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FROM: DIR **ARIEL T PERLADO MNSA**
Chair, RIC-4B

SUBJECT: **Approved Summary of Discussion and Decision Points of**
Joint RIC-4B Ninth Regular Meeting and ERIC-4B Third Quarter 2023
Meeting held on 28 September 2023

DATE: **29 October 2023**



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Joint RIC-4B 9th Regular Meeting and
ERIC-4B 3rd Quarter 2023 Meeting
Zoom VTC | 281400H September 2023

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION AND DECISION POINTS

On 281400H Sep 2023, the Joint RIC-4B 9th Regular Meeting and ERIC-4B 3rd Quarter 2023 Meeting convened via Zoom VTC. RD-4B **Ariel Perlado**, as the chair of the RIC/ERIC-4B, presided over said meeting, assisted by DRD **Mariacita Santos**.

The agenda of the meeting were as follows:

- MIMAROPA Security Environment;
- Designation of CPP-NPA Personalities from MIMAROPA;
- Update on the EDCA sites in Palawan; and
- Update on the 2023 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE).

I. Attendance

The meeting was virtually attended by 47 members and representatives from the member-agencies of the RIC/ERIC-4B, NICA-4B and the Secretariat as follows:

RIC-4B MEMBERS

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| 1. U2, WESCOM | CDR Mark S Francisco PN |
| 2. MIG-22, ISAFP | MAJ Lowie Borja PN(M) |
| | SSg Mary Ivy L Perez PA |
| 3. 4ISU, PA | TSg Ace B Demesa PA |
| 4. 203BDE, 2ID, PA | CPT Basil Jed Gonzales (MI) PA |
| 5. 3012AISS, 300AISW | A1C Mark Anthony M Ola PAF |
| 6. TOG-4, PAF | Sgt Marco K Macalintal PAF |
| 7. ODI, TOW-WEST | 1LT Jumar V Parangue PAF |
| 8. NISG-SL | PO3 Jay-Ar P Bringas PN |
| 9. O/G2, 3MBDE | TSg Dennis T Aloquina PN(M) |
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38 13. RIU-4B PLTCOL **Teddy B Tomas**
39 Pat **John David Vicente**
40 14. RMFB-4B PCPT **John Aldrid Alojado**
41 15. CIDG RFU-4B PCMS **Elmer Leynes**
42 16. 10TH SAB, PNP-SAF PMAJ **Darwin B Hernandez**
43 17. CGIG-STL CG LTSG **Rainier Justin A Endona**
44 CG ENS **Aldrin S Doblón**
45 CG SN2 **Ryan Christian D Alday**
46 18. CGIG-PALAWAN CG PO1 **Raymund Diana**
47 19. DFA, RCO PPC Mr **Richard Jason J Aballa**
48 20. BI Intelligence RIOU-4B IO1 **Rober Q Jones**
49 21. OTS, DoTr Mr **Roland Canillas**
50 22. BOC-Palawan Ms **Gladys Fontanilla-Estrada**

ERIC-4B Members

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54 23. BFAR-MIMAROPA Dir **Emmanuel H Asis**, DFT CESE
55 24. PIA-MIMAROPA Dlr **Luis Cueto** PhD
56 25. DBM-MIMAROPA Dir **Ricky L Sanchez**
57 26. OCD-MIMAROPA Mr **Richard Carandang**
58 27. DILG-MIMAROPA Atty **Raymond Mendoza**
59 28. NEDA-MIMAROPA Mr **Jakeson Alcones**
60 29. DTI-MIMAROPA Mr **Joel Guevarra**
61 30. DOLE-MIMAROPA TSSD Chief **Marjun Moreno**
62 31. NCIP-MIMAROPA Mr **Venric Tugas**
63 32. NGCP-SL SECURITY DIV Mr **Maximo P Trinidad**
64 Mr **Leonard Jay Demerin**

Guests

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68 33. DICT-MIMAROPA RD **Cheryl Ortega**
69 Ms **Nicole Matib**
70 Mr **Jan Wilmer**
71 Ms **Alyssa Tomagan**
72 34. PCSD Col **Glenn B Destriza** PN(M) (Ret)

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76 35. DRD **Mariacia L Santos**
77 36. OIC-CID **Jay-R Madulid**

RIC-4B Secretariat (NICA-4B)

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81 37. ARD-Prod **Maria Cristina Rocillo**
82 38. Mr **Giovanni Manahan**
83 39. Ms **Mary Joy Amoranto**
84 40. Mr **Jimmy Estoya Jr**
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II. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

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88 Having a quorum, the **Chair** called the meeting to order.

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For the welcome remarks, DRD **Santos** greeted the participants, and expressed her appreciation for taking their time to attend the meeting. She also took the opportunity to extend gratitude to the representatives of various government agencies who participated and extended support during the 01 September 2023 visit of President **Ferdinand Marcos Jr** in Palawan for the formal declaration of Palawan as insurgency-free.

She then ran down the agenda items to be discussed, emphasizing that with the declaration of Palawan as insurgency-free, there are still other pressing issues that need to be addressed and monitored in the region, particularly in Mindoro Island being considered to be the center of gravity (COG) of the CTG, and with the fast-approaching 2023 BSKE, which is scheduled to be held on 30 October 2023.

III. Review of the SDDP and Actionable Items of the RIC-4B 4B 8th Regular Meeting held on 23 August 2023, and Review of Actions Taken on the Decision Points of the Joint RIC-4B 6th Regular Meeting and ERIC-4B 2nd Quarter 2023 Meeting held on 27 June 2023

The Summary of Discussion and Decision Point (SDDP) of the RIC-4B 8th Regular Meeting held on 23 August 2023 was reviewed, approved, and adopted by the Body after a motion for its adoption was made by MAJ **Borja** from MIG22, which was duly seconded by Atty **Mendoza** from DILG-MIMAROPA.

Following the adoption of the SDDP of the RIC-4B 8th Regular Meeting, the Secretariat facilitated the review of the actions taken on the decisions of said meeting. The Secretariat also updated the Body on the actions taken and updates on the decision points during the Joint RIC-4B 6th RIC-4B and ERIC-4B 2nd Quarter 2023 Meeting held on 27 June 2023, for the information of ERIC-4B members.

RIC-4B 8th Regular Meeting

On the former rebels (FRs) in Occidental Mindoro with Warrants of Arrest (WOAs), the **Chair** said the same topic was raised by the MIMAROPA Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) Chair himself, Governor **Eduardo Gadiano**, during the RPOC meeting held on 26 September 2023. He reiterated that no one can go against the mandate of the PNP to serve the WOAs. He nonetheless emphasized that with proper coordination among involved units, the serving of WOAs can be calibrated to produce a more positive outcome, especially in cases where the best solution is for the respondent to face the charges and seek practical solutions to clear their name, particularly FRs.

On the update on the CTG disposition and activities in Mindoro Island and arrested CTG high-value targets (HVTs) in Calapan City, the **Chair** mentioned that the presence of high-ranking CTG leaders in Mindoro Island was discussed during the recent validation workshop of the JAPIC-Southern Luzon (SL). He then congratulated the PNP units involved in the filing of case

138 against **Teresita Alcantara @ Jam**, particularly the CIDG RFU-4B and the PRO-
139 MIMAROPA through RID. He particularly lauded PCMS **Leynes**, the lead
140 investigator in the filing of case against @ **Jam**, for his dedication in monitoring
141 the case. He noted that the filing of cases is a tedious endeavor, especially for
142 agencies like NICA who do not specialize on legal matters and law
143 enforcement, and thanked PCMS **Leynes** for the assistance. He also
144 emphasized that filing of cases against the CTG, regardless how senseless nor
145 miniscule, is a work in progress that has an impact on the CTG's plans and
146 activities.

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148 On the proscription of Regional Operational Command (ROC), Southern
149 Tagalog Regional Party Committee (STRPC), ORO **Manahan** shared an update
150 on the availability of documents that will be attached to the draft petition.

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152 On the security preparations for the 2023 BSKE, the **Chair** explained the
153 significance of consolidating intelligence on the CTG-fielded, -supported and/
154 or endorsed candidates and candidates paying campaign access fees (CAFs).
155 He said the information will be used as a reference in assessing the extent of
156 the CTG's influence at the grassroots. He reminded the Body that the
157 intelligence will only be used for counter-action only if the information is
158 credible with sufficient basis.

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160 On the Presidential visit to Palawan on 01 September 2023 for the
161 insurgency-free declaration, the **Chair** thanked the members for their
162 contribution and support to the preparation for and the successful outcome of
163 the said event. He expressed hopes that by next year a similar event will be
164 held in Mindoro.

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166 Joint RIC-4B 6th RIC-4B and ERIC-4B 2nd Quarter 2023 Meeting

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168 On the status and utilization of FRs, ARD **Rocillo** shared that during the
169 RIC 7th Regular Meeting on 27 July 2023, the 3MBDE reported that their two
170 handled people's organizations (POs) are already preparing the required
171 documents for the registration to the Securities and Exchange Commission
172 (SEC). Further, she added that the NICA-4B offered assistance in providing
173 templates for the registration, since the office supports some organizations
174 under the MIMAROPA RTF-ELCAC in registering to various bodies such as the
175 SEC, DOLE, and CDA, among others.

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177 On security and power grid concerns, ARD **Rocillo** reported that the
178 NICA-4B, led by RD **Perlado**, visited the NGCP-South Luzon Division in Biñan,
179 Laguna on 01 August 2023. It was agreed upon during the visit that the former
180 will conduct Security Survey and Inspection (SSI) of the NGCP Calapan City
181 Sub-station as soon as the facility is completed. She explained that presently
182 there are only four repeater tower stations in the region, and the sub-station
183 has yet to complete the construction.

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185 On the establishment of EDCA sites and its impact on IP communities in
186 Balabac, Palawan, ARD **Rocillo** reported that the PCSD shared that during their

first survey on the EDCA site in 2015, there were no claims from the IPs, adding that the issue in Balabac only came about in 2019, which is believed to be politically motivated.

On the legal efforts, ARD **Rocillo** mentioned that the DOJ opted to schedule a workshop/training on DOJ Circular No 20 tentatively on 10 October 2023, inviting select RIC members to participate in the workshop. During the workshop, the active participation of the prosecutors in the case build-up on cases, including those related to the RA 11479 and RA 10168, will be discussed. She added that the DOJ-4 has yet to provide an update on the matter.

On the table-top exercise (TTX) on the National Terrorism Threat Level System (NTTLS) Manual, ARD **Rocillo** noted that representatives from the 10SAB, PNP-SAF; OG2, 3MBDE; CIDG RFU-4B; BI; RMFB-4B; OU2, SOLCOM; RID, PRO-MIMAROPA; APC-SL; FSSOL, 3012AISS; 4ISU; and TOG4 attended said workshop held on 05 July 2023.

IV. Highlights of the Meeting/Discussions

MIMAROPA Security Environment

ARD **Rocillo** delivered the briefing on the MIMAROPA Security Environment, focusing on the various security concerns and threats in MIMAROPA, namely, the CTG, MNLF, and geopolitical concerns. She discussed that with the declaration of Palawan as insurgency-free, the geopolitical tensions in the West Philippine Sea (WPS) have become the major security concern shaping the security landscape in MIMAROPA, while Mindoro Island has become the remaining operational theater of the CTG in the region.

The **Chair** emphasized that the overall scan of the security environment of MIMAROPA highlights the shift of attention from internal to external security. He asserted that there was a need to finish the CTG problem in Palawan, especially since there is a more pressing security concern in the area, adding that the security forces and the Intelligence Community (INTELCOM) cannot move forward with divided attention.

The **Chair** also explained that there is an existential threat in the WPS that can define the global security order, adding that the WPS is a potential regional flashpoint, along with the Taiwan Strait and Korean Peninsula, among others. He pointed out the declaration of Palawan as insurgency-free is a very good transition for the INTELCOM, especially as there are units who are now abreast and heavily involved with WPS Concerns.

At this point, the **Chair** congratulated the maritime security units, particularly the PN, PCG and BFAR, for standing their ground at sea by making the presence of the Philippines felt in the contested areas. He then encouraged the INTELCOM to continue launching counter-attacks both at sea and inland Palawan.

Nonetheless, RD **Perlado** emphasized the reality that there are still internal security concerns in MIMAROPA that cannot be set aside, adding that the security concerns in the region is divided into internal and geopolitical. He then called for continued vigilance and collaboration among government agencies under the NTF-ELCAC umbrella to sustain the campaign against the CTG, and expressed his support to the INTELCOM, units and agencies in this regard.

Designation of CPP-NPA Personalities from MIMAROPA

ORO **Manahan** discussed the process for designating personalities, particularly CTG members, through the Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA) 2020 mechanism. He explained that for the designation, the funds and bank accounts of individuals designated will be frozen and will not be available. He added that personalities proved to be supporting the CTG can also be designated.

The **Chair** congratulated the CIDG RFU-4B and PRO-MIMAROPA for the filing of ATA case against **Teresita Alcantara @ Jam**. He said that the efforts of law enforcement agencies are now being paid-off and it reflects in the progress of the legal aspect in the region.

Meanwhile, PCMS **Leynes** suggested to include **Lena Gumpad @ Maan** in the list of personalities for designation since the documents against her are almost complete. He also gave an update on the filed cases against the two CTG HVTs arrested in Puerto Galera, and the statements of FRs to identify the two arrested personalities.

The **Chair** solicited comments on the proposed designation of **Sonny Rogelio @ Miggy**. For her part, ARD **Rocillo** explained that the intention of **@ Miggy**'s designation is to prevent him from coming back to Palawan.

Cpt **Gonzales** also suggested to also include the secretaries of NPA territorial units, to which the **Chair** agreed and advised the former to submit the necessary documents for their designation.

The **Chair** said the list can be submitted to the Anti-Terrorism Council (ATC) for its review. He also mentioned the planned creation of the task group that will focus on handling the legal efforts of the RIC-4B, adding that the NBI is willing to lead said task group. However, with the suggestion of PCMS **Leynes** to include Prosecutor **Rodan Parocha** in said task group, the **Chair** suggested to have Prosecutor **Parocha** lead the task group.

Update on EDCA Sites in Palawan

1LT **Parangue** from the ODI, TOW-WEST presented an update on EDCA sites in Palawan. He showed the proposed EDCA projects in Balabac, Palawan, which include a HADR hangar and a three-storey barracks, and at the Antonio Bautista Air Base (ABAB) in Puerto Princesa City, which include two three-storey

285 deployment barracks. 1LT **Parangue** also reported that the proposals have
286 already been submitted to higher AFP headquarters for approval, and that
287 there is no definite timeline for the project implementation. With this, he cleared
288 that no EDCA project has begun implementation since all EDCA projects have
289 yet to be approved. He also clarified that the ongoing project in Balabac,
290 which is the construction of a military airstrip, is not an EDCA project but a
291 project under the DND-DPWH TIKAS project.

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293 RD **Perlado** said there is no problem in other EDCA sites, but pointed out
294 that there is an IP issue in Balabac. He sought the comment of the NCIP
295 representative on the matter, particularly on the second consultation dialogue,
296 which was slated in July 2023. Mr **Tugas** from the NCIP-Palawan responded that
297 the consultation is ongoing with regard to the construction of the runway. For
298 his part, 1LT **Parangue** said that the fifth consultation was already conducted,
299 the result of which is favorable to the government with the IP residents agreeing
300 to the construction. He also said that by the October, it is expected that the
301 NCIP will issue the clearance/certification for the project, allowing the project
302 to push through.

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304 The **Chair** said this is a welcome development, and thanked the ODI and
305 the NCIP for overseeing the matter. He also emphasized the importance of the
306 project vis-à-vis national security and territorial integrity without disregarding
307 the socio-cultural interests of the IPs. He then requested the ODI and the NCIP
308 to provide an update report on the projects in Balabac, to be consolidated
309 and submitted to the National Intelligence Committee (NIC) and the NSA.

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311 Update on the 2023 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections

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313 PLTCOL **Devaras**, Chief, RID, PRO-MIMAROPA, gave an update on the
314 security preparations for the 2023 BSKE. He shared that the number of police
315 personnel in MIMAROPA for deployment is lacking vis-à-vis the number of
316 voting centers in the region, particularly in Palawan and Romblon. He added
317 that this was addressed with the augmentation of personnel from other units
318 for additional support in security during the 2023 BSKE. He also presented the
319 election areas of concern, adding that strategic checkpoints were established
320 in these areas. Thereafter, the election data were presented, which includes
321 the number of voting population, and number of candidates who filed their
322 certificates of candidacy. He also reported that there are no threats against
323 the candidates monitored for the period.

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325 At this point, the **Chair** asked if there are any candidates who received
326 an extortion demand from the CPP-NPA terrorists. PLTCOL **Devaras**, CPT
327 **Gonzales** and the 3MBDE representative said they have yet to receive any
328 information or report related to the matter.

V. Other Matters

Terrorism Threat Level for October 2023

ORO **Manahan** presented the proposed terrorism threat level in the five provinces in MIMAROPA for October 2023, which is "LOW" with "Level 1" security measures due to the absence of any information suggesting a terror threat in the region.

Without any comments, the proposed terrorism threat level was adopted through a motion made by PLTCOL **Devaras**, which was duly seconded by Mr **Canillas** from the OTS.

JRTF-4B 3Q2023 Accomplishments

RD **Perlado** emphasized the importance of organizing and counter-CTG organizing works in MIMAROPA, and called on the DILG-MIMAROPA, who heads the MIMAROPA SUCBEM Cluster, to join the efforts of MIMAROPA RTF-ELCAC in organizing sectoral groups and communities, particularly in the registration to bodies such as the SEC and the CDA, among others, since is the essence of organizing works. He then enjoined the DILG, PNP, 203BDE, and 3MBDE to have their organized groups registered.

In response, Atty **Mendoza** from the DILG-MIMAROPA committed to take action on the matter and to inform the RIC-4B regarding any activities of the DILG-MIMAROPA related to NTF-ELCAC.

For her part, ARD **Rocillo** mentioned the advanced notice from the NTF-ELCAC Secretariat regarding the presentation of the 3Q2023 accomplishment reports by the JRTFs. She also noted that the JRTF-4B is initially scheduled to present on 17 October 2023, and that the JRTF-4B members are invited to the three-day presentation.

The **Chair** said that the consolidation of reports is the most difficult task of the Technical Working Group (TWG). He reminded the cluster heads to provide their respective accomplishments based on the prescribed template. He said that the point of the presentation is for the NTF-ELCAC Secretariat to check on the performance of the JRTFs. He also noted that the JRTF-4B can also seek guidance from the CORDS-MIMAROPA. He then asked the DICT-MIMAROPA on the proposed date for the TWG to brief the CORDS-MIMAROPA following the directive from the NTF-ELCAC Secretariat for the TWGs to brief the newly-designated CORDS.

For her part, Ms **Matib** from DICT-MIMAROPA said the initial arrangements scheduled the meeting on 13 October 2023, but this will be reviewed due to the abrupt schedule of the presentations of accomplishments. RD **Perlado** agreed on the tentative schedule on 13 October 2023.

The **Chair** then reiterated the call for the submission of the clusters' accomplishments for third quarter 2023.

Awarding of Plaque of Recognition

The Secretariat presented and read the citation of Plaque of Recognition for COL **Glenn B Destriza** PN(M) (Ret), Head, Enforcement Unit, ECAN Zone Management and Enforcement Division, Palawan Council for Sustainable Development. The Chair recognized the efforts of COL **Destriza** not only in assisting the NICA-4B, but in supporting the efforts and programs of the Palawan PTF-ELCAC, particularly the FRs, as well.

VI. Decision Points and Actionable Items

The decision points of the meeting were as follows:

- on the 2023 BSKE, for the RIC-4B members to submit an initial list of CTG-fielded, -supported, and/or -endorsed candidates to the Secretariat for consolidation and submission to the NIC;
- on the designation of CTG personalities, for the 203BDE and CIDG RFU-4B to provide a list of recommended CTG personalities for designation to the Secretariat for consolidation and submission to the ATC for Review;
- on the update on the EDCA site in Balabac, Palawan, for the RIC-4B Secretariat to issue RIS to ODI, TOW-WEST and NCIP-Palawan regarding the update on the developments relative to the free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) for the EDCA site in Balabac, Palawan; RIC-4B Secretariat to consolidate, prepare appropriate report, and submit to the NIC/NSA: and
- the proposed terrorism threat level for the five provinces in MIMAROPA is "low" with "Level 1" security measures due to the absence of the absence of an information suggesting specific, imminent terror attack in the region;
- for the RIC/ERIC-4B to coordinate with DILG-MIMAROPA re organizing works, particularly the registration to the Securities and Exchange Commission and documentation of organized groups; and
- for the JRTF-4B Clusters to submit their respective accomplishments for 3Q2023 to the MIMAROPA RTF-ELCAC TWG Secretariat for consolidation and presentation to the NTF-ELCAC Secretariat in October.

VII. Adjournment

For the closing remarks, RD **Perlado** said the RIC/ERIC-4B is already at the phase of transitioning towards addressing geopolitical concerns in the region at sea and inland. He expressed his gratitude to all the security units and government agencies who have been standing on their ground and working seriously to address such concerns. He also called for a final meeting before the 2023 BSKE on 30 October to discuss final security preparations. Finally, he thanked the Body for taking time attend the meeting, and for their contributions to all the issues that had been discussed.

Following the closing remarks of the **Chair**, the meeting adjourned at 1640H of the same day.

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