



## **ASEAN Regional Forum Defence Officials' Dialogue**

### **Video Conference**

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**Co-chaired by**

**Viet Nam (Lieutenant General Vu Chien Thang, Director General,  
Foreign Relations Department)**

**and**

**United States (Mr. Christopher Johnstone, Principal Director, South and Southeast Asia  
Office of the Secretary of Defense)**

### **Provisional Agenda**

- 1. Welcome Remarks by Sr. Lt. Gen. Nguyen Chi Vinh, Deputy Minister of Defence of Viet Nam - TBC**
- 2. Opening Remarks by Viet Nam and US Co-Chairs**
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**
- 4. Session 1: Chaired by the US: Military Medicine and Practical Cooperation Responding to Pandemic Outbreaks (90 minutes)**

This session provides opportunity to exchange views on best practices and lessons learnt in countering the pandemic and discuss military contingency plans, responses, and armed forces steps to support their governments.

- Presenters: US, China, Japan, Australia, Vietnam, Cambodia, New Zealand and EU. Other participants may intervene on a voluntary basis.

*\* Each presentation lasts 10 minutes or less.*

- 5. Session 2: Chaired by Viet Nam: Preparation for the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum Security Policy Conference (ASPC)**
  - Discussion points:
    - (i) Provisional Agenda and Administrative/Technical Arrangements for the 17<sup>th</sup> ASPC.
    - (ii) The idea proposed by Viet Nam that the DOD (collaborating with the ARF Inter-Sessional Support Group Meeting on Confidence Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy) consolidates defence and security cooperation activities within ARF and report to the ASPC. The ASPC then directly report defence and security cooperation activities to the ARF.
- 6. Closing Remarks by US and Viet Nam Co-Chairs**