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ASEAN Cooperation in Peacekeeping: An Overview

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I. Introduction

ASEAN Sectoral Bodies overseeing peacekeeping cooperation:

- 1) ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)
- 2) ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting/ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM/ADMM-Plus)



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II. ARF

- ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Peacekeeping Operations (ISM on PKO), Kuala Lumpur, 1-3 April 1996
 - Status on United Nations Peacekeeping Operations
 - Training for Peace Support Operations
 - Standby Arrangements
- 4th ARF in Subang Jaya, 27 July 1997 decided that ARF activities on peacekeeping could proceed without the formal extension of the ISM an PKO.





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II. ARF

- 1st – 5th ARF Peacekeeping Experts' Meeting (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012)
- Themes:
 - Establish a regional network of peacekeeping experts to contribute towards building confidence and interoperability among regional peacekeepers and to enhance regional peacekeeping capacity
 - Planning for Peace Operations – Achieving Mission Success in Diverse Environments
 - Enhancing the Regional Capacity to Participate in United Nations (UN) Peacekeeping Operation
 - Towards Integrated, Multi-dimensional and Comprehensive Peace Operations
 - Cooperation of Regional Peacekeeping Centers and Challenges in the Peacekeepers' Training



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II. ARF

- Ad-hoc meetings and activities
 - ARF Workshop on “Train the Trainers”, Kuala Lumpur from 11-14 March 1997
 - ARF CBM Workshop on Peace Arrangements Ensuring Stability and Security in the Region, Including Civil-Military Cooperation, Tokyo, 22-23 March 2005
 - ARF Seminar on “UN Peacekeeping: Challenges and Prospects”, New Delhi, 26-27 April, 2007



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II. ARF

Hanoi Plan of Action to Implement the ARF Vision Statement – Peacekeeping Operations

Action Plan	Progress/Status of Implementation
Compile a list of peacekeeping best practices and lessons learned including inputs from UN and other regional organisations.	The ARF Unit worked with the ASEAN-US Technical Assistance and Training Facility (US-TATF) to commission experts to conduct a study on this issue. As it stands now, the Compilation Study on Best Practices and lessons Learned on Peacekeeping Operations in the ARF needs further refinement.
Update on a regular basis the list of ARF peacekeeping contact points to facilitate information sharing.	The ARF directory of Contact Points on Peacekeeping which includes the existing peacekeeping centres has been established and published on the ARFNet.
Support the convening of ARF Meetings of Peacekeeping Experts or some other mutually agreed modalities on a regular basis.	6 th ARF Peacekeeping Experts' Meeting is being held in Beijing on 15-17 October 2013, co-chaired by Cambodia and China.
Promote networking among ARF Participants' peacekeeping centers to encourage cooperation among them in such areas as training and seminars.	
Hold ARF joint training and planning activities, including to conduct desk-top and scenario-based planning exercises for the ARF on peacekeeping operation exercises as and when appropriate with the consent of ARF Participants.	



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III. ADMM/ADMM-Plus

- ADMM Concept Paper on the Establishment of the ASEAN Pecekeeping Centres Network, adopted by the 5th ADMM, 2011
 - 1st Meeting of the Establishment of ASEAN Peacekeeping Centres Network was convened in Bangkok on 4-7 September 2012
 - 2nd Meeting of the Establishment of ASEAN Peacekeeping Centres Network was convened in Sentul, Bogor on 2-5 September 2013
- ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations (EWG on PKO)
 - 1st ADMM-Plus EWG on PKO, Wellington, 21-23 November 2011
 - Featured a seminar on the legal aspects of PKO which aimed to increase the capacity of ADMM-Plus member states to contribute to PKOs
 - 2nd ADMM-Plus EWG on PKO, Manila, 25-29 June 2012
 - Featured PKO Regional Capabilities Assessment Workshop



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III. ADMM/ADMM-Plus

- ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations (cont'd)
 - 3rd ADMM-Plus EWG on PKO, Bogor, 6-9 November 2012
 - Featured the Joint Regional Workshop on Operational Challenges Facing the UN PKO
 - 4th ADMM-Plus EWG on PKO, Wellington, 8-11 April 2013
 - Featured the Workshop on Force Generation Issues. The Workshop discussed in details UN force generation process and capability standards, and operational readiness and performance of UN PKOs

The ADMM-Plus Peacekeeping Operations Table Top Exercise is scheduled to be held in February 2014. A planning conference for the Exercise will convene in Manila on 24-25 October 2013.



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Thank you!

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