

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY

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Vientiane Capital, date 19 June 2017

DECREE Of the PRESIDENTIAL

Of the LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

On the Promulgated the Law on Treaties and International Agreement

- Pursuant to the Constitution of Lao People's Democratic Republic (Amended 2015), Chapter VI, Article 67, Clause 1
- Pursuant to the National Assembly Meeting Resolutions, issue no. 05/NA, dated 08 May 2017 on the Adoption of the Law on Treaties and International Agreement
- Pursuant to the Proposal of National Assembly Committee, issue no. 010/NAC, dated 06 June 2017.

President of the Lao's People Democratic Republic issued decree:

Article 1: The promulgation of treaties and international agreement.

<u>Article 2:</u> This Decree is effective from the date of signature.

President of Lao PDR

[Sealed: Lao PDR - Presidential; Signed: Bounyung Vorlachit]



LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY

National Assembly

No. 05/NA

Vientiane Capital, date 28 May 2017

DECISIONOf the National Assembly Meeting

On the Adoption of the Law on Treaties and International Agreement

Pursuant to Article 53, Clause 1 of the Constitution of Lao People's Democratic Republic (Amended 2015) and Article 11, Clause 1 of the Law on National Assembly (Amended 2015),

After the 3th Ordinary Meeting of National Assembly Series VIII has extensively and deeply study of the consideration on content of the law on treaties and international agreement in the meeting agenda of 08 November 2017.

The National Assembly Meeting agreed:

Article 1 the Adoption of the Law on treaties and international agreement with majority of agreed votes.

<u>Article 2</u> this Decision is effective from the date of signature.

President of National Assembly

[Sealed: National Assembly - President; Signed: Parny Yartortue]



LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY

National Assembly

No. 18/NA

Vientiane Capital, date 8 May 2017

LAW On Treaties and International Agreement

Part I General Provisions

Article 1 Purpose

This law defines principles, regulations and measurement on the management, follow up and monitoring of the activity to establish and implement the treaties and international agreement for fairness throughout the country which aim to implement the foreign policy of Lao People's Democratic Republic and regional and international merge to contribute into the national protection and development.

Article 2 Treaties

Treaties means a written agreement that created on behalf of Lao PDR or on behalf of the Government of Lao PDR with partnership countries which allowing rights and obligations of the Lao PDR according to the international law which specific name according to an agreement between Laos and partnership countries such as the treaties, agreement, pressed card, decision, protocol, memorandum of understanding, cooperate memorandum, exchange letter or other names.

Article 3 International Agreement

The international agreement a written agreement that created on behalf of the central level, provincial organization level of the Lao PDR with foreign parties on the international cooperation according to roles, scope of rights and its duties which effective only for such organization by specific name according to agreement between Laos and foreign parties such as agreement, decision, memorandum of understanding, agreement memorandum, exchange letter, joint project, joint plan or other names.

Article 4 Definitions

Terms use in this law have meaning as follows:

1. **Treaties which Lao PDR is the party** means the convention which Lao PDR is the party with and effective for Lao PDR;

- 2. **Partnership countries** means state, international organization or other organization recognized by the international law;
- 3. **Bilateral parties** mean the two parties;
- 4. Multilateral parties mean many parties;
- 5. **Bilateral treaties** mean a convention of two parties between the Lao PDR and any partnership countries;
- 6. **Multilateral treaties** mean a convention of many parties between the Lao PDR and more than two partnership countries;
- 7. **International organization** means the organization between the government;
- 8. **Sign brief** means execution according to the law by authorized organization or rights assignee to certify correctness of the draft of treaties to be signed together;
- 9. **Suspend of the treaties execution** means a temporary discontinue of all or partial of the treaties execution which the Lao PDR is the party by the national assembly, the Presidential or the Government;
- 10. **Suspend of the international agreement** means a temporary discontinue of the international agreement execution of the central level or provincial level;
- 11. **Termination of the treaties** means cancellation of the effective of the bilateral treaties which the Lao PDR is the party by the national assembly or the Government;
- 12. **Termination of the international agreement** means cancellation of the effective of the international agreement by the central level or provincial level;
- 13. **Cancellation or withdraw from the treaties** means cancellation of the execution of the multilateral treaties which the Lao PDR is the party by the national assembly or the Government;
- 14. **Treaties retention** means the country or any international organization that assigned for responsible the storage of multilateral treaties which the Lao PDR is the party;
- 15. **Foreign party** means the parliament, internal organization mechanism of the parliament, supreme court, the attorney general, ministry, organization equivalent to ministry, provincial organization or foreign organization;
- 16. **Central organization** means the national assembly, the People's Supreme Court, the People's Attorney General, State Audit Organization, ministry, organization equivalent to ministry, Lao Front National Construction and Central Mass Organization;
- 17. **Provincial organization** means the Capital, Provincial People's Assembly or Capital, Provincial Authority.

Article 5 Policy on the Treaties and International Agreement Activities

Government promote the treaties and international agreement activities according to direction of foreign affairs policy of the Lao PDR on a relationship expansion platform basis and cooperation with all countries, act as host in merging with regional and international and ensure the national benefit, Lao citizen and ethical groups to make a condition and environmental that facilitate to the national protection and development.

Article 6 Principles on Establishment and Execution of the Treaties and International Agreement

Establishment and execution of the treaties and international agreement according to principles are as follows:

- 1. Not conflict to the constitution of the Lao PDR
- 2. Respect independence, sovereignty, the land of each other, do not threaten by force or use of force, no interfere in the internal activities of each other, fairness and benefit of each one and other principles of the international law
- 3. Ensure the national benefit, Lao citizen and ethical groups and consistency with the foreign policy of the Lao PDR
- 4. Respect and perform the treaties which the Lao PDR is the party.

For the international agreement shall not conflict with the internal laws and shall consistency with the treaties in the same region which the Lao PDR is the party, ensure the possibility of execution and effective of the international agreement, the organization that established the international agreement shall follow its international agreement strictly.

Article 7 Language use in the Treaties and International Agreement

The bilateral treaties shall be made in Lao language and official language of the partnership countries, both languages have the same meaning. In case necessary, it can be as other languages according to the agreement between Laos and partnership countries which have the same meaning and in case of misinterpretation, the treaties in other language will be used as reference.

In case the bilateral treaties made in multiple languages, all languages shall have the same meaning, unless otherwise upon other agreement between Laos and partnership countries. In case made in foreign language, when documenting to propose for approval and signature, it shall be translated into Lao language.

The international agreement shall be made in Lao language and official language of partnership countries, unless otherwise upon other agreement between Laos and partnership countries, the international agreement issue Lao language and foreign language shall have consistency content. In case the international agreement signed in foreign language, it shall be translated into Lao language.

Article 8 Treaties and the Provisions of Internal Law

In case the treaties which the Lao PDR is the party and laws, legislation under the law have different provisions in the same issue shall be performed the provisions of those treaties.

Pursuant to demand, content, and characteristic of the treaties in order to agree for execution of any treaties, the national assembly or Government shall:

- Agreed to individual, legal entities or relevant organization to perform that treaties directly or partial when the provisions of that treaties is cleared;
- Agreement or proposal to establish, improve, terminate the law and legislation under the law to perform that treaties.
 - Establishment and amend the law and legislation under the law shall be consistency with the treaties which the Lao PDR is the party.

Article 9 Scope of Use

This law uses for individual, legal entities or relevant organization on establish and implementation of the treaties and international agreement.

Article 10 International Cooperation

Government promote the cooperation with foreign countries and international on the activity of the treaties and international agreement by attending meeting, exchange lessons, information, technology, training, seminar to upgrade knowledge, professional abilities to ensure quality, effective and efficient on the activity of treaties and international agreement.

Part II Treaties Establishment

Article 11 Treaties Establishment

Establishment of the treaties is compliance to the law by authorized organization including negotiation, signature, and ratification, and endorsement, participant as the party or exchange notes.

Article 12 Methods of the Party of the Treaties

Methods of the party of the treaties of the Lao PDR have as follows:

- 1. Treaties signature without ratification or endorsement
- 2. Providing the treaties ratification
- 3. Endorsement of the treaties
- 4. Exchange notes
- 5. Involving as the treaties party
- 6. Other methods according to the agreement with foreign parties.

Article 13 Level of the Treaties

Treaties have two levels such as treaties on behalf of the Lao PDR and treaties on behalf of the government of the Lao DPR.

- 1. Treaties on behalf of the Lao PDR have as follows:
- Treaties which the presidential signed directly with the head of foreign states
- Treaties related to issue on political, security, wars, peace, national democracy, and the whole land
- Treaties related to establishment, participant as a member of the international organization which establish, participant as a member or withdrawal that make an effect toward the basic policy on national foreign affairs, security, expansion of socioeconomic, financial and currencies
- Treaties that lead to changes, limitation or terminate of human rights, basic rights, and obligations of citizens according to defined in the law or decisions of the national assembly
- Treaties that established on behalf of the Lao PDR according to the agreement of the foreign parties.
- 2. Treaties on behalf of the government of the Lao PDR have as follows:
- Treaties that not established on behalf of the Lao PDR according to defined in clause 1 of this Article
- Other treaties that established on behalf of the government of the Lao PDR according to the agreement with foreign parties.

Article 14 Authorized Organization to Propose for Treaties Establishment

Authorized organization to propose for treaties establishment called "Propose Organization" have as follows:

- 1. Ministries, organization equivalent ministry
- 2. The people's supreme court
- 3. The supreme people's prosecutor
- 4. The national audit organization

For treaties related to issues on political, security, wars, peace, national democracy and the whole land shall be the ministry of foreign affairs to propose by cooperate with the Ministry of National Defense, Ministry of Homeland Security and other relevant organization.

Chapter 1 Treaties Negotiation

Article 15 Negotiation Preparation

Propose organization is responsible in preparation for negotiation of treaties as follows:

- 1. Evaluate benefits, effects on political, security, socio-economic and other effects of the treaties
- 2. Review and compare content of the draft of treaties with the constitution, laws, legislation under the law and treaties in the same regions that the Lao PDR is the party
- 3. Propose for comment in writing with relevant organization. Such organization shall reply in writing to the propose organization within fifteen official days.

Article 16 Negotiation Proposal

Propose organization shall complete supporting documents for proposal of negotiation according to defined in Article 17 of this law to propose to the ministry of foreign affairs.

The ministry of foreign affairs shall consider such proposal within fifteen official days from the date of received the proposal. Then, ministry of foreign affairs will propose to the government for consideration of treaties on behalf of the government of the Lao PDR.

For treaties on behalf of the Lao PDR, the government shall propose to the president for consideration and the government shall report to the national assembly committee to acknowledge.

Article 17 Negotiation Proposal's Supporting Documents

Negotiation proposal shall have supporting documents as follows:

- 1. Proposal letter which define of necessary, request and purpose of the negotiation; primary content of the draft of treaties; offers on negotiation and rights transfer for negotiation;
- 2. Evaluation report on benefits, political effect, security, socio-economic and other effects of treaties;
- 3. Report of the effect and comparison of content of the draft of treaties with constitution, laws, legislation under the law and treaties in the same region which the Lao PDR is the party;
- 4. Written feedback of other relevant organization;

5. Explanation of the feedback of other relevant organization and measurement for resolutions.

Article 18 Authorized Person for Negotiation

Authorized person for negotiation has as follows:

- 1. The president has rights to agree, host the negotiation or transfer rights to the government negotiation on behalf of the Lao PDR;
- 2. The prime minister has rights to agree, host the negotiation or transfer rights to negotiation for treaties on behalf of the government of the Lao PDR.

Article 19 Organizing Negotiation

Propose organization shall cooperate with other relevant organization prior the proposal to ministry of foreign affairs on negotiation plan, the draft of treaties of the Laos and assemble of the negotiation committee which consist of the representative of the propose organization, ministry of foreign affairs and other relevant organization directly. Then the ministry of foreign affairs will propose to the prime minister to consider agree.

The propose organization shall consult with the representative of other relevant organization who effected directly from the treaties while conducting negotiation.

The propose organization shall cooperate with ministry of foreign affairs to report to the prime minister on issues occurred during the negotiation and prompt measurement for resolutions.

The propose organization shall cooperate with ministry of foreign affairs to report a result of the negotiation to the organization that agreed for negotiation after the negotiation successful.

The government responsible reporting to the national assembly on the negotiation situation for the draft of treaties according to defined in Article 25 of this law.

Chapter 2 Treaties Signature

Article 20 Signature

Treaties signature is compliance to the law by authorized organization or authorized person which include treaties signature that necessary or not necessary to give ratification or endorsement.

Article 21 Propose for Signature

The propose organization shall bring the proposal's supporting documents for consideration according to defined in Article 22 of this law to propose to ministry of foreign affairs.

The ministry of foreign affairs shall be checking the treaties according to defined in Article 24 of this law. Then the ministry of foreign affairs will propose to the government to consider sign the treaties on behalf of the government of the Lao PDR.

For treaties on behalf of Lap PDR, the government shall propose to the president for consideration.

Article 22 Proposal's Supporting Documents for Signature

Proposal for signature of treaties shall have supporting documents as follows:

- 1. The proposal with content according to defined in Article 23 of this law
- 2. Feedback of other relevant organization
- 3. Feedback's explanation of other relevant organization, measurement of resolutions and forecast plan to perform the treaties
- 4. Report on benefits evaluation, political effects, security, socio-economic and other effects of the treaties
- 5. Report on the consistency of the treaties and the same treaties which the Lao PDR is the party
- 6. Report on the consistency of the treaties and the law, legislation under the law
- 7. Draft of treaties.

Article 23 Proposal Content for Signature Approval

Proposal for signature approval on treaties have content as follows:

- 1. Necessary and purpose on proposal for treaties signature
- 2. Primary content of the treaties
- 3. Name, level of treaties that will sign, signature representative, language, effective, effective methods and temporary performance of the treaties
- 4. Rights and obligations caused from the treaties for Lao PDR
- 5. Consistency with principals according to defined in Article 6 of this law
- 6. Preserved clauses, acknowledgement or rejection to preserved clause of the foreign parties, statement on the multilateral treaties
- 7. Evaluation of the treaties performance directly as whole, partial or proposal to establish, improve or terminate the law and legislation under the law to perform that treaties
- 8. Pending issues with different feedback between the propose organization and other relevant organization or between Laos and foreign parties and measurement for resolutions.

Article 24 Monitoring Content of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Monitoring contents have as follows:

- 1. Necessary and purpose in signing the treaties base on the evaluation of relationship between the Lao PDR and foreign parties
- 2. Consistency of the treaties with basic principles of the international laws
- 3. Consistency of the treaties with the national benefits, benefits of citizen and ethical group and foreign affairs policy of the Lao PDR
- 4. Consistency of the draft of treaties which propose for signature approval with the treaties in the same region which the Lao PDR is the party
- 5. Consistency with the constitutions, laws and legislation under the law including possibility in performing the treaties directly as whole or partial and necessary to establish, improve or terminate the law and legislation under the law to perform the treaties
- 6. Name, language, level of the treaties to be signed, position of the representative to be signed, effective and technical of the treaties
- 7. Compliance to regulation of proposal for signature approval of the treaties

8. Fairness in content of the draft of treaties in Lao version and foreign language version

The ministry of foreign affairs is responsible monitoring all issue related to the proposal for signature approval of the treaties within twenty official days from the date of received the proposal or within forty-five official days in case the draft of treaties have an important content and complex.

In case the draft of treaties have an important content and complex, the Minister of Foreign Affairs will assign the committee to monitor the treaties which consist of the representative from the ministry of foreign affairs, Ministry of Justice, the Prime Minister Office, the national assembly and other relevant organization.

Article 25 Feedback of the National Assembly Committee on the Signature

Government shall propose to the national assembly committee for feedback on the signature of the treaties as follows:

- 1. Defined in Article 13 Clause 1 of this law
- 2. Have provisions defined for ratification
- 3. Have provisions that conflict with the law or the national assembly decisions
- 4. Have provisions that differ from the law, the national assembly decisions or not yet defined in the law, the national assembly decisions
- 5. Have provisions that conflict with the national assembly committee decisions or edict
- 6. Necessary to establish, improve or terminate some provisions of the law, the national assembly decisions, the national assembly committee decisions or edict to implement.

The national assembly committee shall give feedback in writing on the treaties signature within thirty official days from the date of received the proposal.

The president and the government shall consider feedback of the national assembly committee prior agree to sign the treaties.

Article 26 Organization that have Rights to Agree for Signature

The organizations that have rights to agree for signature have as follows:

- 1. The president has rights to agree for signature of treaties on behalf of Lao PDR
- 2. The government has rights to agree for signature of treaties on behalf of the government of the Lao PDR.

Article 27 Content of Agreement for Signature

Agreement to sign the treaties has content as follows:

- 1. Name and level of the treaties
- 2. Name and scope of rights of the representative who sign the treaties
- 3. Preserved clauses, acknowledgement or rejection preserved clause of the foreign parties and statement on the multilateral treaties
- 4. Scope of responsibilities of the propose organization, of the ministry of foreign affairs and other relevant organization
- 5. Agreement to perform the treaties direct as whole or partial; agreement to establish, improve or terminate internal legislation to perform the treaties.

Article 28 Review and Comparison of the Draft of Treaties

The propose organization shall cooperate with the ministry of foreign affairs and other relevant organization to review and compare the draft of treaties version on Lao and foreign languages to ensure correctness, consistency of contents and fairness on the treaties format prior the initial sign or sign of the treaties.

Article 29 Cooperation Prior the Signature

The propose organization shall cooperate with the ministry of foreign affairs to finalize the draft of treaties and host the signing ceremony of the treaties with foreign party.

In case the treaties amended on level, rights and obligations or have provisions attached or not yet defined in the internal laws or other basic issue when compare with the content of draft of treaties which agreed for sign, the propose organization shall re-propose for sign approval for the treaties according to procedure which defined in Article 21 to 27 of this law.

The government shall report to the national assembly on the signature of treaties which related to an issue according to defined in Article 39 paragraph 2 of this law.

Article 30 Cooperation Prior the Signature during Visitation of the Senior Representative

The propose organization shall cooperate with the ministry of foreign affairs to review draft of treaties after authorized organization agreed for treaties signature during the visitation in foreign country of the senior representative of the Lao PDR or visitation the Lao PDR of the foreign senior representative.

The ministry of foreign affairs shall cooperate with the propose organization to review and compare draft of treaties by cooperate with foreign parties to host that signing ceremony, unless otherwise agreed of the authorized organization or between the Laos and foreign parties.

Article 31 Delivery of the Treaties after the Signature

The propose organization shall deliver the original treaties, treaties that have translated in Lao language in case the treaties is signed in foreign country, the treaties Lao version and foreign language version which is electronic, rights transfer letter or certificate of the representative of the foreign parties and other relevant document to the ministry of foreign affairs within 15 official days from the date of signature of treaties within the country or from the date that arrived to the Lao PDR of the representative committee who went to sign the treaties in foreign country.

In case the head of the embassy representative office or permanent representative office under the international organization if the signature of treaties shall be reported and deliver a copy of the signed treaties to the ministry of foreign affairs and deliver the original copy of treaties to the propose organization. The propose organization shall conduct its responsibilities according to defined in paragraph 1 of this Article within fifteen official days after received the original copy of the treaties.

The propose organization shall deliver a copy of the multilateral treaties which certified by the treaties retention, treaties which translated to Lao language, treaties Lao and foreign version as electronic form to the ministry of foreign affairs within fifteen official days from the date of signature of treaties within the country or from the date of arrival to the Lao PDR of the representative committee who signed the treaties in foreign country.

Article 32 Exchange of Documents

Exchange of documents is a form that establishing treaties such as exchange of diplomat documents, letters or documents with another name.

Exchange of documents shall be performing according to defined in Article 15 to Article 31 of this law.

Chapter 3

Assign Rights for Negotiation or Sign of Treaties And the Assignment of the International Meeting Participants

Article 33 Assign Rights for Negotiation or Sign of Treaties

The president is a person to agree assigning rights in writing to the head of negotiation committee for the treaties on behalf of the Lao PDR.

The prime minister is a person to agree assigning rights in writing to the head of the head of negotiation committee for the treaties on behalf of the government of the Lao PDR.

The government is a person to agree assigning rights in writing to a person who will treaties on behalf of the government of the Lao PDR.

The assignee for negotiation or sign the treaties shall be the committee leader of the propose organization or a person that the propose organization proposed to the authorized organization.

In case the propose organization not identified the head of negotiation committee or a person who sign the treaties, the propose organization shall propose to the authorized organization to assign to the head of the embassy representative or the head of permanent representative office at the international organization or other representative as the head of negotiation committee or as a person who sign the treaties.

Issuance of the rights assignment letter shall be performed according to defined in Article 86 of this law.

Article 34 Assignment of the International Meeting Participants

The prime minister is the assigner the head of representative committee to participant in the international meeting. In case of necessary shall be assigned the representative committee to participant in the international meeting according to regulation of the meeting, the propose organization shall propose to the ministry of foreign affairs to propose to the prime minister to consider assign.

The assignee to participant the international meeting shall be the committee leader of the propose organization or a person which the propose organization proposed to the ministry of foreign affairs to propose to the prime minister to consider assign.

In case the propose organization is not identified the committee leader to participant in the international meeting, the propose organization shall propose to the ministry of foreign affairs to propose to the prime minister to consider assign the head of the embassy representative office or the head of the permanent representative office at the international organization or other representative as the head committee to participant in the international meeting.

Issuing of the assignment letter shall be performing according to defined in Article 86 of this law.

Chapter 4 Providing the Treaties Ratification

Article 35 Providing Ratification

Providing ratification is the certification to the treaties which the Lao PDR signed by the national assembly or the national assembly committee.

Article 36 Treaties that need to be Provided Ratification

Treaties that need to be provided ratification have as follows:

- 1. Treaties which have provisions to provide ratification
- 2. Treaties on behalf of the Lao PDR
- 3. Treaties on behalf of the government of the Lao PDR which have provisions with the law or decision of the national assembly.

Article 37 Proposal to Provide Ratification

The propose organization shall bring supporting documents to propose to provide ratification according to defined in Article 38 of this law to propose to the ministry of foreign affairs.

The ministry of foreign affairs shall consider such proposal within fifteen official days from the date of received the proposal.

Then the ministry of foreign affairs shall propose to the prime minister to propose to the national assembly to consider provide the treaties ratification.

Article 38 Supporting Documents for the Proposal to Provide Ratification

The proposal to provide ratification shall have supporting documents as follows:

- 1. Proposal letter requesting to provide the treaties ratification
- 2. Report on background of the treaties, benefits evaluation, effect of the treaties to the Lao PDR
- 3. Preserved clauses, acknowledgement, or rejection of the preserved clause of foreign parties, statement on the multilateral treaties
- 4. Direct performance of the treaties as whole or partial; proposal to establish, improve or terminate and legislation under the law to perform the treaties
- 5. Other relevant organization's feedback
- 6. Feedback explanation report of other relevant organization and measurement for resolutions, forecast plan to perform the treaties
- 7. Copy of the treaties and other relevant documents.

Article 39 Authorized Organization to Provide Ratification

The national assembly committee has the rights to agree providing ratification according to the proposal of the prime minister.

For the treaties that related to the agreement of the important basic issues of the nation such as political issue, security, wars, peace, national's democracy and the whole land; establishing, participating and withdrawing from a member of the international organization which effect toward the basis policies on the national foreign affairs, security, expansion of the

socio-economic, financial and currencies, issue that lead to changes, limitation or terminate a human rights, rights and basic obligation of citizens; issues that conflict to the law or decisions of that national assembly, the national assembly committee shall consider propose such issues into the national assembly meeting for consideration.

Article 40 Review Prior Provide Ratification

The foreign affairs commissioner of the national assembly acts as chiefs to the national assembly committee in coordinating with other commissioner to review the treaties within sixty official days from the date of received the proposal prior the consideration at the national assembly committee meeting or the national assembly meeting.

Article 41 Content to be Reviewed Prior Providing Ratification

Content to be reviewed prior providing ratification have as follows:

- 1. Necessary in providing the treaties ratification
- 2. Compliance to the proposal regulation to provide the treaties ratification
- 3. Review of consistency with the constitution, laws, decision of the national assembly meeting, decision of the national assembly committee and provisions
- 4. Possibility in performing treaties directly as whole or partial including forecast plan to perform the treaties
- 5. Necessary in establishing, improving or terminating the law, decision of the Nation Assembly meeting, provisions, decision of the national assembly committee to perform the treaties.

Article 42 Consideration to Provide Ratification of the National Assembly Committee

The foreign affairs commissioner of the national assembly propose the treaties review result to the national assembly committee to consider providing ratification by participated with the ministry of foreign affairs, the propose organization and other relevant organization. The national assembly committee provides the treaties ratification by issuing decision.

For consideration of issues according to defined in Article 39 paragraph 2 of this law, the national assembly committee shall propose to the national assembly meeting to consider prior issuing the decision to provide ratification.

Article 43 Decision Content to Provide Ratification

Decision to provide the treaties ratification has content as follows:

- 1. Name, date and time, and location of signature of the treaties to provide ratification
- 2. Scope of responsibility of the propose organization, of the ministry of foreign affairs and other relevant organization in performing the treaties
- 3. Agreement to perform the treaties directly as whole or partial, agreement or propose for establish, improve or terminate the law, decision of the national assembly, decision of the national assembly committee, provisions to perform the treaties
- 4. Preserved clause, acknowledgement or rejection of preserved clause of the foreign parties, statement on the multilateral treaties and other necessary issues.

Article 44 Promulgation of Providing Ratification

After the national assembly agreed to provide the ratification to the treaties, the national assembly committee shall propose to the president to consider issuing document promulgated to provide ratification within fifteen official days from the date of received of the proposal.

Then the presidential office shall coordinate with the ministry of foreign affairs to conduct according to defined in Article 87 of this law.

Chapter 5 The Adoption of the Treaties

Article 45 The Adoption of the Treaties

The adoption of the treaties is the acceptance to implement the treaties which the Lao PDR signed by the government.

Article 46 Treaties that must adopt

The treaties that must adopt have as follows:

- 1. The treaties on behalf of the government which have provisions that defined to adopt or defined to achieve the internal legal procedures of each country to make the treaties effective
- 2. The treaties on behalf of the government which have provisions conflict with the government legislation.

Article 47 Proposal for Adoption of the Treaties

The propose organization must bring supporting documents to propose for adoption the treaties according to defined in Article 48 of this law to propose to the ministry of foreign affairs.

The ministry of foreign affairs shall consider such proposal within fifteen official days from the date of received the proposal.

Then the ministry of foreign affairs will propose to the government to consider of adoption.

Article 48 Supporting Documents to Propose for the Treaties Adoption

Proposal for the treaties adoption shall have supporting documents as follows:

- 1. Proposal letter to adopt the treaties
- 2. Report on the treaties background, benefit evaluation, effect of the treaties toward the Lao PDR.
- 3. Preserved clauses, acknowledgement or rejection of preserved clause of the foreign parties, statement on the multilateral treaties
- 4. The performance of the treaties directly or partial; the proposal to establish, improve or terminate the law and legislation under the law to perform the treaties
- 5. Feedback of other relevant organization
- 6. Feedback explanation report of other relevant organization and measurement to resolve; forecast plan to perform the treaties
- 7. Copy of the treaties and other relevant documents.

Article 49 Authorized Organization to Adopt

The government of the Lao PDR is authorized to adopt the treaties according to defined in Article 46 of this law.

Article 50 Content of the Adoption

Content of the treaties adoption of the government is as same as the content in the decision to provide ratification to the treaties of the national assembly committee according to defined in Article 43 of this law.

Chapter 6 Participation as the Treaties Party

Article 51 Participation as the Treaties Party

Participation as the treaties party is the compliance of the law by the national assembly or the government on behalf of the Lao PDR in performing the multilateral treaties in case the Lao PDR is not sign that treaties regardless of that such treaties is effective or not.

Article 52 Proposal to Participate as the Treaties Party

The propose organization shall bring supporting documents to propose to participate as the treaties party according to defined in Article 53 of this law to propose to the ministry of foreign affairs.

The ministry of foreign affairs shall consider such proposal within fifteen official days from the date of received the proposal.

Then the ministry of foreign affairs shall propose to the government to consider participation as the treaties party which the government is authorized to adopt.

For the treaties which the national assembly is authorized to agree to provide ratification, the government shall propose to the national assembly to consider.

Consideration, signature, providing ratification or adoption of the new treaties to participate as the treaties party shall be performed according to defined in Article 15 to Article 50 of this law.

Article 53 Supporting Documents to Propose to Participate as the Treaties Party

Proposal to participate as the treaties party shall have supporting documents as follows:

- 1. Proposal letter with content as same as the proposal for approval of the treaties signature according to defined in Article 23 of this law.
- 2. Feedback of other relevant organization
- 3. Feedback explanation report of other relevant organization and forecast plan to perform the treaties
- 4. Copy of the treaties in foreign and Lao language version
- 5. Name list of the country parties of the treaties, the treaties improvement documents, preserved clause, acknowledgement or rejection of preserved clause, statement of the foreign parties on that treaties, necessary legal procedures and other information that related to the participation as the treaties party.

Article 54 Authorized organization to Participate as the Treaties Party

Authorized organization to participate as the treaties party has as follows:

- 1. The national assembly committee
- 2. The government.

Article 55 Consideration to Participate as the Party

Consideration to participate as the treaties party by the national assembly committee shall perform as same as the consideration to provide the treaties ratification according to defined in Article 42 of this law.

For consideration to participate as the treaties party by the government shall perform as same as the consideration to adopt the treaties.

The government shall propose for feedback of the national assembly committee in case the treaties on behalf of the government to participate as the party, if the provisions different or not defined in the law, the decision of the national assembly, the decision of the national assembly committee or the provisions or necessary to establish, improve or terminate, laws, the decision of the national assembly meeting, the decision of the national assembly committee or the provision to perform the treaties.

Article 56 Content of the Decision to Participate as the Party

The decision to participate as the treaties party have content as same as the decision to provide ratification or content in the decision to adopt the treaties according to defined in Article 43 and Article 50 of this law.

Article 57 Announcement to Participate as the Party

After the national assembly agreed to participate as the treaties party, the national assembly committee shall propose to the president to consider issuing announcement document to participate as the treaties party within fifteen official days from the date of received the proposal.

Then the presidential office shall coordinate with the ministry of foreign affairs to conduct according to defined in Article 87 of this law.

Chapter 7

Accelerated Regulations to Establish the Treaties

Article 58 Utilizing the Accelerated Regulations

Accelerated regulations for the treaty's establishment shall perform according to this Chapter.

Accelerated regulations for negotiation, signature, improve, extend the treaties unable to utilize with the treaties under its scope of rights to provide ratification or participate as the party of the national assembly.

Establishment the treaties on behalf of the government on foreign loan shall be perform according to relevant law.

Article 59 Treaties that can be used the Accelerated Regulations

The treaties that can be used the accelerated regulations have as follows:

- 1. The treaties according to format that the Lao PDR and foreign party have co-defined or the treaties according to format that the authorized organization adopted.
- 2. The treaties according to agreement of the authorized organization.

 The accelerated regulations for negotiation and signature of the treaties have as follows:
- 1. The organization that giving feedback according to defined in Article 17 Clause 4 of this law shall declare its feedback in writing within fifteen official days from the date of received the proposal
- 2. The supporting documents in proposing signature approval of the treaties according to defined in Article 22 of this law.

Article 60 Proposal for Negotiation and Signature of the Treaties at the Same Time

The proposal for negotiation and signature of the treaties at the same time can be performed at the same in case the propose organization can certify the content or combine complete necessary documents to propose to signature approval according to defined in Article 22 of this law.

Article 61 Amendment of the Treaties according to the Accelerated Regulations

Amending the treaties with technical features without establishing the new treaties, the propose organization shall propose to the ministry of foreign affairs without request for feedback from relevant organization to propose to the government for consideration. In case of necessary to request for feedback, a written notice shall be made within fifteen official days from the date of received the proposal.

In case the treaties not defined the authorized organization to amend then let that organization to amend the treaties unless otherwise the government has agreed.

In case it is defined in paragraph 2 of this Article, the authorized organization to amend the treaties shall giving notice to the ministry of foreign affairs and other relevant organization to acknowledge on the amended contents.

The supporting documents to propose amending the treaties have defined in Article 73 Clause 1, 3, and 4 of this law.

Article 62 Extension the Treaties according to the Accelerated Regulations

To extend the treaties with technical features, the propose organization shall propose to the ministry of foreign affairs to propose to the government for consideration without requesting for feedback from other relevant organization.

The supporting documents to propose extension the treaties have defined in Article 73 Clause 1, 3, and 4 of this law.

Article 63 Deny the use of the Accelerated Regulations

The authorized organization to negotiation, signature, amendment, extension the treaties has rights to deny the use of the accelerated regulations.

Chapter 8 Preserved Clauses

Article 64 Preserved Clauses

Preserved clauses is the statement in writing of the Lao PDR or foreign party which have created during the signature, provide ratification, adopt or participate as the multilateral treaties or amended of the effective of the law of any provisions of the treaties.

Article 65 Authorized Organization to establishing Preserved Clauses

Authorized organization to establish the preserved clause have as follows:

- 1. The national assembly committee is authorized to agree establishing the preserved clause of the Lao PDR for the treaties which the national assembly committee agreed to provide ratification or participate as the party according to the proposal of the prime minister
- 2. The government is authorized to agree establishing the preserved clause of the Lao PDR for the treaties that the government signed, adopted, or participated as the party. For the preserved clause of the treaties that related to issues according to defined in Article 39 paragraph 2 of this law the national assembly to be considered.

Article 66 Acknowledgement and Rejection the Preserved Clauses of Foreign Party

The propose organization shall propose to the ministry of foreign affairs to acknowledge or reject to the preserved clause of foreign parties with a reason and necessary during proposing to provide ratification, adopt or participate as the treaties party.

In case the foreign party has created the preserved clause after the proposal to the government on signature, providing ratification, adoption or participate as the treaties party, the ministry of foreign affairs shall giving notice to the propose organization immediately to propose for additional acknowledgement or rejection.

Additional proposal on the acknowledgement or rejection of the preserved clause of the foreign party according to defined in paragraph 2 of this Article shall have supporting document as follows:

- 1. Proposal letter with content according to defined in paragraph 1 of this Article
- 2. Copy of the treaties
- 3. Feedback of other relevant organization.

Article 67 Authorized Organization to Acknowledge or Reject the Preserved Clauses of the Foreign Party

Authorized organization to acknowledge or reject the preserved clause of the foreign party has as follows:

- 1. The national assembly committee authorized to acknowledge or reject the preserved clause of the foreign party for the treaties which the national assembly committee agreed to provide ratification or participate as the party
- 2. The government authorized to acknowledge or reject the preserved clause of the foreign party for the treaties which the government agreed to sign, adopt, or participate as the party.

Article 68 Agreement to Acknowledge or Reject the Preserved Clauses of the Foreign Party

The national assembly committee agreed to acknowledge or reject the preserved clause of the foreign party during the agreement to provide ratification or participation as the treaties party or after received the additional proposal on the acknowledgement or rejects the preserved clause of the foreign party.

The government agreed to acknowledge or reject the preserved clause of the foreign party during the agreement to sign, adopt or participate as the treaties party or after received of the additional proposal on the acknowledgement or rejection of the preserved clause.

For the acknowledgement or rejection of the preserved clause of the foreign party that related to issue according to defined in Article 39 paragraph 2 of this law the national assembly to be considered.

Article 69 Withdrawals of the Preserved Clauses or Withdrawal of Rejected Preserved Clauses

The propose organization shall propose to the ministry of foreign affairs on withdrawal of the preserved clause or withdrawal of rejected preserved clause as well as feedback from other relevant organization.

The notational assembly committee considers the withdrawal of the preserved clause or the withdrawal of rejected preserved clause which they have established or reject according to the proposal of the prime minister.

The government considers the withdrawal of the preserved clause or the withdrawal of rejected preserved clause which they have agreed to establish or reject.

For withdrawal of the preserved clause or the withdrawal of rejected preserved clause of the foreign party which related to an issue according to defined in Article 39 paragraph 2 of this law the national assembly to be considered.

The proposal to withdraw of the preserved clause or withdraw of rejected preserved clause shall have supporting document as follows:

- 1. Proposal letter, report on legal effect from withdrawing the preserved clause or withdraw of rejected preserved clause
- 2. Feedback of other relevant organization
- 3. Copy of the treaties.

Chapter 9

Effectiveness, Amendment or Extension, Cancellation, Removal, Withdraw or Suspend to Perform the Treaties

Article 70 Effectiveness of the Treaties

Effectiveness of the treaties for the Lao PDR according to the provisions defined in those treaties or according to the agreement between the Lao and foreign party.

Article 71 Temporary Performance

The treaties as whole or partial may brought for temporary performance during conducting procedure to let the treaties effective according to provisions of those treaties or according to the agreement between the Lao and foreign party.

The temporary performance shall be cancelled in case of the Lao giving notice to the foreign party to acknowledge or the foreign party has giving notice to the Lao on the cancellation of temporary performance unless otherwise the treaties defined or the Laos and foreign party agreed as others.

The authorized organization to sign the treaties has rights to agree or cancel the temporary performance.

The supporting document in proposing cancelation of temporary performance are as same as the supporting document to propose for signature approval for the treaties according to defined in Article 23 of this law.

Article 72 Amendment or Extension

Amendment or extension the treaties shall perform according to provisions defined in those treaties or according to agreement between the Laos and foreign party.

The propose organization shall propose to the ministry of foreign affairs to amend or extend as well as documents defined in Article 73 of this law. The ministry of foreign affairs shall consider such proposal within fifteen official days from the date of received the proposal. Then the ministry of foreign affairs will propose the government to consider amend or extend the treaties which the government signed, adopted or participated as the party. For the amendment or extend of the treaties which the national assembly agreed to provide ratification or participate as the party, the government shall propose to the national assembly for consideration.

Establishment of the new treaties to amend or extend the treaties shall perform according to defined in Article 15 to Article 50 of this law.

Article 73 Supporting Documents to Propose for Amendment or Extension

The proposal for amendment or extension of the treaties shall have supporting documents as follows:

- 1. Proposal letter defined purpose, necessary, legal basis and legal effect due to the amendment or extend of the treaties
- 2. Feedback explanation report of relevant organization and measurement for resolutions
- 3. Copy of the treaties
- 4. Proposal letter on the amendment or extend the treaties of the foreign party or relevant organization of the Laos.

Article 74 Authorized Organization to Amend or Extend

The authorized organization to amend or extend the treaties has as follows:

- 1. The national assembly committee is authorized to amend or extend the treaties which the national assembly committee to be agreed to provide ratification or participate as the party according to the proposal of the prime minister.
- 2. The government is authorized to amend or extend the treaties which the government agreed for signature, adoption or participate as the party.

Article 75 Consideration to Amend or Extend

The national assembly committee consider amend or extend the treaties by following the regulations on consideration to provide ratification to the treaties according to defined in Article 42 of this law.

The government consider amend or extend the treaties by following the regulations on consideration to adopt the treaties.

The national assembly is considering on the amendment or extends of the treaties that related to issue according to defined in Article 39 paragraph 2 of this law.

Article 76 Content on Decision to Amend or Extend

The decision to amend or extend the treaties has contents as follows:

- 1. Name, date and time, location of signature and effective date and time of the treaties that amended or extended
- 2. Content of the amendment, duration of extended of the treaties
- 3. Responsible of the propose organization, the ministry of foreign affairs and relevant organization.

Article 77 Cancellations, Removal, and Withdrawal or Suspended the Performance

Cancellation, removal, withdrawal or suspended the treaties performance shall follow the provisions of those treaties or according to agreement between the Laos and foreign party.

The propose organization shall propose to the ministry of foreign affairs to cancel, remove, withdraw or suspend the performance including documents that defined in paragraph 3 of this Article. The ministry of foreign affairs shall consider such proposal within fifteen official days from the date of received the proposal. Then the ministry of foreign affairs will propose to the government to consider cancel, remove, withdraw or suspend the treaties performance which the government agreed sign, adopt or participate as the party. For the cancellation, removal, withdrawal or suspended the treaties performance which the national assembly agreed to provide ratification or participate as the party, the government shall propose to the national assembly for consideration.

Article 78 Authorized Organization to Cancel, Remove, Withdraw or Suspend the Performance

The national assembly is authorized to cancel, remove, withdraw, or suspend the treaties performance which the national assembly committee agreed to provide ratification or participate as the party.

The government is authorized to cancel, remove, withdraw, or suspend the treaties performance which the government agreed to sign, adopt or participate as the party.

In case necessary, the president or the government can agree to suspend the treaties performance which the president or the government agreed to sign or the treaties which the national assembly committee agreed to provide ratification but shall report to the national assembly.

Article 79 Content on Cancellation, Removal, and Withdrawal or Suspended the Performance

The decision to cancel, removes, withdraw, or suspend the treaties performance have content as follows:

- 1. Name of the treaties which cancelled, removed, withdrew or suspended the performance, date and time, location of signature and effective date and time
- 2. Scope of responsibility of the propose organization, the ministry of foreign affairs and other relevant organization.

Article 80 Notice of Effectiveness

The ministry of foreign affairs shall giving notice to relevant organization on the effective date and time of the treaties for the Lao PDR within fifteen official days from the date of obtained notice from the foreign party or from the multilateral treaties' retention.

For the effective date and time of preserved clause of the Lao PDR, acknowledgement or rejection of preserved clause of the foreign party, that withdrawal or withdrawal of preserved clause rejection, the ministry of foreign affairs shall giving notice to relevant organization to acknowledge within fifteen official days from the date of obtained notice from the treaties' retention.

For the effective date and time of temporary cancellation of the treaties, improve or extend, cancel, remove, withdraw or suspend the performance of those treaties the ministry of foreign affairs shall also giving notice to relevant organization within fifteen official days from the date of obtained notice from the multilateral treaties or from the treaties' retention.

Chapter 10 Retention, Copy and Publish of the Treaties

Article 81 Retention

The ministry of foreign affairs is retaining the bilateral treaties original version, copy of the multilateral treaties which the Lao PDR is the party which certified by the treaties' retention, document for ratification, certification letter and document on participating the party, preserved clause, statement; authorization letter for negotiation, authorization letter for signature, appointment letter to participant in the international meeting and other relevant document.

The propose organization shall send the original or copied of treaties which have certified on correctness and the treaties in Lao translation version, rights transfer letter for negotiation or rights transfer letter for signature of the treaties of the foreign party to the ministry of foreign affairs to retain according to the time defined in Article 31 of this law.

The ministry of foreign affairs is retaining the multilateral treaties original issue in case the Lao PDR is assigned to retain those multilateral treaties.

Article 82 Copying

The ministry of foreign affair shall copy the effective multilateral treaties to the national assembly, the president and the government as a report; deliver to other relevant organization for implementation; send to the ministry of justice for the official legal signature within fifteen official days from the date of received a copy of the multilateral treaties which have certified for

correctness from the treaties retention or date of received the notice on the effectiveness of the multilateral treaties for the Lao PDR.

The ministry of foreign affairs shall copy the multilateral treaties which effective to the national assembly, the president and the government to report; deliver to other relevant organization for implementation; deliver to the ministry of justice to post on the government bulletin within fifteen official days from the date of received a copy of the multilateral treaties with certification of correctness from the treaties retention or date of received notice on the effectiveness of the bilateral treaties for the Lao PDR.

Article 83 Publishing

The effective treaties for the Lao PDR shall be published in the government bulletin and post on the website of the propose organization, unless otherwise agreed between the Lao party and foreign party or otherwise agreed of the authorized organization. In case there is no publishing of the treaties in the government bulletin, the propose organization shall giving notice of the treaties' content to individual and relevant organization directly for implementation.

The ministry of justice shall take the treaties to publish in the government bulletin within fifteen official days from the date of received of a copy of the treaties that is effective from the ministry of foreign affairs.

The propose organization shall take the treaties to publish on its website within fifteen official days from the date of received the treaties that is effective from the ministry of foreign affairs.

The ministry of foreign affairs shall take the treaties to publish on its website within fifteen official days from the date of received the treaties according to defined in Article 82 of this law.

Article 84 Providing a Copy

The ministry of foreign affairs is providing a copy of the treaties which the Lao PDR is the party to the organization or individual according to the proposal.

Article 85 Database System on the Treaties

The ministry of foreign affairs is cooperating with other relevant organization to establish and manage database on the treaties which the Lao PDR is the party.

Information on the treaties that is effective shall retain in the database system related to the treaties.

Chapter 11 Diplomatic Procedures

Article 86 Issuance of the Rights Transfer Letter and the Appointment Letter

The ministry of foreign affairs is issuing the rights transfer letter to negotiate or sign the treaties and appoint to participate the international meeting according to agreement of the authorized organization.

The minister of foreign affairs is signing the rights transfer letter to negotiate or sign the treaties and the appointment letter to participate in the international meeting.

The propose organization shall giving notice to the rights assignee or appointee in writing as well as full name of the treaties in Lao and foreign language to the ministry of foreign

affairs at least five official days prior the negotiation or sign the treaties and participate in the international meeting.

In case there is a change on the rights assignee or appointee, the propose organization shall cooperate with the ministry of foreign affairs to propose to the authorized organization urgently. After received agreement of the authorized organization, the ministry of foreign affairs shall issue the rights transfer letter or the appointment letter according to defined in paragraph 1, 2 and 3 of this Article.

Article 87 Diplomatic Procedures on Providing Ratification, Adoption, Participation as the Treaties Party

The ministry of foreign affairs shall giving notice to the foreign party or the treaties' retention on providing ratification, adoption, participation as the treaties party within twenty official days from the date of received announcement documents to provide ratification, decision to adopt, decision or announcement document to participate as the treaties party.

The foreign affairs minsters sign the document to provide the ratification, adoption, document to participate as the multilateral treaties to deliver to the treaties' retention.

In case the bilateral treaties defined or according to agreement between the Lao party with foreign party on exchanging an announcement document to provide ratification, to let the treaties effective, the ministry of foreign affairs cooperate with the propose organization to conduct exchanging an announcement document to provide ratification with the foreign party.

Article 88 Diplomatic Procedures on the Preserved Clauses

The ministry of foreign affairs shall cooperate with the propose organization to inform the treaties' retention on the preserved clause of the Lao PDR during signing or deliver along with the document to provide ratification, adoption or documents to participate as the treaties party within fifteen official days after the authorized organization agreed.

The ministry of foreign affairs shall giving notice to the treaties' retention on acknowledgement or rejection of the preserved clause of the foreign party within fifteen official days after the authorized organization agreed or deliver along with the document to provide ratification, adoption or document to participate as the treaties party.

The minister of foreign affairs is signing notice letter on the preserved clause of the Lao PDR, acknowledgement or rejection of the preserved clause of the foreign party, withdrawal or withdraw the rejection of the preserved clause to deliver to the treaties' retention.

Article 89 Diplomatic Procedures on Cancellation of Temporary Performance of the Treaties

The ministry of foreign affairs shall cooperate with the propose organization in giving notice to the foreign party on the cancellation of temporary performance of the treaties of the Lao PDR or reply to the proposal of the foreign party on the cancellation of temporary of the treaties within fifteen official days after the authorized organization agreed.

Article 90 Diplomatic Procedures on Amendment or Extension of the Treaties

The ministry of foreign affairs shall cooperate with the propose organization to giving notice to the foreign party on amendment or extension of the treaties within fifteen official days after the authorized organization agreed.

Article 91 Diplomatic Procedures on Cancellation, Removal, Withdrawal or Suspended the Treaties Performance

The ministry of foreign affairs shall cooperate with the propose organization to giving notice to the foreign party on the cancellation, removal, withdrawal or suspended the treaties performance which the Lao PDR is the party.

The minister of foreign affairs sign a reply letter on cancellation, removal, withdrawal or suspended the multilateral treaties which the Lao PDR is the party to deliver to the treaties retention within fifteen official days after the authorized organization agreed.

Article 92 Treaties Registration

The ministry of foreign affairs conducts the treaties registration which the Lao PDR is the party with the secretary office of the United Nations in case needed to have the treaties registration.

Party III Establishment of the International Agreement

Article 93 Establishment of the International Agreement

Establishment of the international agreement is compliance to the law by the central or provincial organization, in that, there are negotiation, signature or document exchange.

For the international agreement's content shall not related to wars, peace, stability, national democracy power, rights and basic obligations of the citizen, justice cooperation, participating as the international organization member, development aids and other issue related to the cooperation at level of the Lao PDR or the government of the Lao PDR.

Article 94 Methods of being the International Agreement Parties

Method of being the international agreement parties for the central organization, provincial organization has as follows:

- 1. The international agreement signatures
- 2. Document exchange
- 3. Other methods according to agreement with foreign party.

Article 95 Establishment of the International Agreement on behalf of the Central and Provincial Organization

Establishment of the international agreement of the central and provincial organization has as follows:

- 1. The international agreement on behalf of the national assembly
- 2. The international agreement on behalf of Lao front national construction, central mass organization
- 3. The international agreement on behalf of provincial organization
- 4. The international agreement on behalf of the Lao front national construction, central mass organization
- 5. The international agreement on behalf of provincial organization.

Chapter 1

Establishment the International Agreement on behalf of the Nation Assembly

Article 96 Authorizer to Establish the International Agreement

The authorizer to establish the international agreement have as follows:

- 1. The chief of national assembly is authorized to establish the international agreement on behalf of the national assembly after the agreement in writing from the national assembly committee
- 2. The chief commissioner, secretary and the head of mechanism which the national assembly committee established is authorized to establish the international agreement on behalf of the commissioner, the secretary committee and mechanism which the national assembly committee established after the agreement in writing from the national assembly committee.

Article 97 The International Agreement Establishment Regulations

The commissioner, the secretary committee and mechanism which the national assembly committee established shall cooperate with the foreign commissioner of the national assembly to propose for feedback on establishing the international agreement with the ministry of foreign affairs and other relevant organization prior proposing to the national assembly committee to consider agree. Such organization shall give feedback in writing within fifteen official days after received the proposal.

The foreign commissioner of the national assembly shall propose to the national assembly committee to consider on establishing the international agreement after received the feedback in writing form the organization which defined in paragraph 1 of this Article.

The national assembly committee shall consider and give feedback on establishing the international agreement in writing within twenty official days from the date of received the proposal.

After received agreement in writing from the national assembly committee, the president of the national assembly, the chief of commissioner, the secretary, the head of mechanism which the national assembly committee established to sign the international agreement or rights transfer to other individual to sign on behalf.

After signed, the commissioner, the secretary committee and mechanism which the national assembly committee established shall report in writing to the national assembly committee including deliver the original copy of the international agreement to the foreign commissioner of the national assembly for retention and copy deliver to the ministry of foreign affairs.

Chapter 2

Establish the International Agreement on behalf of the People's Supreme Court,

The People's Supreme Prosecutor, the State Audit Organization

Article 98 Authorizer to Establish the International Agreement

The chief of people's supreme court, the head of people's supreme prosecutor, the chief of state audit organization is authorized to establish the international agreement on behalf of its organization after received agreement in writing form the national assembly committee.

Article 99 International Agreement Establishment Regulations

The people's supreme court, the people's supreme prosecutor, the state audit organization shall propose feedback on the international agreement establishment with the ministry of foreign affairs and other relevant organization prior propose to the national assembly committee to consider agreement. Such organization shall give feedback in writing within fifteen official days after received the proposal.

The people's supreme court, the people's supreme prosecutor, the state audit organization shall propose to national assembly committee to consider on establishing the international agreement after received feedback in writing form the organization which defined in paragraph 1 of this Article.

The national assembly committee shall consider and have feedback on establishing the international agreement in writing within twenty official days from the date of received the proposal.

After received feedback in writing from the national assembly committee, the chief of people's supreme court, the head of people's supreme prosecutor, the chief of state audit organization to sign the international agreement or rights transfer to other individual to sign on behalf.

After the signature the people's supreme court, the people's supreme prosecutor, the state audit organization shall report in writing to the national assembly committee as well as deliver a copy of the international agreement to the foreign commissioner of the national assembly and the ministry of foreign affairs.

Chapter 3

Establish the International Agreement on behalf of the Ministry, State Organization equivalent to Ministry

Article 100 Authorizer to Establish the International Agreement

the authorizer to establish the international agreement have as follows:

- 1. The prime minister is authorized to agree establishment of the international agreement on behalf of the ministry
- 2. The head of organization equivalent ministry is authorized to agree establishment of the international agreement on behalf of the state organization equivalent ministry.

Article 101 International Agreement Establishment Regulations

Ministry, organization equivalent ministry shall propose for feedback on establishing the international agreement with the ministry of foreign affairs and other relevant organization. Such organization shall give feedback in writing within fifteen official days after received the proposal. Then the minister, the head of organization equivalent ministry to sign the international agreement or rights transfer to other individual to sign on behalf.

In case the ministry of foreign affairs, other relevant organization, ministry, or organization equivalent ministry if having different feedback, the ministry of foreign affairs shall propose to the prime minister to consider within twenty official days after received the proposal.

After the prime minister gave feedback on establishing the international agreement, the minister, the head of state organization equivalent ministry to sign the international agreement or rights transfer to other individual to sign on behalf.

After the signature, the ministry, organization equivalent to ministry shall report in writing to the prime minister as well as deliver a copy of the international agreement to the ministry of foreign affairs.

Chapter 4

Establish the International Agreement on behalf the Lao Front National Construction

And the Central Mass Organization

Article 102 Authorizer to Establish the International Agreement

The chief of Lao front national construction center, the chief of national veteran union, the chief of Lao trade unions, the chief of the Lao women unions center, the secretary administration committee at the Lao youth revolution center, is authorized to sign the international agreement on behalf of its organization after receive agreement in writing from the foreign management activities organization.

Article 103 International Agreement Establishment Regulations

The Lao front national construction and the mass organization at central level shall propose the proposal to request for feedback on the international agreement establishment with the ministry of foreign affairs, the state organization which coverage of such cooperate area and other relevant organization prior the proposal to request for feedback from the foreign management activities organization. Such organization shall give feedback in writing within fifteen official days after received the proposal.

The Lao front national construction center and the mass organization at central level shall propose to the foreign management activities organization to consider on the international agreement establishment after received feedback in writing from the organization which defined in paragraph 1 of this Article.

The foreign management activities organization shall consider and have feedback on the international agreement establishment in writing within twenty official days from the date of received the proposal.

After received agreement in writing form the foreign management activities organization, the chief of Lao front national construction center, the chief of Lao national veteran unions, the

chief of Lao trade unions, the chief of the Lao women unions center, the secretary administration committee at the Lao youth revolution center to sign the international agreement or rights transfer to other individual to sign on behalf.

After the signature, the Lao front national construction center, the mass organization center shall report in writing to the foreign management activities organization as well as deliver a copy of the international agreement to the ministry of foreign affairs.

Chapter 5

Establish the International Agreement on behalf the Provincial Organization

Article 104 Authorizer to Establish the International Agreement

The authorizer to establish the international agreement have as follows:

- 1. The chief of provincial, capital people's assembly is authorized to agree for the international agreement establishment on behalf of the provincial, capital people's assembly after received feedback in writing form the provincial, capital people's assembly committee.
- 2. The governor, the mayor of the capital is authorized to agree for the international agreement establishment on behalf of provincial, capital authorities.

Article 105 International Agreement Establishment Regulations

The provincial organization shall propose to request for feedback on the international agreement establishment with the ministry of foreign affairs and other relevant organization. Such organization shall give feedback in writing within fifteen official days after received the proposal. The governor, the mayor of the capital, the chief of provincial, capital people's assembly to sign the international agreement or rights transfer to other individual to sign on behalf.

In case the ministry of foreign affairs, other relevant organization or the provincial organization having different feedback shall be performed as follows:

- 1. For the international agreement on behalf of the provincial, capital people's assembly, the ministry of foreign affairs to propose to the national assembly committee to consider
- 2. For the international agreement on behalf of the provincial, capital authorities, the ministry of foreign affairs to propose to the prime minister to consider
- 3. The national assembly committee or the prime minister to consider and having feedback on the international agreement in writing within twenty official days after received the proposal
- 4. After the national assembly committee or the prime ministry agree on the international agreement establishment, the governor, the mayor of the capital, the chief of the provincial, capital people's assembly to sign the international agreement or rights transfer to other individual to sign on behalf.

The international agreement which signed, the provincial organization shall report in writing to the national assembly committee or the prime minister as well as deliver a copy of the international agreement to the ministry of foreign affairs.

Chapter 6

Supporting Documents on the International Agreement

Article 106 Supporting Documents in Proposing for Feedback on the International Agreement Establishment

The proposal for feedback on the international agreement establishment according to defined in Article 97, 99, 101, 103 and 105 of this law shall have supporting document as follows:

- 1. Proposal letter that define purpose and goal of the establishment, primary content of the international agreement, the political effect, stability, socio-economic and other effects including the evaluation of the consistency with principles according to defined in Article 6 of this law
- 2. Draft of the international agreement in Lao language and foreign language in case the international agreement will sign in foreign language then it shall be translated into Lao
- 3. Other necessary documents.

Article 107 Supporting Documents in Proposing for the International Agreement Establishment and in case of having different Feedback

The proposal for consideration on the international agreement establishment according to defined in Article 97, 99, 101, 103, and 105 of this law shall have supporting documents as follows:

- 1. Proposal letter that define purpose and goal of the establishment, primary content of the international agreement, the political effect, stability, socio-economic and other effects including the evaluation of the consistency with principles according to defined in Article 6 of this law, issues with different feedback of relevant organization
- 2. Feedback of the ministry of foreign affairs and other relevant organization according to defined in Article 97, 99, 101, 103, and 105 of this law
- 3. Draft of the international agreement in Lao language and foreign language in case the international agreement will sign in foreign language then it shall be translated into Lao
- 4. Other necessary documents.

Chapter 7

Effectiveness, Amendment or Extension, Cancellation Or Suspended the International Agreement Performance

Article 108 Effectiveness of the International Agreement

The international agreement is effective according to the provisions defined in that international agreement. In case the international agreement is not defined on the effectiveness, that international agreement will be effective according to agreement of each party and the foreign party.

Article 109 Amendment or Extension

The authorizer to establish the international agreement according to defined in Article 96, 98, 100, 102, and 104 of this law is authorized to amend or extend the international agreement.

For the international agreement amendment or extension regulations shall be performed the same as the international agreement establishment regulations according to defined in this Part.

The central organization and the provincial organization shall give notice to the ministry of foreign affairs after amended or extended the international agreement.

Article 110 Cancellation or Suspend the Performance

The international agreement will be cancelled or suspended the performance in case of as follows:

- 1. Have defined in that international agreement or according to agreement between the Lao party and foreign party
- 2. During implementation there is misconduct of any principle according to defined in Article 6 of this law
- 3. The foreign party have serious misconduct the international agreement

For the international agreement cancellation and suspended regulations shall be performed as same as the international agreement establishment regulations according to defined in this Part.

The authorizer to establish the international agreement according to defined in Article 96, 98, 100, 102, and 104 of this law is authorized to cancel or suspend the international agreement performance.

The central organization and the provincial organization shall give notice to the foreign party and the ministry of foreign affairs after cancelled or suspended the international agreement performance.

Chapter 8

Retention, Copy and Publish the International Agreement

Article 111 Retention

The central organization and the provincial organization responsible to retain the original copy of the international agreement.

Article 112 Copy

The central organization and the provincial organization shall send a copy of the international agreement that effective to relevant sector for implementation.

In case the international agreement has signed in foreign language shall be attached with the Lao translation version as well.

Article 113 Publication

The international agreement on behalf of the central organization, the provincial organization shall be published openly unless otherwise has agreed between the Lao party and the foreign party or has otherwise agreed by the authorized organization.

Part IV

Implementation of the Treaties and the International Agreement

Chapter 1 Implementation of the Treaties

Article 114 Establish the Plan and Treaties Performance

After received notice on the effectiveness of the treaties from the ministry of foreign affairs, the propose organization shall establish the treaties performance plan within thirty official days to propose to the prime minister to consider adopt.

In case the propose organization is not the implementor of the treaties directly, the propose organization shall propose to the prime minister to consider agree on the implementor organization within fifteen official days, after the authorized organization agreed to perform the treaties. The implementor organization of the treaties is responsible perform duties of the propose organization according to defined in paragraph 1 and 5 of this Article and Article 116, 117 of this law.

The treaties performance plan has content as follows:

- 1. Detailed plan to perform the treaties
- 2. Responsibilities allocation of relevant organization in implementing the treaties
- 3. Establishment, amendment, or cancellation of the law and legislation under the law to perform the treaties
- 4. Mechanism and methodology of the performance, management, financial and other measurement for the treaty's performance
- 5. Advertising and publishing the treaties

The prime minister is responsible of the implementation of the treaties which the Lao PDR is the party by adopted the performance plan, agreed on the indication measurement, conduction measurement or other measurement to perform the treaties.

After the treaty's performance plan is adopted, the propose organization and other relevant organization is responsible enhance and perform such plan according to scope of rights and its responsibility.

Article 115 Rights and Duties of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The ministry of foreign affairs has rights and duties to perform the treaties as follows:

- 1. Follow up, promote the treaties' performance which the Lao PDR is the party
- 2. Act as host or co-perform necessary measurement to ensure rights and benefits of the Lao PDR in case the foreign party misconduct the treaties
- Annual summary on the status of the establishment and the treaties' performance to report to the government and propose the government to report to the national assembly or report according to the proposal of the government, the president or the national assembly
- 4. Act as host or co-organize the advertising, publishing the treaties which the Lao PDR is the party
- 5. Collect statistic and combine the treaties which the Lao PDR is the party

- 6. Promote the establishment, amendment or cancellation of the law and legislation under the law to perform the treaties
- 7. Evaluate the consistency of the law and legislation under the law with the treaties which the Lao PDR is the party.

Article 116 Rights and Duties of the Propose Organization

The propose organization has rights and duties in the treaties' performance which they have established as follows:

- 1. Establish plan and define measurement in the treaties' performance which is effective for the Lao PDR
- 2. Propose establish, amend, or cancel the law and legislation under the law to perform the treaties
- 3. Propose the prime minister to define measurement to perform the treaties
- 4. Act as host or co-organize the advertising, publishing the treaties which is effective for the Lao PDR
- 5. Propose the prime minister to define necessary measurement to protect rights and benefits of the Lao PDR in case there is a misconduct of the treaties
- 6. Establish report on the status of the establishment and the treaties' performance in the scope of its management to the ministry of foreign affairs to summary report to the government at latest not later than 15 November of each year by consistency with the format of the ministry of foreign affairs set out. The propose organization to report the status of the establishment and the treaties' performance to the president or the government according to the proposal
- 7. Act as host in cooperate with the ministry of foreign affairs and other relevant organization to propose to the prime minister to agree on the interpretation and the treaties' performance in case there is a different understanding including the treaties' performance
- 8. Act as host to cooperate with other relevant organization in establishing report according to obligations defined in that treaties.

Article 117 Rights and Duties of Individual Legal Entities or Organization

The ministry, organization equivalent ministry, the people's supreme court, the people's supreme prosecutor, the state audit organization, the Lao front national construction, the mass organization at central level, the local authorities is responsible to cooperate with the propose organization in performing the treaties which the Lao PDR is the party according to scope of its rights and duties.

Individual, legal entities or organization shall respect and perform the treaties which the Lao PDR is the party.

Chapter 2

Implementation of the International Agreement

Article 118 Rights and Duties of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The ministry of foreign affairs has rights and duties in performing the international agreement as follows:

- 1. Follow up, promote the international agreement's performance of the organization at central level and the provincial organization
- 2. Annual summary on the status of the establishment and performance of the international agreement of the organization at central level and the provincial organization to report to the government and propose the government to report to the national assembly or report according to the proposal of such organization
- 3. Collect statistic and review the international agreement which the organization at central level and the provincial organization established.

Article 119 Rights and Duties of the National Assembly Committee

The national assembly committee is assigned the foreign commissioner of the national assembly to perform rights and duties on the establishment and perform the treaties as follows:

- 1. Guide the establishment and perform the international agreement on behalf of the national assembly, the commissioner, the secretary committee, mechanism which the national assembly established, the people's supreme court, the people's supreme prosecutor and the state audit organization
- 2. Report to the national assembly and give notice to the government, the ministry of foreign affairs annually or according to the proposal of such organization on the status of the establishment and the international agreement's performance on behalf of the national assembly, the commissioner, the secretary committee, mechanism which the national assembly established, the people's supreme court, the people's supreme prosecutor and the state audit organization.

Article 120 Rights and Duties of the Foreign Activity Management Organization

The foreign activity management organization has rights and duties to perform the international agreement as follows:

- 1. Coordinate with the Lao front national construction and the mass organization at central level in guiding on the establishment and the international agreement's performance of such organization
- 2. Annual summary on status of the establishment and the international agreement's performance of the Lao front national construction and the mass organization at central level to report to the upper organization, give notice to the government and the ministry of foreign affairs or report according to the proposal of such organization.

Article 121 Rights and Duties of the Central Organization, the Provincial Organization

the central organization, the provincial organization has rights and duties in performing the international agreement as follows:

1. Perform its international agreement which strictly established according to roles, scope of rights and its duties. As well as requesting the foreign party to perform that international

- agreement strictly. Performance of the international agreement shall not violate the principles that defined in Article 6 of this law
- 2. Establish long-term plan and annual plan on the international agreement's performance to send to the ministry of foreign affair to follow up, summary and report to the government. The annual plan shall send at latest not more than fifteenth November of each year
- 3. Copy, advertise and publish its international agreement which have established, unless otherwise has agreed between the Lao party and the foreign party or according to the agreement as others of the authorized organization
- 4. Conduct necessary measurement to protect its rights and benefits in case the international agreement is violated
- 5. Finalize, combine the status on establishment and perform its international agreement to report to the authorizer to establish that international agreement at the latest not later than the fifteenth November of each year. As well as to send report to the ministry of foreign affairs to follow up, summary and report to the government. The report shall defines advantage and disadvantage, specific measurement to perform the international agreement which they have established strictly, upgrade efficient and efficiency in cooperate with the international.

Part V Prohibitions

Article 122 General Prohibitions

It is prohibited for individual, legal entities and organization with behavior as follows:

- 1. Use advantage of activities of the treaties and the international agreement that make damage to the political regime, stability, rights and obligations of the Lao citizen which is the national benefits and ethical Lao peoples
- 2. Conduct the treaties and the international agreement establishment without approval
- 3. Make obstacles, interrupt the establishment and performance of the treaties and the international agreement
- 4. Request, claims, give or accept bribery from other individual for personal benefits and families
- 5. Other behavior which violated the law.

Article 123 Prohibitions for Employee-State Personnel that related to the Government

It is prohibited for employee-state personnel that related to the government with behavior as follows:

- 1. Use advantage of power, duty, position, force, threaten others for personal benefits and its families
- 2. Request, claims, receive or give bribery
- 3. Depressed, delayed, extend time in considering according to the regulations of establishment and performance the treaties and the international agreement unreasonably improper to the law
- 4. Publish confidential related to the treaties and the international agreement without approval from relevant organization

5. Other behavior which violated the law.

Part VI

Management and Monitoring The Treaties and the International Agreement Activities

Chapter 1

Management of the Treaties and the International Agreement Activities

Article 124 Management Organization

The government is the administrator on the treaties and the international agreement activity by assigned to the ministry of foreign affairs responsible directly and act as host in cooperate with the organization in the central, provincial and relevant sectors.

The organization in the central, provincial and relevant sectors shall coordinate with the ministry of foreign affairs in managing the treaties and the international agreement according to roles, scope of rights and its duties.

Article 125 Management of the Treaties and the International Activities

Management activities of the treaties and the international agreement have content as follows:

- 1. Establish and implement legislation on the treaties and the international agreement activities
- 2. Advertise, publish and instruct the applicable laws and relevant regulations on the treaties and the international agreement activities
- 3. Follow up, monitoring, give compliment and utilize the measurement when violated the law on the treaties and the international agreement activities
- 4. Organize and ensure the performance of the treaties which the Lao PDR is the party
- 5. Establish and ensure the performance of the international agreement to be consistency with the law
- 6. Copy, translate and publish the treaties which the Lao PDR is the party
- 7. Advertise, publish the treaties which the Lao PDR is the party
- 8. Collect statistic and retain the treaties and the international agreement
- 9. Create long-term plan and annual plan on the establishment and the performance of the treaties and the international agreement
- 10. Report on status of the establishment and the performance of the treaties and the international agreement
- 11. Consider the compliant on the performance of the treaties and the international agreement
- 12. Cooperate with international on the treaties and the international agreement activities.

Chapter 2

Monitoring the Treaties and the International Agreement Activities

Article 126 Monitoring Organization

The monitoring organization on the treaties and the international agreement activities consist with the internal audit organization and the external audit organization.

- 1. The internal audit organization is the same organization that managing which defined in Article 124 of this law
- 2. The external audit organization is the national assembly, the provincial people's assembly and the state audit organization.

Article 127 Monitoring Content

Monitoring content on the treaties and the international agreement activities has content as follows:

- 1. Implementation of the law and regulations related to the treaties and the international agreement activities
- 2. Establishment and the performance of the treaties and the international agreement
- 3. Performance of scope of rights and duties of relevant organization in establishing and performing the treaties and the international agreement

Article 128 Forms of Monitoring

Monitoring has three forms as follows:

- 1. Regular monitoring
- 2. Monitoring with advance notice
- 3. Immediate monitoring.

Regular monitoring is to monitor according to work plan and defined a certain time which shall perform at least once a year.

Monitoring with advance notice is out of plan monitoring when necessary which shall giving notice 24 hours in advance to the person subject for monitoring.

Immediate monitoring is monitoring when deems necessary and urgent without giving notice in advance to the person subject for monitoring.

Monitoring shall perform according to the law strictly.

Part VII

Policies toward Person with Outstanding Performance and Measurements to the Offender

Article 129 Policies toward Person with Outstanding Performance

Individual, legal entities or organization with an outstanding performance in performing this law shall get compliment and other policies according to the regulations.

Article 130 Measurements to the Offender

Individual, legal entities or organization who violates this law such as the prohibitions according to defined in this law shall subject to educate, discipline, charge for civil

compensation on which they have created or subject to criminal penalties according to compromise or serious cases.

Article 131 Measurements to Educate

Individual, legal entities or organization who violates this law which is compromise and as the first time shall subject to educate and warn as well as make a memo.

Article 132 Disciplinary Measurements

Employee or the state officer who violates this law such as the prohibitions which is the criminal violations, make severe damage, dishonest report and avoid from its violations shall subject to disciplinary as follows:

- 1. Warning, caution on the wrongdoing according to the law on employee-state personnel as well as make a memo in the person's biography documents
- 2. Suspend promoting, salary level and compliment
- 3. Remove position or transfer to other duties with lower position
- 4. Dismissal from the government without any incentive.

Person who subject to disciplinary shall returns its properties which wrongly received to the organization completely.

Article 133 Civil Measurements

Individual, legal entities or organization which make a damage to the national benefits, to the Lao ethical peoples from the establishment and performance of the treaties and the international agreement or other civil violations shall subject to completely charge for compensation according to actual value which the person has created.

Article 134 Civil Measurements

Individual who violate this law as the criminal violation according to defines in the civil law or other laws which defined as criminal shall subject to penalty according to compromise or serious cases.

Part VIII Final Provisions

Article 135 Budget

In performing activities on the establishment and performance of the treaties and the international agreement shall be used the government budget.

Article 136 Implementation

The national assembly, president, government, people's supreme courts, people's supreme prosecutors, state audit organization, Lao front national construction, central mass organization, provincial organization is the implementer of this law.

(Unofficial Translation)

Article 137 Effectiveness

This law is effective from the date of the President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic issue the decree on promulgated and after has posted on the government bulletins for fifteen official days.

Any terms, provisions that conflict to this law shall be cancelled.

President of National Assembly

[Sealed: Lao PDR – President of National Assembly; Signed: Pany Yatortou]