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Memorandum of Understanding

Between

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Represented by National Agriculture and Forest Research Institute

And

**World Wild Fund for Nature
(WWF-Laos)**

Concerning

**Sustainable Rattan and Bamboo Harvesting and Production
Phase V**

For the period: starting from approved date to December 2020

**Funded by: WWF-Laos
IKEA and SDC**



ACTIVITY SUMMARY SHEET

Project name	Sustainable Rattan and Bamboo Harvesting and Production Project Phase V
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Project location:	Province, District and Village <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Bolikhamxay Province</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Khamkeut District: 7 villages (will benefit directly). ○ Borikhan District: 7 villages (will benefit directly). • <u>Xekong Province</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Laman District: 4 villages (will benefit directly). ○ Thateng District: 3 villages (will benefit directly). • <u>Saravan Province</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ta-Oy District: 3 villages (will benefit directly). ○ Samouay District: 4 villages (will benefit directly).
Project duration	3 Year(s), From: approved date to December 2020
Summary main activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development bamboo and rattan policy framework in Lao PDR to enable a growing Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)-certified bamboo and rattan business that benefits local livelihoods. 2. Empowerment communities to sustainably manage forests rich in bamboo and rattan in target villages. 3. Capacity building rattan and bamboo producers, processors and traders to match international standards and promote FSC products internationally, regionally and locally.
Project budget	516,911 (USD);
Support Donors	IKEA and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
Staffs	Foreign staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short-term internal consultant: 3 positions (a business consultant, project impact assessment, and a consultant for FSC certification).

	Local staff: 6 persons - WWF staff: 4 position - Government staff: 2 positions from NAFRI
Vehicle& Equipment	Computer: 2 Laptop, 10 Camera traps (HCO), 4 GPS and 4 Compass



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1. General information

1.1. Background of Activity (General Introduction, Rational)

Since 2006, WWF has been implementing a regional project (Vietnam, Lao PDR and Cambodia) with the aim to establish a sustainable production system for rattan products. The project has set-up best practice and a model regarding sustainable rattan resource management and harvesting. WWF also built capacity of traders and processors regarding cleaner production, business and regional and international market links as well as sustainable design. For more info: www.panda.org/rattan & <http://www.wwf.ch/de/projekte/asien/mekong/rattan>. This proposal is for support to the activities in Lao PDR.

In 2011, the first FSC certified rattan products were available in Lao PDR and bought by the Swiss retailer COOP. COOP was the first retailer worldwide committed to buy FSC certified rattan products. Retailers are actively looking for FSC-certified products from tropical forests, but the availability is very limited (especially for rattan products). The demand for FSC certified forest products in Europe and other markets exceeds the supply. It is therefore necessary to invest into sustainable forest management and the supply chain in key countries such as Lao PDR.

Within this context, COOP and WWF agreed on a rattan and wood business plan for Lao PDR. Also other companies from other countries like Sweden and US are interested to buy FSC certified rattan product from Laos.

WWF and COOP interventions would strongly benefit from additional specific technical and financial support from the Swiss Development Cooperation. By joining forces, Lao FSC producers can be empowered to secure long term supply for their products to the international market.

While the foundation for a sustainable rattan supply chain is being built, more capacity is needed in Laos to work with the stakeholders along the value chain in order to make it operationally efficient and sustainable. To reach this sustainability, additional financial and technical support is required for Laos.

1.2. Information about implementing agency Lao and INGO sides

Over the past several years, the Sustainable Rattan Project has established strong implementation of best management practices and models for community-based rattan resource management to ensure social and environmental sustainability, with economic benefits accruing to participating communities. WWF-Laos has worked to build the capacity of traders and processors regarding cleaner, more efficient production, as well as key linkages with regional and international markets. Building on, and in support of, our village- and business-level activities, WWF has partnered with responsible government agencies to strengthen policy frameworks which foster equitable and sustainable resource supply and environmental sustainability of forest resources. We are in the process now of building on these lessons-learned to scale-up our work throughout the country.

The WWF approach is to strengthen people's livelihoods by building the capacity of communities to allow them to develop alternative income sources and to sustainably manage forest resources in the highly bio-diverse upland areas of Laos. Through this approach, the Rattan Project has been able to demonstrate the practicability of a business

model built upon community participation, sustainable natural resource management and improved livelihoods, with implications for the provincial and national economy.

One part of the project will be focusing on scaling-up FSC certification for rattan to conserve the rattan forests and its biodiversity. The FSC certified rattan forests are directly managed by communities in accordance with FSC-approved forest management plans. Ultimately, the sustainable rattan project is about linking remote communities with the global market through a fair and empowering business model, a win-win situation.

Bottom-up and local approach: The sustainable rattan project works directly with natural resource-based communities, linking these upward with small and medium rattan enterprises (SMEs) and to the global market. Through our work with communities, the project strengthens their capacity to develop business models and best-management practices to ensure sustainability of project goals and objectives far beyond the end of the project.

Establishment of 'inclusiveness' criteria for all activities: Through all of our work, WWF strives to be not only gender-inclusive but also to proactively promote the participation of women in activities and positions of leadership. By specifically targeting upland and indigenous communities in Laos, the Rattan Project seeks to redress sub-national disparities in access, income and participatory processes. Around half of the people targeted in the project are women and women are involved in the whole supply chain from harvesting to the final product. WWF has a lot of female project managers which will encourage female partners in the field.

Institutionalization of FSC concepts within partner agencies and organizations: By partnering with FRC/NAFRI and DoF, the Rattan Project has been able to mainstream our forest resource management practices within the institutional structure of the Government of Laos in an effort to promote fair, transparent and sustainable resource governance at all levels. By linking project activities (such as strengthening capacity for FSC CoC and support policy work) with the work of the LNCCI, the sustainability-oriented business model of the Rattan Project has become influential in shaping key aspects of the forest resource economic sector. At the provincial and district level WWF and FRC are working closely with PAFO and DAFO in implementing the project activities together with the villagers.

Fostering development of local expertise: The Rattan Project intentionally selects forest-resource dependent communities that demonstrate endogenous and historic skills in rattan production. By building on this traditional expertise and local cultural knowledge, the Project seeks to add to this international-standard expertise in resource management, enhanced processing standards, and linkages with favorable markets regionally and internationally. By synergizing with local knowledge systems the Project is able to add value to community knowledge and capacity in such a way as to enhance their livelihoods and strengthening their stance vis-à-vis the international market economy. By specifically target SMEs to enhance their capacity for efficiency, product design and market linkages, the Rattan Project strengthens their position within a national market economy which is hampered by inequitable and non-transparent business practices

Capitalization: A "capitalization" process is already happening, and will continue, whereby proven and useful methods and approaches developed and facilitated by WWF and partners are adopted by an increasing number of communities and SMEs. As a similar approach is conducted also in Vietnam and Cambodia, lessons can be transferred regionally and synergies can be built. Furthermore, production risks for importers can be mitigated through diversified supply channels.

Informing policy debate and processes: WWF is closely involved in forest sector policy reform discourses at national and international levels. The lessons-learned from the Rattan Project will feed directly into ongoing dialogues at the national level within which WWF-Laos is strategically placed. Amongst the dialogues and collaborations, such as a Forest Law revision, the revision of the Land Law, the development of the Protection Forest guidelines and the emerging discourse surrounding Laos' negotiation of a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) consistent with the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT), WWF-Laos plays a leading role amongst international NGOs, advocating for the rights of indigenous and local communities, the necessity of environmental sustainability and accurate cost-accounting of environmental impacts, and the need for fair and transparent resource governance.

Through the National Policy Working Group, the Rattan Project will work through our partners to provide targeted policy advocacy to MAF, MONRE and affiliated Ministries and to the National Assembly, to the benefit of the rattan sector which can benefit the Lao society in the long term economically, environmentally and socially. Specific areas of policy advocacy include for example reduction of taxation for harvesting, transportation and export.

2. Project name

Sustainable Rattan and Bamboo Harvesting and Production Project Phase V.

3. Objective

This new phase will focus its efforts on supporting the creation of an enabling policy environment for the development of rattan and bamboo value chains that include both the concept of sustainable forest use and management and the concept of fairly distributed business profitability. The project will also continue to support forest management capacity building for local communities and FSC certification in Bolikhamxay province, as well as supporting sustainable business development that benefit both small and medium enterprises and local communities who harvest and pre-process raw material.

The specific objective of the project:

By 2020, at least 30,000 hectares of natural forest are effectively conserved and the livelihoods of 1,500 households have improved by developing and strengthening FSC-certified rattan and bamboo value chains and supporting an enabling forestry policy framework in the Lao PDR and sustainable Bamboo and rattan products coming from FSC forest are benefiting local communities and supported by proper Business Development Services

The specific outcome of the project are:

Outcome 1: By 2020, a bamboo and rattan policy framework is developed in the Lao PDR to enable a growing FSC-certified bamboo and rattan business that benefits local livelihoods.

Activity 1.1: Develop a draft rattan and bamboo provincial strategy in Bolikhamxay;

Activity 1.2: In partnership with GRET, TABI and RECOFTC, establish the National Bamboo and Rattan taskforce, platform and forum (advisory board, working group);

Activity 1.3: In partnership with GRET, support the development of the draft of bamboo and rattan national strategy;

- Activity 1.4: Organize study tours and exchanges for local authorities to raise their understanding about current constraints and practices (e.g. quota, export fees, taxes);
- Activity 1.5: Participate in the agro-biodiversity and agribusiness sub-sector working groups and provide technical input;
- Activity 1.6: In collaboration with FSC, support the development of draft national FSC standards in the Lao PDR.

Outcome 2: By 2020, communities are empowered to sustainably manage forests rich in bamboo and rattan in target villages.

- Activity 2.1: With TABI, revise land use planning and zoning in target communities in Bolikhamxay Province;
- Activity 2.2: Conduct HCVF mapping in priority areas in Bolikhamxay Province;
- Activity 2.3: Build capacity of communities to enforce standards and manage and protect resources;
- Activity 2.4: Train and build confidence and leadership within patrolling teams and community leaders to raise awareness within communities to prevent encroachment;
- Activity 2.5: Set-up effective monitoring systems
- Activity 2.6: Expand FSC-certified rattan and bamboo forests in target districts; focus on Bolikhamxay Province, e.g. 2-3 villages, around 3,000 ha in three years;
- Activity 2.7: Strengthen sustainable management of the forest through technical support to rattan communities to secure FSC-certification - FSC annual auditing;
- Activity 2.8: Strengthen capacity of community to sustainably manage forest via (1) Inventory, (2) study growth rate of rattan (PSP), (3) Harvesting and management, (4) Rattan forest enrichment to increase the density of endangered species (*Calamus poilanei*, *Calamus solitarius*);
- Activity 2.9: Support selected communities and families in expanding and establishing existing rattan nurseries and plantations (e.g. for shoots consumption).

Outcome 3: By 2020, rattan and bamboo producers, processors and traders have gained the capacity to match international standards and promote FSC products internationally, regionally and locally.

- Activity 3.1: Develop and increase access to international and domestic markets to improve value chains (focusing on FSC rattan products);
- Activity 3.2: Increase the capacity of local producers (including CFE), companies to address the domestic and regional markets (market assessment and awareness campaign), including building capacity of key bamboo and rattan enterprises with their marketing (communication website management, responding to requests, understanding market requirements, etc.)
- Activity 3.3: Promote national, high-end markets for FSC-certified rattan products (produce new rattan design and set-up showrooms in shopping centres like Rimping at ViewMall, hotels and restaurants, etc.);
- Activity 3.4: Support business development services (BDS) providers through training and coaching;
- Activity 3.5: Assess potential and if possible develop and facilitate self-sustainable financing grants for the communities and SME to invest in the bamboo and rattan supply chain and gain benefits.

4. Project location

The project will implement/work with twenty Seven (28) village in six (6) districts of three (3) provinces.

The table below lists the target villages, district and province:

No	Province /	district	village
Bolikhamxay Province			
Khamkeud District			
1			Phonthong
2			Shoppouan
3			Donxad
4			Poungpatao
5			Thaveng
6			Kuanchan
7			Xamtuey
Bolikhane District			
8			Xiengsien
9			Xiengleu
10			Phonsong
11			Nakoun
12			Va
13			Konpho
14			Kengyong
Xekong Province			
Thateng District			
15			Korhuaphou
16			Paleng
17			Thongwai
Lamam District			
18			Xenoi
19			Lavenoi
20			Tapour-Ta neum
21			Pa-Or
Salavan Province			
Ta Oy District			
22			Pajoudon
23			Katen
24			Patem
Samoy District			
25			Avao
26			Tanggo
27			Lahang
28			Puntaiy

5. Project duration

The project MoU shall commence on approved date of project implement until December 2020.

6. Total Project budget

The total project budget is 516,911 USD, Donated by IKEA, and SDC (Address of the main donor).

IKEA: Furniture Retailer Company at Sweden.

SDC: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation for the Mekong Region, 192/1 Sibounheuang Road, Ban Sibounheuang, Chanthaboury District, P.O. Box 5666, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR.

Budget detail for 3 year

No	Description	Project	NAFRI	DoF	Project partnership, SMEs, CoC	Bolikh-amxay	Sekong	Salavan	Total	Percentage (%)
I	Main activities	38,740	41,454	38,673	62,000	75,414	57,198	57,698	371,177	71.81
1.1	1- Policy	23,774	8,392	6,392	-	23,317	3,000	3,000	67,875	
	Rattan and bamboo strategy development		2,367	2,367		2,367			7,101	
	Meetings & Training	999	3,025	4,025		8,050			16,099	
	MOU signing meeting and inception meeting	1,500							1,500	
	Travel in country	3,000	3,000			12,900	3,000	3,000	24,900	
	Travel in the region	1,500							1,500	
	Development document of project best	8,775							8,775	
	Publication	3,000							3,000	
	Monitoring and Evaluation	5,000							5,000	
1.2	2- Forest Management and Certification	10,466	30,062	29,281	2,000	26,125	24,625	25,125	147,684	
	Grant to partners - focus on pilot finance for smallholders				2,000				2,000	
	Forester and FSC consultant for annual audit		18,000	3,000		1,832	1,833	1,833	26,498	
	GIS Mapping		1,000						1,000	
	Law enforcement and patrolling		2,000	2,000					4,000	
	Yearly rattan FSC fee			20,000					20,000	
	Travel in country	1,929	3,056	1,528		6,280	6,279	6,279	25,351	
	Meetings & Training	2,753	5,506	2,753		11,013	11,013	11,013	44,051	
	Rattan seed and material for nursery		500			2,000	2,500	3,000	8,000	
	Rattan seedling and material for forest					2,000	3,000	3,000	8,000	
	Patrolling equipment (10 Camera traps	1,000				3,000			4,000	
	Biodiversity Monitoring	4,784							4,784	
1.3	3- Business development	4,500	3,000	3,000	60,000	25,972	29,573	29,573	155,618	
	Grant to partners for CFE development				40,500	13,500	13,500	13,500	81,000	
	Development Business & finance				7,500				7,500	
	Design and prototype				6,000				6,000	
	support sustainable harvesting of rattan and bamboo		3,000	3,000					6,000	
	travel, accommodation & per diem for					1,500	1,500	1,500	4,500	
	CoC auditor				6,000				6,000	
	Meetings & Training					7,372	7,373	7,373	22,118	
	Travel in country					3,600	7,200	7,200	18,000	
	Travel in the region	4,500							4,500	
II	Personnel (Local staff)	118,523	-	-	-	-	-	-	118,523	22.93
	Project Manager	40,100							40,100	
	Project Officer 1	30,700							30,700	
	Project Officer 2	30,700							30,700	
	Project Support Officer 1	17,023							17,023	
III	Vehicles and Equipment	1,000	1,000						2,000	0.39
	2 laptops	1,000	1,000						2,000	
IV	Administration	25,211	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,211	4.87
	Office running costs	10,211							10,211	
	Financial audit	15,000							15,000	
	TOTAL	183,474	42,454	38,673	62,000	75,414	57,198	57,698	516,911	100

- The budget for activities section is not transferable to other section.
- Budget report must be submitted to authorities concerning office including MoFA in comparative format between above – proposed budget detail and all expenditures in the implementation for easy assessment of project progress. (Example format will be provided by MoFA).
- Budget report must be endorsed by implementation Management Committee (IMC).
- Travelling, board and lodging cost for the staff participating project activities should be follow the government rate, referring to the agreement of Ministry of Finance No. 2066/MoF, dated 25 June 2015.

7. Beneficiaries

The Activity directly targets at 27 villages in 3 provinces and 6 Districts with an estimated total 1,500 HH benefit from all project activities.

8. Establish Implementation Management Committee (IMC)

In order to manage all activities, the Implementation Management Committee (IMC) will be established at local level. The members of IMC are a representative of

National level:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA): Department of International Organizations 1 person
- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF): Department of Planning and Finance, NAFRI, DoF, 1 person from each Office.

Provincial level: PAFO 1 person

District level: DAFO 1 person

NGO: WWF-Laos 1 person

9. Roles and Responsibilities/ Management Arrangement

9.1 Implementation Management Committee

- Approve annual action plan in according to project document.
- Approve annual detail budget in according to project document.
- Ensure full participation of IMC member in the meeting of the project (two time per year)
- Endorse report including financial report of the project.
- Participate in Monitoring and evaluation meeting.

9.2. Ministerial level

9.2.1. *The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is the main partner at the national level. The roles and responsibilities of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is outlined below:*

- To provide necessary administrative support in order to facilitate the effective implementation of the project, such as visa approval, stay permit, tax exemption, permission, duty and tax free importation of the necessary equipment and material for

the project as mentioned in Project document/the program Design Document (Annex A) and in accordance with the laws of the Lao PDR.

- To assist in the identification of appropriate staff to participate in training and project activities;
- To provide policy and technical advice to the project team, if necessary;
- To visit the project sites and participate in annual monitoring and evaluation meeting.

9.2.2. *National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRI)*

- To designate one member of staff to be responsible for coordination/administrative activities for the project and one staff for field implementation;
- Joint implement all project activities with WWF in according to the MOU, plan and budget to be approved by the IMC;
- To assist in the identification of appropriate staff to participate in training and project activities;
- To provide policy and technical advice to the project team, if necessary;
- Coordinate with relevant stakeholder in implementing project activities;
- To visit the project sites and participate in annual monitoring and evaluation meeting.
- Together with WWF, develop work plan, implement and ensuring the project activities are carried out according to the plan and budget approved by IMC;
- Monitoring project activities and reporting to all authorities at relevant provincial and national level about the project activities and its progress.

9.3. Provincial level

9.3.1. *Roles and responsibilities of the Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Office (PAFO)*

Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Office (PAFO) will be involved and responsible in assisting the coordination within the province, monitoring, planning and evaluation of the project activities. Specific responsibilities of the Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Office (PAFO) are:

- Provide a staff for project coordination and project activities management at provincial level;
- Ensuring the project activities are carry out according to the plan and budget approved by the IMC;
- Assisting in identification of appropriate staff to participate in training and research activities;
- Providing policy and technical advice, as necessary;
- Monitoring the project activities and reporting to all authorities at relevant Provincial and National level about the project activities and its progress;
- Ensuring qualified male and female District Staff are allocated the project from relevant government offices or mass organizations;
- Coordinating the multi-sector/multi agency.

9.4. District level

9.4.1 *District Office of Agriculture and Forestry*

The focal point for overall District coordination will be the District Office of Agriculture and Forestry. The District Office of Agriculture and forestry will liaise with the District Governor office to ensure that the appropriate staffs are allocated to work with the project and the local authorities.

The specific roles and responsibilities of District Office of Agriculture and Forestry are as follows:

- Provide a staff for project coordination and project activities management at district level;
- To ensure that the activities of the project are carried out according to the plan and budget approved by the IMC;
- To assist the identification of appropriate staff to participate in training and implementing project activities;
- To provide policy and technical advice, as necessary;
- To monitor project activities and report to Provincial authorities about the project activities and its progress;
- To coordinate with relevant agencies at district level.

9.4.2 Other District Offices

Other district offices, namely, District Governor Office, District Industry and Commerce Office, Planning and Investment Office and Lao Women Union will be responsible in providing technical support related to concerning topic and implementing field project activities.

9.5 World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)-Laos

WWF-Laos is responsible for providing the following management support to the project:

- To carry out activities of the project in according to the MOU, plan and Budget approve by the IMC;
- Monitoring and evaluation support;
- Recruitment and management of staff;
- To coordinate with partners of the Lao government;
- To direct management of the project activities base on the agreement from IMC;
- To organize training and workshops as described in the PDD;
- To design and implement field activities with NAFRI;
- To monitor project activities and reporting to project donors;
- Financial management of project and report to the IMC.

10. Human Resources for the Project

10.1. Local Staff

The Project team will include national staff positions as follows:

WWF staff:

- Project Manager – 1 person
- Project Officers – 2 Peoples (Responsible on FSC, CoC certification and supporting SME; and the other responsible on business link between SME and village group business)
- Project Support Officer – 1 person

Government staff at national level:

- Project Coordinator – 1 person
- Field project officer – 1 person

10.2. Foreign Staff

The project will employ 3 expatriates.

Short term: 3 expatriates:

- 1 business consultant for providing the capacity building to the Lao business provider and support rattan and bamboo SME;
- 1 consultant for project impact assessment and evaluation; and
- 1 consultant for FSC certification providing technical advice for the annual audit.

11. Equipment/ Vehicle to be used in the Project

Equipment / Vehicle used under this project will be managed by Sustainable Rattan and Bamboo Harvesting and Production Project.

Annex 1: List of equipment

No	List of equipment
1	2 laptops
2	10 Camera Trap (HCO)
3	4 GPS
4	4 Compass

12. Distribution of equipment/ materials at the end of Activity

At the end of Project, all equipment / materials listed under paragraph 11 must be handed over to NAFRI.

13. Reports, monitoring and evaluation

Reports: WWF-Laos shall submit its progress project report and financial report every 3 months to local authorities, for 6 month, annual report and at the end of the project there will be also a completion report to concerned authorities including the Provincial Foreign Affairs Department, the line Ministry and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Department of International Organization).

Achieved results during the collaboration shall become the property of both Parties. The both parties agree to have institutional logos in all printed materials produces and presented in other events.

Monitoring: To ensure the efficiency and quality of the Activity implemented under this MoU, the monitoring must be done regularly and WWF-Laos should organize a 6 month and/or annually review meeting between WWF-Laos and the IMC including concerned local authorities and MoFA.

Evaluation: WWF-Laos will organize an annual, a midterm and an end of project evaluation by having a representative from MoFA, line Ministry and concerned local authorities including the Provincial Foreign Affairs Department. Each project evaluation will focus on the implementation of activities, budget utilization and coordination. After the evaluation, its report must be submitted to MoFA, the line Ministry and concerned local authorities including the Provincial Foreign Affairs Department within 30 days.

For the cost of travel, accommodation and Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) of the Government Officer participating in the monitoring and evaluation meeting of the Activity must be responsible by utilization of this Activity's budget. The DSA shall not be less than

the Government rate on domestic traveling being enforce, in accordance to the Ministry of Finance's Agreement No. 2066/MoF, dated on 25 June 2015.

14. Amendments

Any modification to the MoU will require an amendment and will need to be approved by the parties concerned and MoFA in writing form.

15. Disputes and Arbitration

Any dispute or difference arising between the Organization and GOL will be settled by negotiation or mediation between the parties concerned. Any dispute which cannot be settled by negotiation or mediation must be arbitrated in accordance to the laws in force in the Lao PDR.

16. Annexes

- A. Project design Document;
- B. Glossary;
- C. Work Time Frame;

17. Conclusion

The MoU has been prepared in two languages, Lao and English and both version have equal meaning.

The MoU will be effective from the date of signature by both parties.

Signed in/at Vientiane, on 11 / 06 / 2018



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