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**The 18th ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief
2-3 April 2019, Vientiane, Lao PDR**

Provisional Agenda

Agenda Item 1: Opening remarks

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of Agenda

Agenda Item 3: Business Arrangements

**Agenda Item 4: Update the ARF Disaster Relief Work Plan 2018-2020 and
Future direction**

- *Co-chairs to briefly update the meeting on the status of the implementation of ARF Disaster Relief Work plan 2018-2020.*
- *[Outcome of the 2nd ARF Training Course on Urban Search and Rescue, 19-21 November 2018 in Singapore (the Co-chairs: Singapore and China may brief the meeting) (TBC).*
- *ARF Participants, if any, may brief the meeting the new proposals/activities for the ARF Disaster Relief Work Plan 2018-2020.*

Agenda Item 5: Effective Emergency Management and Preparedness

Participants will be encouraged to share their national lessons/experiences and best practices on emergency management and disaster relief including response to the disaster in order to improve capacity. This may include media coverage management in order to ensure the effectiveness of emergency response. Example: Sharing experience on management of media's access to the site where the disaster happened.

Speakers:

Bangladesh
Lao PDR
Philippines

Followed by open discussion

Agenda Item 6: Improving Cooperation on Disaster Relief/Activities in order to enhance capacity building of ARF participants

Participants will be encouraged to introduce ways of cooperation in the area of Disaster relief in view of strengthening capability to response to disaster.

Speakers:

China
Indonesia
United States

Followed by open discussion.

Agenda Item 7: Role of Civil-Military Cooperation in responding to disaster

Participants will be encouraged to share their national best practices in coordinating among civilian and military to ensure effectively and timely disaster response.

Speakers:

Canada
Indonesia
United States
Lao PDR

Followed by open discussion.

Agenda Item 8: Regional Mechanisms for Disaster Management and International Coordination on humanitarian assistance

Presentations from ARF participants on national experiences in coordination with external parties regarding a request for and receiving assistances/supports for emergency response.

Speakers:

China
The EU
Russia
Thailand

Followed by open discussion.

Agenda Item 9: Post-disaster responses, including recovery and reconstruction

Participants will be encouraged to share best practices on reconstruction and restoring normal life of people in affected areas

Speakers:

China
Philippines

Followed by open discussion.

Agenda Item 10: Other matters

- *The Co-chairs may update the meeting the Date and venue for the next Meeting.*

Agenda Item 11: Closing remarks by co-chairs

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