



Concluding Statements

The 7th Annual Meeting of the South East Asia National Human Rights Institutions Forum (SEANF)

15 – 16 November 2010

Seri Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Preamble

The South East Asia National Human Rights Institutions Forum (SEANF) consisting of the National Human Rights Commission of Indonesia [Komisi Nasional Hak Asasi Manusia (KOMNAS HAM)], the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia [Suruhanjaya Hak Asasi Manusia (SUHAKAM)], the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP), the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand (NHRCT) and the Provedor for Human Rights and Justice of Timor Leste, held the 7th Annual Meeting of SEANF in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 15 November to 16 November 2010.

The objective of the meeting is to strengthen cooperation between SEANF members as enshrined in the Bali Declaration of Cooperation of 2007, and with other human rights institutions to promote and protect human rights at the national, regional and international levels.

Welcomes the Provedor for Human Rights and Justice of Timor Leste as the fifth member of SEANF.

Appreciates the participation and contribution of Independent Experts, Dr. Enny Soeprapto and Prof. Vitit Muntarbhorn, representatives and stakeholders from the Asia Pacific Forum of NHRIs (APF), the European Union (EU), the ASEAN Committee on the Implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers (ACMW), the ASEAN Commission on the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC), the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the Regional Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism.

Expresses gratitude and deep appreciation to the European Union for their support of this Annual Meeting.

The delegations of NHRIs thank the Chairperson, Commissioners and Secretariat of SUHAKAM for their excellent efforts and hospitality in organizing this annual meeting.

Conclusions

1. Confirmed and adopted the Minutes of the 6th Annual Meeting of SEANF without amendment.
2. Approved the Provedor for Human Rights and Justice of Timor Leste as the 5th member of SEANF.
3. Agreed on the next courses of action for the five joint projects of SEANF, namely (i) the Joint Project on Preventive Legislation and Its Impact on Human Rights; (ii) the Joint Project on Human Rights Education; (iii) the Joint Project on Anti-Trafficking in Women and Children; (iv) the Joint Project on Migrant Workers and (v) the Joint Project on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Right to Development.
4. Welcomed the SEANF Paper on Migrant Workers 2010, the first publication of SEANF under its joint project on migrant workers led by SUHAKAM.
5. Noted the draft report prepared by NHRCT on Experience Sharing to Promote and Protect Economic, Social and Cultural Rights using Human Rights Based Approach in the Right to Development, and agreed to refine the paper by incorporating additional inputs from members.
6. Agreed to develop a publication on the joint project on Preventive Legislation and Its Impact on Human Rights, led by Komnas HAM.
7. Agreed for each member, at the next Annual Meeting, to submit an annual report on its implementation of the SEANF Memorandum of Understanding against Trafficking in Women and Children, adopted in Manila on 30 March 2010.
8. Agreed on the way forward for SEANF in relation to (i) the role of SEANF in South East Asia; (ii) the role of SEANF vis-à-vis the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR); (iii) the role of SEANF in supporting the ICC Strategic Plan 2010-2013 and the APF Operations Plan 2011; (iv) the role of SEANF in the review of the Human Rights Council and its

mechanisms and (v) the role of SEANF in the drafting of the ASEAN Declaration on Human Rights.

9. Agreed to convene a Technical Working Group Meeting to develop a SEANF five-year Strategic Plan based on the agreed work plan.
10. Agreed to emphasize SEANF's visibility as a credible, professional and independent forum.
11. Agreed to explore new funding opportunities for the sustainability of SEANF and its activities.
12. Agreed to actively engage with AICHR, ACWC and ACMW on thematic issues of common concern such as migrant workers, trafficking in persons, women and children, statelessness as well as business and human rights.
13. Agreed to continue its engagement with the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights (ICC), the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the APF.
14. Recognized the necessity for a permanent SEANF secretariat and agreed to participate in the feasibility study on the establishment of the APF Sub-Regional Office in Southeast Asia and its role in supporting the operational work of SEANF.
15. Issued a statement on the release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on 13 November 2010.
16. On the principle of rotation, the next chairmanship of the SEANF is CHRP, for the period of 2011.
17. The meeting thanked and expressed great appreciation to the immediate past chairmanship of SUHAKAM.