn Thị Bảo Hiền, Standing Vice Chairwoman and President of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Entrepreneurs.

(Note: Names for the final two nominees are pending and will be provided).

ASEAN Secretary General

Distinguished Service Medal to H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, ASEAN Secretary General