

Conference on Disarmament

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Note verbale dated 3 September 2019 from the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the letter of invitation, dated 10 May 2019 and addressed to H.E. Mr. Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and requesting issuance of this letter as an official document of the 2019 session of the Conference on Disarmament

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations Office, the World Trade Organization and other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to submit herewith two letters of invitation, dated 10 May 2019 and 1 July 2019, respectively to Mr. Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Mr. Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization. The invitation to Mr. Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations was sent by the Chair of the ASEAN Committee in Geneva (Thailand) on behalf of Viet Nam, as President of the Conference on Disarmament. The Permanent Mission of Viet Nam kindly requests that the letters be issued as official documents of the Conference on Disarmament for the year 2019.

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations Office, the World Trade Organization and other International Organizations at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament the assurance of its highest consideration.



Letter of invitation dated 10 May 2019 from H.E. Mr. Sek Wannamethee, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva and Chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Committee in Geneva, on behalf of Viet Nam, as President of the Conference on Disarmament, addressed to H.E. Mr. Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

Dear ASEAN Secretary-General,

The dialogue on disarmament is key to violence prevention, global peace and sustainable development as highlighted in the United Nation Secretary General's new disarmament agenda launched in Geneva in May 2018. Many disarmament and arms control meetings take place in Geneva. Because of this, Geneva is an international centre of disarmament diplomacy and home to international organizations, think-tanks and non-governmental organizations on disarmament.

The ASEAN Committee in Geneva (ACG) plays an active role in contributing to the disarmament discussions in Geneva, in particular to promote and advocate for ASEAN's objectives on disarmament and arms control. In this regard, as the Chair of ACG, I wish to invite you or your representative to deliver a special plenary address at the Conference on Disarmament (CD) on 25 June 2019 in order to share ASEAN experiences and views on non-proliferation and disarmament issues, including the contribution of SEANWFZ Treaty — a strategic instrument for peace and security in the region — to the global disarmament and non-proliferation regime. In the context that CD members have been putting more efforts and new initiatives in order to move forward the disarmament discussion this year, your presence will raise ASEAN awareness among the disarmament community in Geneva and positively contribute to Viet Nam's CD Presidency during 24 June and 18 August 2019.

In the role of the CD President, Viet Nam is pleased to ensure financial support for your participation in the Conference, including airfare and accommodation.

In looking forward to welcoming you in Geneva and working closely with you to support the work of ASEAN, I remain.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Sek Wannamethee
Ambassador and Permanent
Representative
Chair of ASEAN Committee in Geneva