

### **ANNEX 3: Opening Remarks by Myanmar National Defense College President, Commodore. Myint Nwe**

Good Afternoon!

Honorable President of the Korean National Defense University, Commandants, Directors, and Presidents of Defense Universities, Colleges, and Institutions of respective countries! I am Commodore Myint Nwe, Commandant of National Defence College, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

First of all, as Co-Chair of the 18th ARF-HDUCIM, I would like to extend my deepest thanks to the government of the Republic of Korea and Korean National Defense University, for hosting the 18th ARF-HDUCIM.

It is my great honor for me having an opportunity to co-chair this auspicious meeting together with Korean National Defense University. Moreover, I am very pleased to meet our fellow guests from around the region this meeting.

As the theme of the 18th ARF-HDUCIM is “Military Cooperation and the role of National Defense Universities for Heightened Peace and Trust in the Asia-Pacific Region”, I do believe that constructing regional peace and trust will be successful when military educational cooperation is heightened among the regional countries. In this view, Defense Universities, Colleges, and Institutions play an important role to enhance military cooperation.

And I also believe that the theme of this meeting sounds really appropriate at the present time. As we have already known, the Asia-Pacific region becomes more and more important for the international peace and stability in the future. Only when we keep peace and stability, mutual trust can be constructed among regional countries. It is to be achieved through military cooperation.

I wish through this meeting, participants will share various thoughts related to the theme. And the consequent results will surely contribute to peace and trust in the region as well as the whole world.

As Co-Chair of this meeting, I would like to thank again the government of the Republic of Korea and Korean National Defense University, and wish the success of the 18th ARF-HDUCIM.

Thank you.