

**STATEMENT OF THE 20TH WORKSHOP
ON MANAGING POTENTIAL CONFLICTS IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA
BANDUNG, INDONESIA, 1-3 NOVEMBER 2010**

1. Pursuant to the decision of the 19th Workshop on Managing Potential Conflicts in the South China Sea held in Makassar, Indonesia on 13-14 November 2009, the 20th Workshop on Managing Potential Conflicts in the South China Sea (hereinafter referred to as “the Workshop”) was convened in Bandung, Indonesia on 1-3 November 2010.
2. The Workshop was organized by the Center for South East Asian Studies and the Policy Planning and Development Agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (BPPK – Badan Pengkajian dan Pengembangan Kebijakan).
3. The Workshop was attended by 59 participants from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, the People’s Republic of China, Indonesia, LAO PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, and Vietnam. The list of participants appears as **Annex 1**.
4. The Workshop was conducted on an informal basis whereby participants took part in their personal capacities. Discussions were held in an open and constructive manner and in the spirit of friendship and cooperation. The Workshop decisions were made by consensus.

Opening Session

5. The Workshop was preceded by a Special Commemorative Event of the 20th Workshop on Managing Potential Conflicts in the South China Sea. The Special Commemorative Event consisted of the Report by Acting Head of BPPK/ Director General of Information and Public Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Andri Hadi; the Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Prof. Dr. Hasjim Djalal by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Dr. R.M. Marty M. Natalegawa; Remarks by Prof. Dr. Hasjim Djalal; Keynote Speech and Opening

Remarks by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia; Remarks by Representatives of Participating Authorities; and Presentation by Prof. Ian Townsend-Gault.

6. In his Report, Mr. Andri Hadi underlined that the Special Commemorative Event of the 20th Workshop on Managing Potential Conflicts in the South China Sea was initiated by all the Workshop participants at its 19th Meeting in Makassar on 13-14 November 2009. As part of the preparation, the Organizing Committee conducted visits to Participating Authorities from April to June 2010. During the visits, the Participating Authorities acknowledged the contribution of the Workshop to the maintenance of peace and stability in the region, and expected that the activity should be continued in the future. The Report appears as **Annex 2**.
7. The Minister for Foreign Affairs conferred a Certificate of Appreciation to Prof. Dr. Hasjim Djalal for his outstanding service, dedication and efforts in spearheading the Indonesian initiative in multilateral preventive diplomacy to manage potential conflicts in the South China Sea as the initiator of the Workshop, the resource person and the institutional memory of the Workshop. In response, Prof. Dr. Hasjim Djalal gave his remarks. In his remarks, Prof. Dr. Hasjim Djalal interpreted the award as an endorsement to the Workshop and continued support of Indonesia to the process of Managing Potential Conflicts in the South China Sea and to convert them to potential and actual cooperation. Prof. Djalal shared the award with all those who participated and contributed to the Workshop Process. The Remarks appear as **Annex 3**.
8. In his Keynote Speech, H.E. Dr. R.M. Marty M. Natalegawa underlined the importance of South China Sea for peace, security, stability and prosperity for countries in the region. The establishment of the Workshop in 1990 is part of confidence building process among the Participating Authorities. The past Workshops have successfully expanded mutual understanding among the participants through dialogues and concrete cooperation projects. The Minister underlined that despite the remaining jurisdictional issues of the South China Sea, the Workshop has further continued to serve its purpose in managing the potential conflicts in the region. The Workshop has also had its multiplier effects beyond the Workshop proper as acknowledged by the international community including ASEAN.

9. Seizing the momentum of this 20th Anniversary, the Minister also highlighted that the Workshop process must put itself in the context of recent regional milieu and global changes. He suggested that the commemorative period be used to take stock on the changes and challenges that the Workshop has to work through. The Minister expected that the Workshop will continue to contribute to the maintenance of peace and stability in the region in the years ahead. Subsequently, the Minister officially declared the 20th Workshop on Managing Potential Conflicts in the South China Sea open. The Keynote Speech appears as **Annex 4**.
10. The Workshop noted the Remarks by the Representatives of Brunei Darussalam (H.E. Pengiran Dato Osman Pengiran Haji Patra), The People's Republic of China (Mr. Mao Bin), LAO PDR (H.E. Malayvieng Sakonhnhom), Malaysia (Madam Norhasliza Mat Salleh), the Philippines (Hon. Jose S. Brillantes), Singapore (H.E. Ashok Kumar Mirpuri), Chinese Taipei (Mr. Andrew L.Y. Hsia), Thailand (Mr. Paween Thanarat) and Vietnam (H.E. Mr. Bui Thanh Son) which was attributed not only to the Workshop process but especially as an appreciation to Prof. Dr. Hasjim Djalal. The excerpts of the Remarks appear as **Annex 5**.
11. The Special Commemorative Event of the Workshop ended with the presentation by Prof. Ian Townsend-Gault on "Twenty Years of the Workshop on Managing Potential Conflicts in the South China Sea: an Extra-regional Perspective". The presentation discussed the record of the Workshops in innovating many valuable and necessary ideas for cooperation and the important role of the Workshop process in maintaining regional peace and security as well as in advancing international cooperation in the interest of the oceans, their resources and the marine environment. The presentation appears as **Annex 6**.

Session I: Adoption of the Agenda and Background Session

12. The Session was chaired by H.E. Artauli R.M.P Tobing of Indonesia and co-chaired by Mr. Dominic Goh of Singapore. The Workshop adopted the Agenda which appears as **Annex 7**.
13. Prof. Dr. Hasjim Djalal of the Center for South East Asian Studies of Indonesia briefed the participants on the Workshop process since its beginnings highlighting its

challenges and progress. Prof. Djalal reiterated the three objectives of the Workshop namely devising cooperative programs, promoting confidence building and encouraging dialogue among the parties. Prof. Djalal's presentation appears as **Annex 8**.

14. The Workshop took note of the report by Prof. Dr. Hasjim Djalal on the sources, uses and the current status of the Special Fund. In August 2010 and October 2010, the Fund received contribution from Viet Nam for the amount of US\$ 5,000 and US\$ 10,000 from Chinese Taipei. The balance of the Special Fund as of October 14, 2010 stood at US\$ 104,172.16. Just before the Workshop, China sent a note indicating another US\$ 20,000 contribution to the Special Fund and the contribution will be transferred shortly. Chinese Taipei announced at the Meeting a contribution of US\$ 30,000 in 2011 to be equally divided to the Special Fund and the Center for South East Asian Studies. The Report on the Special Fund appears as **Annex 9**.
15. The Workshop expressed its appreciation to the participants and their authorities who have contributed to the Fund and encouraged other participants and authorities to contribute generously to the Fund.

Session II: Report on Agreed and Proposed Projects

16. The Session was chaired by Prof. Mao Bin of China and co-chaired by Mrs. Malayvieng Sakonhnhom of LAO PDR.

Marine Database Information Exchange and Networking

17. The Workshop expressed its appreciation to Prof. Qin Li from China on "the Report on Marine Database Information Exchange and Networking Project in the South China Sea". The Workshop took note of the efforts to develop and maintain the main South China Sea website under the above-mentioned project. The Workshop also took note of China's plan to maintain and improve the database; to develop data and information processing methods and products; to provide service to the users in the South China Sea region; and to assist the participants in setting up a marine database sub website which will be linked to the main website. The Workshop highly

appreciated the above plan and encouraged all participants to actively participate and take full advantage of the project. The Progress Report appears as **Annex 10**.

Study of Tides and Sea Level Change and the Coastal Environment in the South China Sea Affected by Potential Climate Change

18. The Workshop noted the Progress Report by Dr. Parluhutan Manurung from Indonesia on “the Report on the Study of Tides and Sea Level Change and Their Impact on Coastal Environment in the South China Sea Affected by Potential Climate Change” which had been discussed at the Sixth Working Group Meeting on the Study of Tides and Sea level Change and their Impact on Coastal Environment in the South China Sea Affected by Potential Climate Change in Bandung on 1st November 2010. The Workshop noted the action plans to include studies carried out in the respective participating authorities in relation to the sea-level rise implications and welcomed the efforts to update the list of Focal Points, Tide Gauge Station Administrator and Scientist and encouraged the participants to get more involved in the project. The Report of the Working Group Meeting appears as **Annex 11**.

Search and Rescue and Illegal Acts at Sea including Piracy and Armed Robbery

19. The Workshop noted the report presented by Malaysia on Civil Maritime Safety-Search and Rescue (SAR) at Sea and welcomed the Project Initiative on the matters as part of the efforts to promote regional cooperation and increase confidence building in the region as well as enhancing SAR operations and improving the level of SAR expertise. The Report appears as **Annex 12**.

South-East Asia Network for Education and Training (SEA-NET)

20. The Workshop noted the Progress Report by Prof. Fuh-Kwo Shiah of Chinese Taipei on “China and Chinese Taipei Joint-Project South East Asia Network for Education and Training (SEA-NET) Project: Phase I Report”. The Workshop highly appreciated the success of the first phase implementation of the Project by Chinese Taipei and welcomed the continuity of the project. The Report appears as **Annex 13**.

21. The Workshop also noted the report by China on the SEA-NET project and took note that the second phase of the project will be implemented by China in 2011. The Project consists of training and visiting scientist programs on ocean science, ocean and coastal management and marine environmental protection. The Report appears as **Annex 14**.

Session III: Proposals of Workshop Projects

22. The Session was chaired by Mr. Nguyen Manh Dong of Vietnam and co-chaired by Mr. Amante Caluya Jr. of the Philippines.
23. The Philippines submitted a proposal to coordinate a Training Course for Integrated Coastal Management. The Workshop took note that this training would take place in 2011 as an 11-day training activity aimed at providing a comprehensive view of the various tasks of a coastal manager and enhance his/her competencies, particularly in management functions. The project proposal appears as **Annex 15**.
24. The Workshop discussed the training module and financial matters, and underlined the importance of the project proposal and its benefits. The Workshop also noted that the Philippines would further elaborate the proposal taking into consideration the inputs from the Participating Authorities.

Session IV: Assessment and Future Direction of the Workshop

25. The Session was chaired by H.E. Dato' Noor Farida Ariffin of Malaysia and co-chaired by Dr. Wang Kuan-Hsiung of Chinese Taipei.
26. The Workshop agreed on the positive progress of the Workshop process in entering the 20th year of its work. The Workshop reaffirmed its commitment to move the process forward by continuing the dialogue, confidence building process and cooperative programs. The Workshop should build on its strengths and be able to further withstand the challenges of the times.
27. The Workshop further took note of the development of cooperative programs and the implementation of the agreed projects, and proposed to include those that might have

been difficult to implement in the past including, among others, some biodiversity and environmental protection projects.

28. The Workshop process was commended as a role model for managing potential conflicts. Therefore there is a need to maintain the spirit and continue the process.
29. The Workshop also discussed the mechanism for sharing data and information among the Participating Authorities with a view to increasing transparency and exploring the possibility of establishing an information sharing center that collects information related to the Workshop including conferences, seminars and related activities on the South China Sea.

Session V: Other Matters

30. The Session was chaired by Mr. Nguyen Manh Dong of Vietnam and co-chaired by Mr. Mao Bin of China.
31. The Workshop discussed and decided to have a list of participants with contact details to facilitate communication among participants.

Session VI: Consideration of the Statement of the Workshop

32. The Session was chaired by Prof. SongYann Huei of Chinese Taipei and co-chaired by Mr. Amante Caluya Jr. of the Philippines.
33. The Workshop adopted the Statement of the 20th Workshop on Managing Potential Conflicts in the South China Sea.
34. The Workshop requested Indonesia to organize and convene the next Workshop in 2011.
35. The Participants expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the Center for South East Asian Studies and the Policy Planning and Development Agency (BPPK) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia for organizing the Workshop and for the excellent arrangements and the generous hospitality.

36. In his closing remarks, H.E. Mr. Hazairin Pohan of the Ministry of the Republic of Indonesia expressed his appreciation to the participants for their active participation since the first day of the meeting. He further stated his hope that the Workshop will continue to contribute towards stronger regional and global collaboration in promoting peaceful resolution. The Remarks appears as **Annex 16.**

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