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**Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

On behalf of Ministry of National Defense and Lao delegation, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the host, particularly General Apichart Penkitti, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defense, Kingdom of Thailand for the warm hospitality extended to me and my delegates since our first arrival to Phuket, the beautiful traveled City of Thailand.

Mr. Chairman,

Nowadays, the world and regional situation is being changed complicatedly. The various difficulties and new threats namely the global financial crisis and the breakout of new swine influenza (H1N1) are the highlights, which each country actively pays attention and correctly resolve the said issues. Otherwise, they will become obstacles to socio-economic development including improvement the people's living standard in our region.

The Lao government is pushing up the government and private organizations as well as ethnic groups to overcome those various obstacles and overall national economic impacts.

In term of the breakout of new swine influenza (H1N1), Lao government is very concerned and announced different measures to people as well as the government and private sectors in order to protect, control and prevent the breakout of new disease in our country. Meanwhile, we are also ready to cooperate with other

friendly countries in the region for responding the breakout of this virus.

Besides the mentioned above, we are facing numerous challenges and non-traditional security threats, for instance, the Natural Disasters, Terrorism, Transnational Crimes, Drug Trafficking, Epidemic diseases and so forth, which are the serious impacts to the national construction and regional development. We therefore need to enhance the better cooperation between the ARF participants, both bilateral and multilateral parties including the government and international organizations to find out ways on addressing those challenges and security threats.

Distinguished Participants,

In order to the view of point of the Lao People's Army adhere reaffirm based on Government's Foreign Policy of Peace, Independence, Friendship and Cooperation, promote cooperation with every country on basis of principles of respect to each other's Independence, Sovereignty, and Territorial Integrity, Non-interference into internal affairs Equality and Mutual benefit. May I share my view of points on the ways of addressing the Non-Traditional Security Threats as other participants as following;

1. Further promote the Confidence Building Measures, Trusts and Mutual Understanding between the ARF participants.
2. Continue to organize regularly the seminars or workshops for discussing on interested issues and various information exchanges.
3. Promote and assist one another on the Human Resources Development including new technology system. Those developed countries should provide more supports and share experiences to undeveloped nations in order to manage stronger defense forces for maintaining peace, stability and security as well as international and regional development.

In addition, we highly value and express appreciation for those friendly countries, that provided assistances and supports in term of Human Resources Development to the Lao People's Army. Meanwhile, we are also pleased to accept scholarships from other friendly countries in the soon future.

I do hope my presentation will be useful contribution for this meeting, may I extend the best wishes to Mr. Chairman and all ARF participants a very happiness, good health and new success in your noble tasks.

Thank You.