## ASSOCIATION OF ASIA-PACIFIC PEACE OPERATIONS TRAINING CENTERS (AAPTC) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING YEAR 2014

We, the delegations of AAPTC members, during the Conference from 1-4 April 2014 in Kathmandu, Nepal, have agreed to the conclusions as follows;

The Members of AAPTC, acknowledging that the UN Secretariat is responsible for developing training standards and materials to support such training in accordance with UNGA Resolution 49/37 (1995),

And note the ITS Global Peacekeeping TNA Final Report 2012-2013 concludes that there is a need to ensure that peacekeeping personnel are adequately equipped with Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes (KSA) required to perform their duties. The TNA recommendations included the focus on the "move towards a culture of learning" and "to focus on the assessing and evaluating the impact of training". In order to implement an assessment and evaluation strategy, member states representing AAPTC have identified the critical requirement for standardized KSA to be identified for UN Staff Officers and Military Observers.

Recommend: ITS produce baseline standardized curriculum for UN Military Observer and Staff Officer courses with objectives, specific tasks, and training standards (supported by the current core pre-deployment training materials.) This will ensure peacekeeping personnel are equipped with the minimum KSA to be effective. These curriculums may not limit TCCs from delivering additional training to fill national or mission requirements, however these standards are to be the minimum that states shall achieve. Development of baseline, standardized curriculum could be supported by the regional peacekeeping training center associations if required.

## Furthermore, we;

- a. Offer the Chairmanship of AAPTC and host of the 2015 conference to New Zealand.
- b. Welcome Pakistan as AAPTC member.
- c. Amended the Articles of Association to allow permanent observer status for German Armed Forces United Nations Training Centre.
- d. Will invite Brunei, Singapore, Vietnam as well as France, Papua New Guinea, Timor L'este, and Tonga to observe the 2015 conference.
- e. Will begin consideration of prospective President and host for the 2018 IAPTC Annual General Meeting on its return to the Asia Pacific region and will advise Secretariat if willing and able to perform these functions.
- f. Will provide AAPTC Secretariat with information of AAPTC activities by 30 April 2014 for inclusion in the regional presentation at upcoming IAPTC Annual General Meeting in June 2014 in Indonesia.
- g. Will develop a directory of member institutions areas of expertise for identification of the regional "pool" of knowledge and will be prepared to discuss this in detail at the 2015 AAPTC workshop.
- h. Will encourage UN DPKO, Integrated Training Service, and others as appropriate to the annual workshop theme to actively attend and participate in future AAPTC workshops.
- i. Will seek to establish points of contact within DPKO and DFS in order to provide information about training initiatives, regional cooperation in peacekeeping training, and statistics regarding numbers of peacekeepers trained and deployed as requested in the UN Training Needs Assessment.
- j. Will work to encourage DPKO to conduct Training of Trainer courses more frequently in the Asia Pacific Region.
- k. Approve the AAPTC Strategic Roadmap 2014, as amended, as guidance for AAPTC activities.
- I. Renew Bangladesh Institute of Peace Operations Training Centres (BIPSOT) as AAPTC Secretariat for a term of three years, and considered for renewal at the 2017 AAPTC meeting.
- m. Extend our heartfelt appreciation to Nepal Army and the Birendra Peace Operations Training Center for their leadership as chairman and for the organization of this year's meeting and thank US Pacific Command and GPOI for their kind support.

In keeping with the Articles of Association of the Asia-Pacific Peace Operations Training Centers (AAPTC), we affirm our commitment to ensure the highest quality of training of peacekeepers for United Nations peace operations.

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