

**4th Workshop of the
ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance
(AIPF-SSG) in cooperation with DCAF Geneva and FES Singapore**

**Defence Budgeting in ASEAN Member States
– Parliamentary Perspectives –**

**23–24 May 2008
Phuket, Thailand
Novotel Phuket Resort
- final programme-**

The ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance (AIPF-SSG) focuses on the parliamentary dimension of security sector governance (SSG) in Southeast Asia. The Forum aims to promote ongoing dialogue between Southeast Asian parliamentarians, with the intention of increasing national parliamentary involvement in security sector governance in ASEAN states. The Forum consists of dialogue, publications and workshops which elaborate on systemic and current affairs issues related to parliamentary oversight of the security sector in Southeast Asia. Participants include: members of parliament; parliamentary staffers; government and security sector officials; civil society representatives from Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand; as well as representatives of ASEAN and international experts. The Forum was launched at a workshop held in Bali in November 2007 with the support of the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung's (FES) Singapore-based Office for Regional Cooperation in Southeast Asia. This was preceded by regional inter-parliamentary workshops in Siem Reap (February 2006) and Manila (March 2007), in which the same partners participated.

From the outset, NGOs and think tanks were involved in the substantial preparation of the periodical parliamentary workshops. While the role of parliaments in national security policy formulation was the topic of the November 2007 meeting in Bali, the topic of the upcoming meeting in Thailand will be the role of parliaments in defence budgeting. Parliamentary involvement in defence budgeting is one of the most important functions for ensuring that governments are accountable for defence and security policy and activities. Yet, to date, there has been limited systematic comparison of budgetary powers of parliaments in the area of defence, in Southeast Asia. Consequently, this workshop will focus on the defence budgeting processes, the constitutional and legal framework of parliamentary oversight of the defence budget, the role of public accountability, as well as the practice of defence budgeting in ASEAN member states (first day). The second day of the workshop will examine current security issues in the region. As part of this discussion, a delegation of Thai experts will brief the workshop participants on the situation of the conflict in Southern Thailand.

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Thursday, 22 May 2008

Arrival of Participants

Friday, 23 May 2008

- 08:30 – 09:00 **Welcome and Introduction**
- 09:00 – 10:15 **Session 1: Defence Budgeting: Standards, Practices, Challenges**
- 10:15 – 10:45 Tea/Coffee break
- 10:45 – 12:30 **Session 2: Defence Budgeting Practice in ASEAN Member States**
- 12:30 – 14:30 Lunch break
- 14:30 – 15:45 **Session 3: Extra-Budgetary Revenues and Defence Budgeting**
- 15:45 – 16:15 Tea/Coffee break
- 16:15 – 18:00 **Session 4: The Role of Parliaments in Defence Budgeting**
- 19:30 Welcome Dinner

Saturday, 24 May 2008

- 09:00 – 10:30 **Session 5: Internal Conflicts in ASEAN Member States**
- 10:30 – 11:00 Tea/Coffee break
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Session 6: Briefing on the ASEAN Security Community**
- 12:30 – 14:30 Lunch break
- 14:30 – 17:00 **Special Programme**
- 17:00 – 17:30 **Closing Session**
- 19:00 Farewell Dinner

Sunday, 25 May 2008

Departure of Participants

PROGRAMME

Friday, 23 May 2008

08:30 – 09:00 **Welcome and Introduction**

Djoko Susilo
Chairman of AIPF-SSG Steering Committee / Member of Parliament, Indonesia

Perapong Manakit
Advisor to the Office of the National Security Council, The Government House, Thailand

Vesna Rodic
Head of Office, FES, Thailand

Heiner Hänggi
Assistant Director and Head of Research, DCAF, Switzerland

09:00 – 10:15 **Session 1: Defence Budgeting – Standards, Practices, Challenges**

Chair: Chandran Jeshurun
Member, Board of Directors, Malaysian International Affairs Forum

Speaker: Hans Born
Senior Fellow, DCAF, Switzerland

Points for discussion:

- What is the role of defence budgeting in security sector governance?
- What types of defence budgeting systems are in place and do they permit any meaningful role for parliament?
- What are the main challenges of defence budgeting in practice?

10:15 – 10:45 Tea/Coffee break

10:45 – 12:30 **Session 2: Defence Budgeting Practice in ASEAN**

Member States

Chair: Tan See Seng
Associate Professor, Coordinator for Multilateralism & Regionalism Programme and Coordinator for Executive Education; RSIS, Singapore

Panellists: Im Sithol
Associate Researcher, CICP, Cambodia

Jeffrey Massie
Member of Parliament, Indonesia

Liew Chin Tong
Member of Parliament, Malaysia

Rozzano Ruffino B. Biazon
Member of Parliament, Philippines

Nappres Mandachitra
Air Chief Marshal, Secretary General of Military Committee, Thailand

Points for discussion:

- What are the experiences with defence budgeting in Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand?
- Does the military enjoy unchecked powers in defence budgeting?
- What are the main challenges in defence budgeting in these Southeast Asian states?

12:30 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 15:45 Session 3: Extra-Budgetary Revenues and Defence Budgeting

Chair: Tim Huxley
Executive Director, IISS (Asia), Singapore

Panellists: Chap Sotharith
Executive Director, CICP, Cambodia

Djoko Susilo
Member of Parliament, Indonesia

Sivarasa K. Rasiah
Member of Parliament, Malaysia

Mario Mayong Aguja
AIPF-SSG Secretary, Former Member of Parliament, Philippines

Perapong Manakit
*Advisor to the Office of the National Security Council,
The Government House, Thailand*

Points for discussion:

- What is the scope of extra-budgetary defence revenues in Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand? (e.g. foreign military-to-military assistance, commercial activities, sale or rent of military facilities, infrastructure and services, illegal activities)
- What is impact of extra-budgetary revenues for security sector governance in these Southeast Asian states?
- What can be done at the national and regional levels to reduce the demand for extra-budgetary defence revenues?

15:45 – 16:15 Tea/Coffee break

16:15 – 18:00 Session 4: The Role of Parliaments in Defence Budgeting

Chair: Willy Wimmer
Member of Parliament, Germany

Panellists: Son Chhay
Member of Parliament, Cambodia

Djoko Susilo
Member of Parliament, Indonesia

Nur Jazlan Mohamad
Member of Parliament, Malaysia

Rozzano Ruffino B. Biazon
Member of Parliament, Philippines

Prasong Nurack
Senator, Member of Military Committee, Thailand

Points for discussion:

- What role do parliaments play in defence budgeting in Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand?
- What are the main challenges for parliamentary budgetary oversight in these Southeast Asian states?
- How can the position of parliament be strengthened in these Southeast Asian states?

19:30 Welcome Dinner

Saturday, 24 May 2008

09.00 – 10:30 Session 5: Internal Conflicts in ASEAN Member States

Chair: Aries Arugay
Research Fellow, ISDS, Philippines

Speakers: Agus Widjojo
Deputy Chairman for Indonesia, The Indonesia-Timor Leste Commission of Truth and Friendship, Indonesia

Teresita Ging Quintos Deles
Managing Trustee, INCITEGov; Former presidential advisor on the Peace Process (Mindanao), Philippines

Jerd Pobsook
Chief Staff of Advisory Office to the Minister of Defence, Thailand

Points for discussion:

- What are the similarities and differences between internal armed conflicts in ASEAN states?
- Is the military approach the effective way of addressing these conflicts?
- What role can parliamentarians play in addressing these conflicts?

11:00 – 12:30 Session 6: Briefing on the ASEAN Security Community

Chair: Dzulkefly Ahmad (*tbc*)
Member of Parliament, Malaysia

Speakers: Pratap Parameswaran
Head of ARF Unit, ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta

Djoko Susilo
Member of Parliament, Indonesia

Herman Joseph Kraft
Executive Director for Strategic Studies, ISDS, Philippines

Points for discussion:

- The ASEAN Security Community (ASC): What has been achieved to date? What is the way ahead?
- What is the role of the ADMM and ASEAN's Defence Diplomacy in the ASC context?
- Is there a role for parliaments and parliamentarians in the development of the ASC?

10:30 – 11:00 Tea / Coffee break

12:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 17:00
Thailand

Special Programme - Briefings on the Situation in Southern

Chair: Mario Mayong Aguja
*AIPF-SSG Secretary, Former Member of
Parliament, Philippines*

Speakers: Srisompob Jitpiromsri
*Deputy Dean, Faculty of Political Science, Prince of
Songkla University, Pattani Campus*

Ismail Benjasmith
*Coordinator of the Southern Political Education
Group*

Abdul Roziz Kade-in
Advisor of Young Muslim Association of Thailand

Lamai Manakarn
Peace activist in the three southern provinces

Points for discussion:

- What are the main causes of the conflict?
- Who are the main actors involved?
- How do the various actors involved perceive the conflict?
- What is the current state of negotiation? What are official reconciliation attempts and suggestions for solutions? How do the various actors assess these?

Coffee will be served after lunch inside the conference room.

17:00 – 17:30

Closing Session

19:00

Farewell Dinner

Rapporteur: Martin Kitasaka