

## NADI Retreat Chairman's Report

### Introduction

1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> NADI Retreat organised by the Malaysian Institute of Defence and Security (MiDAS), was held at the Thistle Resort Port Dickson on 21 August 2015. Lieutenant General Datuk Dr. William Stevenson, the Chief Executive of MiDAS and also the Chairman of NADI 2015, facilitated the retreat. All NADI Delegation were present. The list appears in **Annex I**.

### Presentations

2. Ms Siti Salmiah from MiDAS gave an overview of NADI Retreat 2013, ADMM and ADMM plus related meetings. She also presented the proposed NADI Two-Year Work Program (2014-2015), NADI progress and achievements since 2013 as well as the overall NADI activities since its inauguration in 2007. She stated that this presentation is to keep the NADI members informed of the Track I discussions especially with the ADMM process, in order to ensure that NADI members will be aware of Track I processes. This is to ensure NADI remains relevant as a Track II organization in providing inputs and recommendations on defence and security to the ADMM Track for consideration.
3. NADI continues to play a relevant role by discussing emerging security threats and strategic defence issues. Since the last NADI Retreat in 2013, NADI has conducted two Annual Meetings, one Retreat, and eight workshops with one more outstanding Workshop to be held in Bali, Indonesia in October. In brief, since 2007, there were eight Annual Meetings, two Retreats, and 17 Workshops conducted.
4. In the 9<sup>th</sup> ADMM Joint Declaration of 16 March 2015 issued in Langkawi, NADI was officially acknowledged as follows: “**ACKNOWLEDGING** the role of Track II defence diplomacy as played by the Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Institution (NADI) in providing relevant inputs and recommendations in addressing emerging defence and security challenges;”

### Discussion

5. NADI members discussed and exchanged views on Regional Security Environment and Challenges for ASEAN and ADMM Cooperation as follows:
  - a. Major power rivalry in the East Asia region has implications for ASEAN. This poses challenges to ASEAN unity and solidarity, and ASEAN centrality in the prevailing regional architecture.

- b. The emergence of radicalisation and violent extremism is of pressing concern to ASEAN. The recruitment and return of IS fighters to their homelands pose serious threat to these countries and the region.
- c. While ASEAN has made much progress in HADR, more needs to be done in terms of building capability of individual member states and the collective regional capacity to respond.
- d. There are concerns of recent development on maritime security and activities in the region which can erode trust and confidence and may undermine peace, security and stability in the South China Sea.
- e. Transnational crimes including human trafficking, drug smuggling, piracy and illegal immigration are on the rise in the region and there is a greater need to address these issues at the root causes.
- f. In order to promote cooperation in addressing security challenges, ASEAN member states should continue conducting regular training and exercises, and establishing preventive mechanisms.

### **NADI Two-Year Work Programme**

- 6. The Retreat also discussed the future NADI Two-Year Work Programme 2016 and 2017 as follows:
  - a. It is important for NADI institutions to plan the future NADI activities for the purpose of budget planning. The topic and objective has to be clearly identified and relevant to ADMM.
  - b. As a guideline, it was agreed by all members that the frequency of NADI activities are four times per year (three workshops and one annual meeting). The proposed work programme is as **Annex II**.

### **Respective Institution's Activities of Interest**

- 7. The Retreat also discussed and took note of the respective Institution's activities of interest in 2016 and 2017 as per **Annex III**.

### **Consideration of the Chairman's Report**

- 8. The Retreat considered and endorsed the Chairman's Report

## **Conclusion**

9. The Chairman of NADI expressed appreciation for the support and active contribution during the 2<sup>nd</sup> NADI Retreat.
10. The Chairman hoped that with the outcomes of the Retreat, member institutions of NADI will be able to plan the future progress of NADI.