

**CO-CHAIRS' SUMMARY REPORT
ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM INTER-SESSIONAL SUPPORT GROUP ON
CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES AND PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, 9 APRIL 2014**

Introduction

1. Pursuant to the decision of the 20th Ministerial Meeting of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), held in Bandar Seri Begawan on 2 July 2013, the meeting of the Inter-sessional Support Group on Confidence Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy (ISG on CBMs and PD) was held in Brussels, Belgium, on 9 April 2014. The Meeting was co-chaired by Myanmar and the European Union (EU).

2. Representatives from all ARF participants except the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka attended the Meeting. The representatives of the ASEAN Secretariat were also present. The List of Delegates is attached as **ANNEX 1**.

3. In his welcoming remarks H. E. Viorel Isticioaia Budura, Managing Director for Asia and the Pacific of the European External Action Service (EEAS) and ARF SOM Leader of the European Union, welcomed all ARF participants to Brussels. He reaffirmed the EU's commitment to cooperation with countries in the Asia Pacific and support for ASEAN centrality in its areas of cooperation. The EU is also committed in making the ARF more strategic and more action-oriented; in this regard the EU will contribute by conducting practical activities such as training courses on preventive diplomacy to the implementation of the ARF Work Plan on Preventive Diplomacy. He informed the Meeting that the EU will share its comprehensive approach to security, namely bringing together the foreign affairs, defence, development, and legal and justice sectors in the areas of conflict prevention, crisis management, and post-conflict reconstruction. His opening remarks appear as **ANNEX 2**.

4. H. E. Paw Lwin Sein, Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Belgium and the European Union, in his welcoming remarks offered his prayers to the families and friends of the passengers of Malaysian Airlines flight MH370. He welcomed the final peace agreement signed between the Philippine government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front on 27 March 2014 as an example of successful preventive diplomacy. He reaffirmed Myanmar's commitment in advancing the ARF process forward with all participants through the implementation of Confidence Building Measures and preventive diplomacy activities. His welcome remarks appear as **ANNEX 3**.

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of Agenda

5. The Meeting considered and adopted the Agenda which appears as **ANNEX 4**.

Agenda Item 2: Business Arrangements

6. The Meeting noted the administrative arrangements made by the European Union, details of which appear as **ANNEX 5**.

Agenda Item 3: Briefing by Track II

7. Tan Sri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan, Chairman of the Institute of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS) on behalf of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) International updated the Meeting on CSCAP's activities. He elaborated on CSCAP's role as a track II process which conducts policy research and provides policy recommendations on various security issues in the Asia Pacific region. Its current focus is on preventive diplomacy, regional security architecture, principles of good order at sea, and countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) in the Asia Pacific. CSCAP has submitted 22 memoranda to the ARF on various topics from non-proliferation to cyber security and is currently preparing two memoranda on regional security architecture and on water security. He shared the outcomes on of the CSCAP Study Group on Preventive Diplomacy which was held in Yangon in December 2013 and highlighted several observations, namely that preventive diplomacy initiatives are difficult to implement unless there is greater political will from affected states to seek the involvement of the ARF in their problem areas, and that there has been a number of preventive diplomacy initiatives in the region outside of the ARF from which the ARF might take lessons. He also touched on the recommendation to establish an ASEAN or ARF Regional Risk Reduction Centre of which the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) could serve as a useful model. In conclusion, he underscored CSCAP's support for the ARF and encouraged ARF participants to provide guidance to CSCAP on any particular area that CSCAP should focus and work on. The briefing appears as **ANNEX 6**.

Agenda Item 4: Briefing on the Outcomes of the ARF Defence Officials' Dialogue

8. Brigadier General Walter Huhn, Co-Chair of ARF Defence Officials' Dialogue (ARF DOD), briefed the Meeting on the outcomes of the ARF DOD which was convened in Brussels on 8 April 2014. The Dialogue was also co-chaired by Major General Tin Maung Win, Deputy Chief of the Armed Forces Training, Office of the Chief of Armed Forces Training, Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The Dialogue exchanged views on maritime security cooperation, the role of the military in disaster relief, and enhancing defence capabilities. On maritime

security, the Dialogue took note of a briefing by Australia and Malaysia as the Co-Chairs of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus) Experts' Working Group on Maritime Security (EWG on MS) on the work of the EWG including the successful conduct of the inaugural ADMM-Plus Maritime Security Field Training Exercise in Jervis Bay, Australia in October 2013. The Dialogue also received an update on the work of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, currently chaired by the EU, as well as on the development of a European Union Maritime Security Strategy, which is expected to be endorsed by summer 2014 and which will outline dialogue and cooperation with partners as one of its key tenets. Many delegations commended the reinvigoration on negotiations about a Code of Conduct in the China Sea. The Dialogue exchanged views on the complementarity between the ARF DOD and the ADMM-Plus including in the area of maritime security, and on ways to enhance greater functional coordination on common issues in order to enhance coherence and to eliminate unnecessary duplication of activities. A specific field for further elaboration was identified in the area of civil-military cooperation. The Dialogue also exchanged views on the role of the military in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR). Participants shared their national and regional experiences and the lessons learned in the deployment and contribution of military personnel and assets in HADR operations such as in Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar in 2008 and in Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda in the Philippines in 2013. Participants stressed that civil-military cooperation and coordination is crucial for effective disaster relief and response. The Dialogue received a briefing by the European Defence Agency (EDA) on the development of the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base (EDTIB). The Dialogue was furthermore briefed by Rear Admiral Bruce Williams, Deputy Director-General of the European Union Military Staff, on the EU's global military operations and missions. The Dialogue noted that the next ARF DOD and the ARF Security Policy Conference (ASPC) will be convened in Yangon on 6-8 June 2014. The Co-Chairs' Summary Report of the ARF DOD appears as **ANNEX 7**.

Agenda Item 5: Exchange of Views on Regional and International Issues

9. From the outset the Meeting expressed their condolences to the families of the passengers of Malaysian Airlines flight MH370 for their loss. The Meeting observed how the international community was able to come together and conduct sustained cooperation and collaboration in the search for the missing airplane.

10. The Meeting discussed the situation in the South China Sea and called for the full cooperation between ASEAN countries and China in implementing the Declaration of Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) and working towards a code of conduct in the South China Sea (COC). The Meeting welcomed the successful convening of the 10th ASEAN-China Joint Working Group on the implementation of the DOC held in Singapore on 18 March 2014 and looked forward to the next round of consultations between ASEAN countries

and China on the DOC to be held later in the month. In this regard, the Meeting called for accelerating consultation toward early conclusion of effective COC which is contribute to peaceful settlement of conflicts. The Meeting called for the peaceful resolution of the territorial and maritime jurisdiction disputes in accordance with universally recognised principles of international law including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and urged the parties concerned to refrain from taking unilateral and coercive actions which could unnecessarily escalate tensions and potentially disrupt peace and stability in the region, and to clarify their own claims based upon international law. Several participants stressed the importance of respecting the rights of safe passage, freedom and safety of navigation and rule of law and protecting the sea lines of communications in the South China Sea.

11. The Meeting touched on the current situation in the East China Sea, shared strong concern about recent actions that have raised tensions and urged all parties concerned to resolve problems in the region in a peaceful and amicable manner. Several participants expressed their concerns over the announcement by China of the East China Sea Air Defence Identification Zone (ADIZ) as a provocative action attempting to change the status-quo coercively and underlined the importance of respecting the freedom of overflight on the high seas.

12. The Meeting exchanged views on the latest developments in the Korean Peninsula. The Meeting reaffirmed support for the peace and security of the Korean Peninsula and called for the denuclearization of the Peninsula through credible and authentic dialogue including the Six-Party Talks. The meeting raised concerns over the recent ballistic missile launches by the DPRK and the DPRK to refrain from further provocative actions, to abandon all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear and ballistic missile programs as well as to abide by its international commitments to under the 2005 Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks and its obligations under all relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1718, 1874, 2087 and 2094 and to abandon all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programs including uranium enrichment program, in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner. On the issue of human rights, several participants touched on the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the DPRK and implored the DPRK to respect and protect the rights of its citizens. In this regard, some participants urged the DPRK to address the abduction issue, without delay, which is a humanitarian concern of the international community. On this note, the Meeting welcomed that the reunion of separated families across the border, which is an urgent humanitarian concern of the entire Korean people, had taken place in February, and expressed its hope that necessary arrangements for further reunions on a larger scale and a regular basis be made by the ROK and the DPRK.

13. The Meeting discussed the recent developments in Ukraine. Many participants expressed deep concerns over the current situation in the eastern and southern parts of Ukraine and called for all parties to exercise utmost

restraint to avoid further loss of life and to resolve the crisis peacefully through political dialogue and with full respect for international law. Many/ Some participants expressed the view that the Ukraine crisis was a real test for the ARF to uphold core ASEAN and ARF principles of sovereignty, non-interference in the internal affairs of other states, and renunciation of the use and the threat of force against other states. The Meeting was informed of Russia's position that the current crisis in Ukraine had become the result of the externally inspired unconstitutional change of power executed by radical, nationalistic and xenophobic forces, their disregard for the legitimate interests of the eastern and southern parts of Ukraine as well as the armed operations and terror against its people.

14. The Meeting touched on the Middle East peace talks and encouraged the resumption of direct negotiations between Israel and Palestine in order to secure long-term peace, security and stability in the region. Some participants expressed support for legitimate rights of the Palestinian people for a sovereign state as well as to the two-state solution based on the 1967 borders.

15. The Meeting underlined the need to resolve the conflict taking place in Syria with a view of protecting the lives of civilians. Participants expressed support for the provision of humanitarian aid to alleviate the suffering of civilians and non-combatants. Participants also expressed support to the Geneva negotiations between the Syrian government and the opposition as well as the joint efforts of the United Nations and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in dismantling Syria's chemical weapons and stockpiles.

16. The Meeting exchanged views on non-traditional security issues, including counter-terrorism, cyber security, space security, drugs trafficking, human trafficking, terrorism, environmental devastation, food security, and disaster management. The Meeting underlined the need to strengthen regional cooperation in disaster relief and response and reiterated the importance of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) as the common platform for disaster management in ASEAN. In this regard, participants expressed their support for the AHA Centre as the operational arm of AADMER. Some participants raised the issue of the nexus between natural disasters and climate change and called for the ARF to focus their cooperation on addressing these interlinked issues.

17. The Meeting took note of several updates in regional maritime security cooperation including the inaugural ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus Maritime Security Field Training Exercise which was convened in Australia in September-October 2013, the recent formal adoption by China of the Code for Unplanned Encounters at Sea (CUES) at the 14th Western Pacific Naval Symposium, and Australia's chairmanship of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) for 2014-2015.

18. The Meeting exchanged views on combating terrorism through comprehensive methods including through the Global Movement of Moderates (GMM). The Movement would not only be a means to defuse violence and terrorism but also to ensure commitment to the non-use of force in territorial disputes. The Meeting also took note of the support provided by the South East Asia Regional Centre for Counter-Terrorism (SEARCCT) in providing capacity-building and joint research programmes on counter-terrorism. The Meeting took note that Malaysia will host the 10th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC) in 2015.

19. The Meeting commented on the security situation in Afghanistan and looked forward to the outcomes of the presidential and regional council elections. Several participants expressed their concerns over the post-2014 transitional period in which the threats from terrorist groups and from the trafficking of illicit drugs could escalate. In this regard, the Meeting noted that China will host the 4th Meeting of the Istanbul Ministerial Process in Tianjin on 29 August 2014.

20. The Meeting discussed several ways to address the challenges in implementing preventive diplomacy in the ARF context, making ARF preventive diplomacy efforts more results-oriented and calibrated to the pressing and urgent needs of the region; and that after more than two decades in existence, it is time for the ARF to do some soul searching on the relevance and efficacies of the mechanisms and modalities of the Forum to address the overlaps and to maximise the use of available resources.

21. The Meeting noted the convening of the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) Symposium on Peace Reconciliation Processes and Initiatives in Manila on 7-8 April 2014. The Symposium provided a survey of various peace and reconciliation processes as well as conflict resolution structures to the AIPR Governing Council, members of the AIPR Advisory Board and other relevant stakeholders. On this note, the Meeting underlined the important lessons to be learned from the peace process between the Philippine government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

22. The Meeting addressed the issue of regional security architecture and how the absence of a comprehensive multilateral security framework in Asia Pacific increases the difficulty for countries in the region to address their security challenges. The Meeting took note of the suggestion to develop such a framework based on the principles of indivisible security for all and peaceful resolution of conflict, rule of law and non-use of force or threat of force. The Meeting also took note of the consultations on security architecture in the Asia-Pacific under the ambit of the East Asia Summit (EAS) of which the second round will be convened in Moscow on 21-23 April 2014.

23. Some participants expressed their concerns over the security challenges in the South Pacific countries including the trafficking of illicit drugs.

24. The Meeting noted the announcement by Viet Nam that the 5th ASEAN Maritime Forum and the 3rd Expanded ASEAN Maritime Forum will be convened in Da Nang in August 2014.

25. The Meeting took note of the informal dialogue between ASEAN Defence Ministers and the United States Secretary of Defense which was convened in Honolulu on 1-3 April 2014.

26. The Meeting also took note that 2014 marks the 40th Anniversary of ASEAN-Australia Dialogue Partnership and the 25th Anniversary of ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations.

Agenda Item 6: Future Direction of the ARF

6.1 Update on the implementation of the Hanoi Plan of Action to Implement the ARF Vision Statement (*ARF Unit to brief*)

27. The Meeting was briefed by the ARF Unit on the implementation of the Hanoi Plan of Action (PoA) to Implement the ARF Vision Statement. The briefing highlighted the progress of the implementation of the PoA since December 2013 and focused on cooperative activities conducted or under consideration in the areas of cooperation as stipulated in the PoA.

6.2 Cooperation between ARF and other Regional and International Security Cooperation (*ADMM-Plus and EAS*)

28. The Meeting exchanged views on the need to coordinate the activities of the ARF and the ADMM-Plus to avoid unnecessary waste of resources. The Meeting viewed that the existing mechanisms complement one another; however there is a need for clear delineation of roles and responsibilities so as to synchronise activities particularly in cross-cutting issues such as disaster relief. Attention should be given to the sustainability of ASEAN centrality in regional architecture, avoidance of overlapping agendas, and capitalisation of respective comparative advantages with a view of maximising resources.

Agenda Item 7: Review and Consideration of CBMs and PD

7.1 Review of CBMs and PD Activities

7.1.1 8th ARF Experts and Eminent Persons Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, 17-18 February 2014 (*Malaysia and EU to brief*)

29. Malaysia briefed the Meeting on the outcomes of the 8th ARF Experts and Eminent Persons (EEPs) Meeting which was held in Kuala Lumpur on 17-18 February 2014. The EEPs also encouraged ARF participants to maximise the

utilisation of the EEPs as resource persons for the ARF in issues of common concern. The Co-Chairs' Summary Report of the 8th ARF EEPs Meeting appears as **ANNEX 8**.

30. The Meeting noted the suggestion for ARF participants to include at least one EEP into their national delegation to the annual ARF EEPs meetings and have the EEP be the lead discussant.

31. The Meeting noted the announcement by China to contribute an additional USD 50,000 to the ARF Fund. The contribution is intended to complement the existing contribution which will be used for the study in regional security architecture and concepts.

32. The Meeting took note of the interest by Singapore to co-chair the next ARF EEPs with the European Union. The 9th ARF EEPs will be tentatively held in Helsinki, Finland in early 2015.

7.1.2 13th ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief, Chengdu, 26-28 February 2014 (*Myanmar, China and Japan to brief*)

33. China briefed the Meeting on the outcomes of the 13th ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief (ISM on DR) which was held in Chengdu on 26-28 February 2014. The 13th ISM on DR discussed a wide range of issues under the ambit of ARF cooperation in HADR and also exchanged views on the preparations for the ARF Disaster Relief Exercise (ARF DiREx) 2015. The [draft] Co-Chairs' Summary Report of the 13th ARF ISM on DR appears as **ANNEX 9**.

34. The Meeting noted that the 14th ARF ISM on DR will be convened in Japan in 2015 collaborating with the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction to be held in Sendai, Japan in March 2015.

7.1.3 ARF Environmental Security: Preparedness, Response and Cooperation to Pollution Incidents Involving Hazardous and Noxious Substances in Maritime Environments, Honolulu, 4-5 March 2014 (*Brunei Darussalam, China, Japan and United States to brief*)

35. The United States briefed the Meeting on the outcomes of the ARF Maritime Security Workshop on Marine Environmental Protection Cooperation which was held in Honolulu on 4-5 March 2014. The briefing highlighted the discussions and recommendations from the participants in the Workshop. The draft Co-Chairs' Summary Report of the Workshop is attached as **ANNEX 10**.

36. The meeting noted the draft ARF statement on cooperation in prevention, preparation, response and recovery, proposed by the United States, based on the achievements of the ARF Maritime Security Workshop on Marine Environmental Protection Cooperation in Hawaii and the ARF Workshop on the

Regional Cooperation on Offshore Oil Spills in Qingdao. The draft will be tabled and further discussed at the 6th ARF ISM on Maritime Security in Bali; ARF participants are invited to submit inputs and feedback to the draft. The draft statement is attached as **ANNEX 11**.

7.1.4 ARF Roundtable on Training Resources for Preventive Diplomacy, Wellington, 20-21 March 2014 (Brunei Darussalam, China, New Zealand, and United States to brief)

37. The Meeting noted the briefing by New Zealand on the outcomes of the ARF Roundtable on Training Resources for Preventive Diplomacy which was held in Wellington on 20-21 March 2014. The Roundtable gathered both track I and track II participants to discuss possible preventive diplomacy training avenues for ARF participants, which included the possible establishment of a preventive diplomacy training course for the Asia-Pacific. The briefing highlighted several recommendations from the Roundtable, namely the inclusion of discussions on PD training as a standing agenda item in the ARF ISG on CBMs and PD and the development of a roadmap for the PD training. The draft Co-Chairs' Summary Report of the Roundtable appears as **ANNEX 12**.

7.1.5 ARF Workshop on Cyber Confidence Building Measures, Kuala Lumpur, 25-26 March 2014 (Malaysia and Australia to brief)

38. The Meeting noted the briefing from Australia on the outcomes of the ARF Workshop on Cyber Confidence Building Measures which was held in Kuala Lumpur on 25-26 March 2014. The briefing highlighted the importance of internal coordination between agencies at the national level as well as between countries at the regional level on cyber security issues.

39. The Meeting took note of the proposal for a follow-up ARF Workshop on Operationalizing Confidence-Building Measures in the ARF which will be co-chaired by Singapore and the United States. The concept paper for the follow-up Workshop appears as **ANNEX 13**.

7.1.6 ARF Workshop on Regional Cooperation on Offshore Oil spills, Qingdao, 26-28 March (China, Brunei and United States to brief)

40. China briefed the Meeting on the outcomes of the ARF Workshop on the Regional Cooperation on Offshore Oil Spills which was held in Qingdao, China on 26-28 March 2014. The Workshop was attended by representatives from government agencies as well as the oil industry and discussed oil spill response and management.

41. The meeting welcomed China's proposal for establishing an Expert Network of Oil Spill Response (ENOSR). The proposal aims to provide a forum for the

provision of scientific and technical advice to support regional offshore oil spill response operations and the coordination of programmes to enhance the effectiveness and capacity of spill response agencies among ARF participants. The ENOSR would be a platform for open exchange on oil spill response technologies. The draft proposal is attached as **ANNEX 14**.

7.2 Consideration of ARF CBMs and PD Initiatives

7.2.1 Draft ARF Work Plan on security of and in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) with a view to implementing the statement by Ministers of Foreign Affairs on cooperation in ensuring cyber security (Malaysia, Australia and Russia to brief)

42. Australia updated the Meeting on the development of the draft ARF Work Plan on Security in the Use of Information and Communication Technologies initiated by Malaysia, Australia and Russia. The draft of the Work Plan had been circulated to ARF participants through the ARF Unit and ARF participants are invited to submit their inputs and feedback to the draft. The draft Work Plan is attached as **ANNEX 15**.

43. The Meeting took note that the circulated draft Work Plan is not the consensus document of the three co-leads. Notwithstanding this fact, the draft will be tabled and further discussed at the upcoming 12th ARF ISM on Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime in Bali on 14-16 April 2014.

7.2.2 ARF Workshop on Combating Wildlife Trafficking in Asia (United States to brief)

44. The Meeting noted the concept paper on the ARF Workshop on Combating Wildlife Trafficking in Asia, proposed by the United States. The Meeting took note that the concept paper will be tabled and further discussed at the upcoming 12th ARF ISM on CTTC in Bali. The concept paper for the Workshop is attached as **ANNEX 16**.

7.2.3 ARF Workshop on Security, Stability and International Migration in the ASEAN Region (United States to brief)

45. The United States introduced the concept paper on the ARF Workshop on Security, Stability and International Migration in the ASEAN Region. The Meeting welcomed the interest of Myanmar to co-chair the Workshop with the United States. The concept paper for the Workshop appears as **ANNEX 17**.

7.2.4 2nd ARF Workshop on Space Security, Tokyo, October 2014 (Indonesia, United States and Japan to brief)

46. Japan, Indonesia and the United States announced to co-host the next ARF Space Security Workshop, to be held in October 2014 in Tokyo, Japan. The Workshop will emphasise the importance of space technologies for peaceful purposes and enhance awareness of the importance of maintaining a sustainable space environment, as well as to further explore the benefits of the space assets for ARF participants. The concept paper for the Workshop appears as **ANNEX 18**.

47. The Meeting took note of the interest of the European Union to co-sponsor the Workshop.

7.2.5 ARF Training course on Preventive Diplomacy (*EU and Brunei Darussalam to brief*)

48. The Meeting noted the concept paper for the preventive diplomacy and mediation training event and regional lessons learnt workshop, proposed by Brunei Darussalam and the European Union. The training will build on the discussions and outcomes of the ARF Roundtable on Training Resources Preventive Diplomacy held in Wellington in March 2014. The concept paper for the training is attached as **ANNEX 19**.

7.2.6 ARF Training course on Preventive Diplomacy (*China to brief*)

49. The Meeting noted the concept paper on the ARF Training Course on Preventive Diplomacy, introduced by China. The course will be held in Beijing in September 2014. The concept paper is attached as **ANNEX 20**.

50. The Meeting took note of the interest of the New Zealand and the United States and Thailand in co-chairing the training course with China.

7.2.7 ARF Workshop on "Raising awareness and promoting ARF cooperation on CBRN risk mitigation", Metro Manila, Spring 2015 (*EU and the Philippines to brief*)

51. The Meeting noted the briefing by the European Union on the proposed ARF Workshop on raising awareness and promoting ARF cooperation on CBRN risk mitigation. The concept paper for the Workshop appears as **ANNEX 21**.

7.2.8 ARF Cross-Sectoral Security Cooperation on Bio-Preparedness and Disaster Response (*Philippines and United States to brief*)

52. The Philippines updated the Meeting on the ARF Cross-Sectoral Security Cooperation on Bio-Preparedness and Disaster Response. A workshop on this topic will be convened on 26-28 August 2014 and will develop a template for national guidelines on bio-preparedness and disaster response. The updated

concept paper for the proposed workshop will be circulated through the ARF Unit in due course.

7.2.9 ARF Workshop on Enhancing Regional Cooperation to Address Challenges Posed by illicit Drugs (*Thailand and New Zealand to brief*)

53. Thailand introduced the concept paper for the ARF Workshop on Enhancing Regional Cooperation to Address Challenges in Illicit Drugs. The Workshop will fall under priority area 1 of the ARF Work Plan on Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime and is scheduled to be held in Thailand on 8-9 September 2014. The concept paper for the Workshop appears as **ANNEX 22**.

7.2.10 ARF Workshop on Precursor Chemicals and Synthetic Drugs (*Canada to brief*)

54. The Meeting noted the briefing by Canada on the concept paper for the ARF Workshop on Precursor Chemicals and Synthetic Drugs which is attached as **ANNEX 23**. The Meeting encouraged ASEAN ARF participants to co-chair the Workshop with Canada.

7.2.11 ARF Workshop on Security of Sea Lines of Communications (*China to brief*)

55. China briefed the Meeting on the concept paper for the ARF Seminar on Sea Lines of Communication (SLOCS) Security. The Seminar will focus on the international cooperation on SLOCS security, and the opportunities and challenges. The concept paper for the Workshop appears as **ANNEX 24**.

7.2.12 ARF Urban Research and Rescue Training Program (*China to brief*)

56. China informed the Meeting that the proposed Urban Search and Rescue Training Program has been expanded into the ARF workshop on Earthquake Relief and Emergency Response. The concept paper for the workshop appears as **ANNEX 25**.

7.2.13 ARF Study on the Regional Security Architecture and concept in the Asia-Pacific (*China to brief*)

57. China informed the Meeting on the proposal for a study on the regional security architecture and concept in the Asia-Pacific. The study will be jointly conducted by ARF experts from Indonesia, Canada and China. The study will be covered by the ARF Fund and is scheduled to be conducted in the period of one year. The concept paper for the study is attached as **ANNEX 26**.

7.2.14 ARF Workshop on Counter Radicalisation (*Malaysia to brief*)

58. The Meeting noted the proposal by Malaysia and Japan to conduct an ARF Workshop on Counter Radicalisation. The Workshop will focus on counter radicalisation as a counter-terrorism measure. The concept paper for the Workshop appears as **ANNEX 27**.

7.2.15 ARF Workshop on Multi-Year Strategic Exercise Plan (*United States, Malaysia and Australia to brief*)

59. The Meeting noted the briefing by the United States on the ARF Workshop on Multi-Year Strategic Exercise Plan which is aimed at discussing ways and means to synchronise HADR exercise planning and execution across ASEAN-related mechanisms, including the ASEAN Committee on Disaster management (ACDM), the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting/ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM/ADMM-Plus), the ARF, and the East Asia Summit (EAS). The concept paper for the Workshop appears as **ANNEX 28**.

7.2.16 ARF Track 1.5 Preventive Diplomacy Symposium (*Thailand and New Zealand to brief*)

60. New Zealand updated the Meeting on the ARF Track 1.5 Preventive Diplomacy Symposium which will be co-chaired with Thailand. The concept paper for the Symposium appears as **ANNEX 29**.

61. The Meeting noted the interest of the United States in co-chairing the Symposium with Thailand and New Zealand.

7.2.17 3rd ARF Workshop on Nuclear Forensics, Hanoi (*Vietnam, United States and EU to brief*)

62. The Meeting noted the concept paper for the 3rd ARF Workshop in Nuclear Forensics which is co-chaired by Viet Nam, the EU and the United States. The Workshop is scheduled to be convened in the next inter-sessional year. The concept paper for the Workshop is attached as **ANNEX 30**.

7.2.18 ARF Disaster Relief Exercises 2015 (*Malaysia and China to brief*)

63. Malaysia briefed the Meeting on the preparations for the ARF Disaster Relief Exercise (ARF DiREx) 2015 to be conducted in 1-6 February 2015 and co-chaired with China. The Initial Planning Conference will be held on 9-11 September 2014 and the Final Planning Conference will be held on 4-6 November 2014. The concept paper for the ARF DiREx 2015 is attached as **ANNEX 31**.

64. The Meeting noted that the Co-Chairs of the ARF DiREx 2015 are considering including the lessons learned from the international search and rescue efforts for Malaysian Airlines flight MH370.

65. The Meeting encouraged ARF participants to consider taking up the co-chairmanship of the next ARF DiREx 2017 as early as possible to allow sufficient planning ahead of time.

7.3 Updates on the ARF Work Plan

7.3.1 ARF Work Plan on Preventive Diplomacy (*Myanmar and EU to update*)

66. Myanmar briefed the Meeting on the implementation of the ARF Work Plan on Preventive Diplomacy and considered the recommendations from the ARF EEPs in the implementation of the Work Plan.

7.3.2 ARF Work Plan on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (*Philippines, Australia and Japan to update*)

67. The Meeting was briefed by the Philippines on the implementation of the ARF Work Plan on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament.

68. The Meeting noted the offer from Canada and New Zealand to co-chair the next cycle of the ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (ISM on NPD).

7.3.3 ARF Work Plan on Maritime Security (*Indonesia, Republic of Korea and United States to update*)

69. The Meeting was briefed by the United States on the latest status of implementation of the ARF Work Plan on Maritime Security. ARF participants are invited to take the lead in priority area 1 of the Work Plan on information/intelligence exchange and sharing of best practices, including on naval operations. The meeting welcomed the offer from Japan to co-chair the next cycle of the ISM on MS with the United States and the Philippines and noted a proposal by Japan to conduct an ARF Seminar on Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery in Asia.

7.3.4 ARF Work Plan on Disaster Relief (*Myanmar, China and Japan to update*)

70. The Meeting was briefed by Myanmar on the progress of the implementation of the ARF Work Plan on Disaster Relief. Given the urgency of cooperation in HADR, the Meeting called for the co-lead countries of the priority areas to start initiating projects under their respective priority areas.

71. The Meeting invited ARF participants to co-lead with Australia on priority area no. 1 and to co-lead with Singapore on priority area no. 2 of the Work Plan.

7.3.5 ARF Work Plan on Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime (Indonesia and New Zealand to update)

72. The Meeting was briefed by New Zealand on the draft ARF Work Plan on Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime 2014-2015 which has incorporated inputs from several ARF participants. The draft will be further deliberated at the upcoming 12th ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime (ISM on CTTC) in Bali. The draft Work Plan with tracked changes is attached as **ANNEX 32**.

7.4 Update on Preparations for ARF Activities in the Inter-Sessional Year 2013-2014

7.4.1 12th ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime (Indonesia and New Zealand to brief)

73. The Meeting noted that the 12th ARF ISM on CTTC will be held in Bali on 14-16 April 2014. The ISM on CTTC will focus on, among others, finalising the draft ARF Work Plan on CTTC 2014-2015.

7.4.2 6th ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Maritime Security (Indonesia, Republic of Korea and United States to brief)

74. The Meeting noted that the 6th ARF ISM on MS will be convened in Manado, Indonesia on 22-23 May 2014. The 6th ARF ISM on MS will, among others, examine regional cooperation in maritime search and rescue.

7.4.3 6th ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (Philippines, Australia and Japan to brief)

75. The Meeting noted that the 6th ARF ISM on NPD will be held in Tokyo in early July 2014 and will focus on disarmament issues. The Meeting also took note that the CSCAP WMD Study Group will be held back-to-back with the 6th ARF ISM on NPD as per the usual practice.

7.4.4 ARF Workshop on Consular Contingency Planning, Manado, 20-21 May 2014 (Indonesia and Australia to brief)

76. The Meeting took note that the ARF Workshop on Consular Contingency will be convened in Manado on 20-21 May 2014, back-to-back with the 6th ARF ISM on MS. The invitation letter to the Workshop will be circulated through the ARF Unit in due course.

7.4.5 2nd ARF Seminar on UNCLOS (Philippines and Australia to brief)

77. The Meeting noted that the 2nd ARF Seminar on UNCLOS will be held in Manila on 28-29 May 2014, co-chaired by the Philippines and Australia. The invitation letter to the Seminar will be circulated through the ARF Unit in due course.

7.4.6 Workshop on Concept Development of the ARF Transnational Threat Information-sharing Centre (ATTIC) (*Thailand and United States to brief*)

78. The United States informed the Meeting that the Workshop on Concept Development of the ATTIC will be held in Thailand on 10-11 September 2014.

7.4.7 ARF Workshop/Conference on Maritime Security (*Malaysia and Japan to brief*)

79. Japan informed the Meeting that the ARF Workshop on Maritime Security will be tentatively held in Kuala Lumpur prior to the 6th ARF ISM on MS in Manado.

7.4.8 ARF Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Management (*Brunei Darussalam and United States to brief*)

80. The Meeting noted that the ARF Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Management will be tentatively held in Brunei Darussalam in 2014. ARF participants are invited to nominate experts to participate in the Workshop.

Agenda Item 8: Other Matters

8.1 Co-Chairs for ISM on Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime and ISM on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament

81. The Meeting was reminded that the co-chairmanship of the ISMs on CTTC and NPD will expire in the current inter-sessional year. The Meeting noted the offers of interest from Canada and New Zealand to co-chair the next cycle of the ISM on NPD.

82. The Meeting welcomed the offer from Mongolia to co-chair the next cycle of the ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief (ISM on DR) after the end of the current cycle as well as the next ARF Heads of Defence Universities, Colleges and Institutions Meeting (ARF HDUCIM).

8.2 ARF Annual Security Outlook (*Myanmar to brief*)

83. The Meeting was updated on the contribution to the ARF Annual Security Outlook (ARF ASO) 2014 from Myanmar, Singapore and the United States. Myanmar informed the Meeting that the deadline for contributions to the ARF ASO 2014 has been extended until the end of April, and invited ARF participants

to submit their contributions to the ARF ASO 2014 as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for publication.

84. The Meeting took note of the suggestion for the ARF to analyse the ARF ASO substantively as a means to identify common security concerns and issues of preventive diplomacy.

8.3 Joint Calendar of ARF and ADMM/ADMM-Plus (ARF Unit to brief)

85. The Meeting welcomed the Joint Calendar of the ARF and the ADMM/ADMM-Plus prepared by the ARF Unit. The Joint Calendar appears as **ANNEX 33**. The Joint Calendar is updated and circulated at every ARF ISG on CBMs and PD and is available on the ARFNet website. The Meeting invited Co-Chairs of all ARF activities to inform the ARF Unit of the dates and venues of their respective activities.

8.4 Date and venue of the next ARF SOM and 21st ARF (Myanmar to brief)

86. The Meeting was informed by Myanmar that the ARF Senior Officials' Meeting (ARF SOM) will be convened in Yangon on 9 June 2014 and the 21st ARF will be convened in Naw Pyi Taw on 6 August 2014. The agenda and programme for the ARF SOM and the 21st ARF will be circulated through the ARF Unit in due course.

8.5 Date and venue of the next ARF ISG on CBMs and PD (Malaysia to brief)

87. Malaysia informed the Meeting that the next ARF DOD and ARF ISG on CBMs and PD will be held tentatively either on 25-27 November 2014 or 9-11 December 2014. The Meeting encouraged non-ASEAN ARF participants to co-chair the ARF DOD and ARF ISG CBMs and PD with Malaysia.

Acknowledgement

88. The Meeting commended the Co-Chairs for their effective leadership and for the cordial and fruitful discussion.

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