

1 organization of activities on the death penalty and the possible accession to the Convention
2 against Torture.

3 **2.3 The MNHRC** informed the meeting of a workshop it held with various stakeholders in
4 preparation for the country's second UPR review, its meeting with organizations of persons
5 with disabilities regarding the report to be submitted to the CRPD Committee, the
6 translation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in ethnic languages, the workshop
7 for government ministries and civil society organizations on the rights of the child, the visit
8 to camps for internally displaced persons in Kachin State and the possibility of conducting
9 its first capacity assessment in cooperation with the APF.

10 **2.4 The CHRP** informed the meeting of its efforts in conducting a public inquiry on climate
11 justice, its awareness raising campaign against the re- imposition of the death penalty,
12 cooperation with APT on the designation of the national preventive mechanism in
13 accordance with the OPCAT, the implementation of capacity assessment recommendations,
14 mid-term assessment of treaty bodies' recommendations and its role in GANHRI working
15 groups on ageing and on business and human rights.

16 **2.5 The PDHJ** updated the meeting on the domestic political situation and its impact on the
17 PDHJ's financial situation and other activities including the monitoring of elections, the
18 training of army officers in cooperation with the Defence Ministry and civil society, the visit
19 of the Indonesian representative to AICHR, and the development of a 3-year project to
20 benefit women and children with disabilities.

21 **2.6 The NHRCT** shared its activities on business and human rights including the meeting
22 with members of the UN Working Group during their visit to Thailand, the organization of a
23 seminar to encourage implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human
24 Rights (UNGPs) by state-owned enterprises, the follow-up on the declaration signed by
25 concerned ministries, business organizations and the NHRCT to promote UNGPs in practice,
26 and the submission of its recommendations on the National Action Plan to the government,
27 as well as its cooperation with the APF to organize a training on effective investigation for
28 its staff in August 2018.

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30 **3. Progress on the establishment of the SEANF Permanent Secretariat**

31 3.1 Komnas HAM informed the meeting that it had prepared the academic paper for
32 submission to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia (MoFA). However, the Indonesian
33 government's current moratorium on the country's membership in international
34 organizations might pose a constraint on the establishment of the SEANF permanent
35 secretariat in terms of the financial contribution from Komnas HAM. It had, therefore,
36 explored the permanent secretariat of the Association of Asian Constitutional Court and
37 Equivalent Institutions (AACC) as an alternative model. Indonesia is host to one of the three

1 permanent secretariats of the AACC, namely the secretariat for planning and coordination.
2 There is no annual fee for the AACC secretariat in Jakarta as it is located on the premises of
3 the Indonesian Constitutional Court and forms part of the Court's structure. If SEANF opts
4 for the AACC model, the SEANF permanent secretariat will be an agency under Komnas
5 HAM. Komnas HAM also informed that the Chairperson of Komnas HAM would have a
6 consultative meeting with MoFA on 13 July 2018 to discuss this issue.

7 3.2 The meeting took note with concern the constraint faced by Komnas HAM and
8 requested it to update SEANF members on the outcome of the consultative meeting with
9 MoFA as well as further possible actions for discussion at the upcoming 15th SEANF Annual
10 Meeting.

11 3.3 The CHRP proposed that SEANF website should be updated while the establishment of
12 the SEANF permanent secretariat was still pending. The meeting agreed that the member
13 institution acting as Chair of SEANF will provide information on SEANF activities undertaken
14 during its chairmanship to the CHRP for posting on the SEANF website.

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16 **4. Updates on the Global Compact on Migration (GCM)**

17 4.1 The CHRP updated the meeting of the final round of negotiations which led to the
18 adoption of the draft outcome document of the GCM on 11 July 2018 in New York. Apart
19 from the 23 objectives, the document provides for the follow-up and review mechanism,
20 including the holding of a UN High-level Dialogue on Migration every four years starting
21 from 2022 onward. The roles of NHRIs in the follow-up and monitoring are also mentioned.
22 The final document of the GCM will be adopted by the Heads of States and Governments in
23 December 2018 in Morocco. Mr. Roberto T. Cadiz, the CHRP's commissioner, will attend the
24 meeting as a representative of GANHRI. The final document will be circulated to all SEANF
25 members for information and further action as appropriate.

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27 **5. Updates on the Baseline Paper on the Rights of Older Persons in South East Asia**

28 5.1 The CHRP informed that after the 1st TWG Meeting, it had circulated the Baseline Paper
29 on the Rights of Older Persons in South East Asia to all SEANF members and received
30 comments and additional information from SUHAKAM, MNHRC and NHRCT.

31 5.2 The CHRP proposed that the paper be summarized and presented at a side event to be
32 organized by South Korea NHRI during the 9th working session of the UN Open-ended
33 Working Group on Ageing, which will be held from 23 to 26 July 2018 at the UN
34 Headquarters in New York. It also suggested that the paper be published as a SEANF
35 document and encouraged other SEANF members to review the content of the paper.

1 5.3 The meeting agreed to both proposals put forward by the CHRP and SEANF members
2 will submit additional updates concerning the situation in their respective countries, if any,
3 to the CHRP for incorporation into the paper by 24 August 2018. The CHRP will send the
4 final draft to the NHRCT by 5 September 2018 for presentation and approval by the 15th
5 SEANF Annual Meeting.

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7 **6. Progress on joint activities with RWI and APT**

8 **Joint activity with Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI)**

9 6.1 The NHRCT informed the meeting on the progress of the joint activity with RWI entitled
10 “Consultative Workshop on Human Rights Violations and its Cross-border Effects:
11 Addressing the Protection Gap through Extraterritorial Obligations – ETOs,” which had
12 combined the discussion on the national inquiry on climate change and human rights as
13 proposed by the CHRP. The event will be held from 16 to 17 August 2018 at Novotel
14 Ploenchit Hotel, in Bangkok. RWI will provide funding for the cost of travel and
15 accommodation for two representatives from each SEANF member. The participants for the
16 workshop include representatives of SEANF members, international organizations, civil
17 society organizations, and UN agencies.

18 6.2 The meeting took note of the progress reported by the NHRCT and the workshop’s
19 concept note as amended by MNHRC. The NHRCT will send out an invitation letter to all
20 SEANF members soon.

21 **Joint activity with the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT)**

22 6.3 Ms. Shazeera Zawawi, the APT representative, presented the project on the
23 development of SEANF Regional Guidelines on Torture Prevention. Such guidelines would
24 be based on SEANF experiences in dealing with torture cases with a view to
25 institutionalizing them. As the first step, the APT would request SEANF members to answer
26 a questionnaire in order to gather their perspectives and experiences in addressing
27 situations with high risk of torture in five aspects, namely the environment and
28 circumstances, moments, practices, people, and places.

29 6.4 To facilitate the members in filling out the questionnaire, the APT will produce a matrix
30 identifying information obtained from the bilateral activities conducted between APT and
31 individual SEANF members. The APT will send a letter with the matrix to the NHRCT for
32 circulation among SEANF members and the deadline for the reply to the questionnaire will
33 be set within one month upon receiving the letter from the APT.

1 6.5 The meeting noted that the development of the regional guidelines might not be
2 completed in time for approval by the 15th SEANF Annual Meeting and would have to be
3 continued under the chairmanship of Timor Leste.

4 5 **7. Special Event to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of** 6 **Human Rights**

7 7.1 The meeting concurred with the NHRCT's proposal that a half-day seminar be held as a
8 special event to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the UDHR in the morning of 13
9 September 2018 prior to the 15th SEANF Annual Meeting with a particular focus on the
10 theme "Human Rights as an Enabling Factor to Achieving SDGs."

11 7.2 The meeting discussed the modalities of the seminar, where the Chairperson of the
12 National Human Rights Commission of Thailand, in his capacity as Chair of SEANF, and
13 OHCHR Regional Representative for South-East Asia will give opening remarks. The opening
14 session will be followed by a panel discussion with one moderator from SEANF members
15 and five speakers: two from SEANF members, one representative from the Ministry of
16 Foreign Affairs or Ministry of Justice or AICHR, one representative from UNDP and one
17 representative from civil society organizations. There will be about 80 - 100 participants
18 from foreign embassies in Bangkok, UN and other international organizations, concerned
19 Thai ministries and CSOs.

20 7.3 The NHRCT requested the SEANF members to consult with their respective chairpersons
21 regarding their roles in the seminar either as a speaker, moderator, or participant and notify
22 the NHRCT accordingly.

23 24 **8. Preparation for the 15th SEANF Annual Meeting**

25 8.1 The NHRCT presented the provisional agenda of the 15th SEANF Annual Meeting, which
26 will be held on 13-14 September 2018 in Bangkok.

27 8.2 Recalling the views expressed by SEANF members at the 1st TWG meeting, the NHRCT
28 proposed that "human rights and SDGs" be the theme for the 15th SEANF Annual Meeting as
29 development is an important issue for the region and human rights principles are strongly
30 reflected in the various goals and targets of the 2030 Development Agenda. The NHRCT
31 also presented a paper outlining possible elements for inclusion in the SEANF statement on
32 human rights and SDGs for consideration of SEANF members.

33 8.3 The meeting took note of the provisional agenda and the paper on possible elements for
34 the SEANF Statement on human rights and SDGs as prepared by the NHRCT. SEANF
35 members will consult with their respective chairpersons and submit their comments to both
36 documents to the NHRCT by 17 August 2018.

1 **9. Action Plan to implement the SEANF Strategic Plan (2017 – 2021)**

2 9.1 The meeting reviewed the revised Action Plan to implement the SEANF Strategic Plan
3 (2017 - 2021) as amended at the 1st TWG Meeting 2018. The meeting agreed to the CHRP's
4 proposal to include five activities, namely the updates on the Global Compact for Migration
5 (GCM), the baseline paper on older persons in South East Asia, the outcome of SEANF-RWI
6 workshop, the activities between SEANF and APT, and the SEANF statement on Human
7 Rights and SDGs under SEANF common activities.

8 9.2 The meeting agreed to submit updates of their individual activities carried out in 2017 to
9 2018 as well as those planned to undertake in the upcoming year to the NHRCT by 24
10 August 2018. The final draft of the Action Plan will be referred to the 15th Annual Meeting
11 for final approval.

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13 **10. Other Matters**

14 10.1 The NHRCT informed the meeting that it had received a letter from Asian NGO
15 Coalition for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ANGOC), a regional network of CSOs
16 working on food security, land rights and rural development based in the Philippines,
17 seeking a possibility to participate in SEANF activities, namely the 2nd TWG Meeting and the
18 15th Annual Meeting, and requesting SEANF to co-organize a workshop on 15 to 16
19 November 2018 in Bangkok.

20 10.2 The meeting deliberated on ANGOC's requests and agreed that ANGOC could be
21 invited to participate in the special event to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the
22 Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the event is open to the public. However, the
23 TWG and the annual meetings are closed meetings for SEANF members.

24 10.3 With regard to ANGOC's invitation for SEANF to co-organize a workshop in Bangkok in
25 November, the meeting agreed to refer the issue to PDHJ for consideration in its capacity as
26 the next Chair of SEANF.

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