



CONCLUDING STATEMENT
13th Annual Meeting of the
South East Asia National Human Rights Institutions Forum (SEANF)
Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
27-28 September 2016

The South East Asia National Human Rights Institutions Forum (SEANF) consisting of the National Human Rights Commission of Indonesia (Komnas HAM), the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM), the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC), the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP), the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand (NHRCT) and the Provedoria dos Direitos Humanos e Justiça (PDHJ) convened its 13th Annual Meeting, which was hosted by MNHRC in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 27-28 September 2016.

The main outcomes of the Annual Meeting were as follows:

1.0 SEANF Seminar on NHRI's relations with Legislature, Executive and Judiciary

1.1 SEANF Members welcomed the SEANF Seminar on NHRI's relations with Legislature, Executive and Judiciary organized by MNHRC in the morning of 27 September 2016 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, which was attended by SEANF Members.

2.0 Adoption of the Agenda

2.1 The Agenda for the 13th Annual Meeting was adopted without amendment.

3.0 Matters arising from the 12th Annual Meeting of SEANF and sharing experience after the 2nd TWG Meeting of the SEANF

3.1 SEANF Members shared their activities on the matters arising from the 12th Annual Meeting of SEANF.

3.2 SEANF Members shared their activities after the 2nd TWG Meeting of the SEANF in Yangon.

4.0 Adoption of Strategic Plan of SEANF 2017-2021

4.1 SEANF Members discussed on the draft Strategic Plan of SEANF 2017-2021 and adopted it as amended.

5.0 SEANF Permanent Secretariat

5.1 Komnas HAM presented the Road Map for SEANF Permanent Secretariat to the potential donors who were representatives of United Nations Development Programme, European Union and Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.

5.2 SEANF Members welcomed and appreciated the presentation of Komnas HAM on the progress of SEANF Permanent Secretariat establishment. It was decided that Komnas HAM in collaboration with CHRP as the SEANF Chair, would revise the draft statute and to incorporate proposals by SEANF Members and provide proposed amendment of SEANF rules of procedures, to be circulated for further discussions online and adopted at the Special Meeting to be held back to back with TWG Meeting 1/2017 in the Philippines.

6.0 The Rights of Older Persons

6.1 SEANF Members welcomed and appreciated the presentation on the Older Persons Services in Myanmar made by MNHRC.

6.2 SEANF Members discussed the draft Statement on the Rights of Older Persons and adopted it as amended.

7.0 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

7.1 SEANF Members welcomed and appreciated the presentation on the Update on Sustainable Development Goals made by MNHRC.

7.2 SEANF Members seek the opportunity to hold a sub-regional training program on monitoring the SDGs and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (online component around November-December 2016 and in-depth week long workshop on mid-late January 2017) to be organized by APF. The CHRP agrees to pursue this matter with the APF.

8.0 Other Matters

8.1 SEANF Members gave updates on their engagement with AICHR, ACWC and also shared updates on the ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children.

8.2 In the spirit of SEANF, SEANF Members encourage the bilateral or multilateral collaboration on cross-border issues of common interest that can pursue better promotion and protection of human rights.

8.3 SEANF Members agreed to request for a meeting with AICHR, with the view to establishing a formal relationship between SEANF and AICHR.

8.4 Following the good practice of giving focus on a particular issue through the adoption of SEANF Statement on the Rights of Older Persons, SEANF Members decided to focus on other themes that may be of common interest in 2017 which is to be decided at TWG 1/2017 in the Philippines.

9.0 Handing Over of SEANF Chairmanship from MNHRC to CHRP

9.1 On the principle of rotation, the SEANF chairmanship was handed over from MNHRC to CHRP at the conclusion of the 13th Annual Meeting of SEANF.

SEANF Members highly commended the excellent facilitation of the 13th Annual Meeting of SEANF by Chairperson of SEANF, as well as the hospitality extended to all the participants by MNHRC.

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 September 2016

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