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**Press Release**

**Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center**

The Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center (ARMAC) was held on 03 July 2017 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Christopher B. Montero, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Philippines to Cambodia and Chair of the Steering Committee (SC) of ARMAC. All members of the Steering Committee, ASEAN Secretariat, and Interim Executive Director of ARMAC attended the Meeting.

The discussion of the Meeting focused on the operationalization of the Center, including revised Annual Operational Budget 2017, its Work Plan (2017-2018) and the selection of Executive Director. As a host country, the Royal Government of Cambodia has provided full funding support for the first two-year operational budget for 2017-2018.

The Establishment of ARMAC in Cambodia was the initiative of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, during Cambodia's Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2012. The Official Inaugural Ceremony of ARMAC Headquarters in Phnom Penh was launched on 25 May 2016 and presided over by H.E. PRAK Sokhonn, Senior Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and attended by representatives from ASEAN Member States, and relevant organizations.

Since Interim Executive Director has assumed the office on 20 April 2017, ARMAC is currently serving as a center of excellence to assist interested ASEAN Member States in research, knowledge sharing and raising awareness of the effects of explosive remnants of war (ERW) and encourage efforts to address them.

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