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Ministry of Home Affairs

Ref. 84/MoHA  
Vientiane, date: August 10, 2015

**NOTIFICATION**

To: President of the Association for Assistance to Poor Ethnic Groups  
Subject: Temporary Suspension of Activities of the Association for Assistance to Poor Ethnic Groups

- With reference to the letter of request of the Association for Assistance to Poor Ethnic Groups, No. 003, dated June 22, 2015;
- With reference to the Decree on Association, No.115, dated April 29 2009;
- With reference to the Guideline on the implementation of the Decree on Association, No. 6, dated Dec 8, 2009,

The Ministry of Home Affairs would like to inform you that through monitoring of activities conducted by the Association so far, it is observed that the Association has violated the prohibitions applicable to associations as prescribed in article 20 of the Decree, No. 115/PM, and activities conducted were not in line with the purposes as defined in the Articles of Association of the Association itself. The Association does not fulfill the criterion required as per the section 7, article 6 of the Decree on Association. This has resulted to a suspension of the Association temporarily. During this suspension period, the Association is required to improve its organization by reviewing the total number of its members with requirement to have at least 25 members and is also required to organize a General Meeting for election of its new Board of Management in accordance with relevant regulations. More importantly, the Association must avoid problems occurred in the past, and ensure that activities are conducted in the ways that follow the principles of establishment and activities of the Association as prescribed in article 5 of the Decree on Association. Once all steps have been fulfilled, a report shall be submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The suspension period is 180 days (06 months) as from the date of signature of this Notification. If the Association fails to improve its organization within the timeframe as specified, it shall be considered that the Association is dissolved on permanent basis.

Therefore, you are hereby informed and required to strictly take actions.

**Minister of Home Affairs**

[Signed and Sealed]

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