**The Cabinet met on Tuesday August 1, 2017, at Command Building I, Government House. Some of the resolutions are as follows:**

**Title: Seven Draft Ministerial Regulations issued under Government Procurement and Supplies Management Act, B.E. 2560**

The Cabinet approved in principle seven Drafts Ministerial Regulations as proposed by the Ministry of Finance.

1. Draft Ministerial Regulation on regulating other agencies as government agencies B.E….

2. Draft Ministerial Regulation on eligibility for registration of entrepreneurs B.E….

3. Draft Ministerial Regulation on government procurement of supplies B.E....

4. Draft Ministerial Regulation on budget for procurement of supplies by specific means without written agreement and appointment of supplies inspectors B.E....

5. Draft Ministerial Regulation on criteria, procedures and conditions for registration of consultants B.E....

6. Draft Ministerial Regulation on wage rate for service providers or contractors B.E….

7. Draft Ministerial Regulations on cases with no statutory right of appeal B.E…

**Title: Draft Act on Conflict of Interests B.E….**

The Cabinet approved Draft Act on Conflict of Interests, B.E…, as proposed by Office of the Council of State. The draft Act will be forwarded to National Assembly for further approval.

Gist of the matter

Under the draft Act, the actions shall be deemed conflict of interests include: exploitation of government’s confidential information, use of public properties for one’s own interests, etc. State officials, as well as their spouses and relatives, are not permitted to accept gift, souvenir, money, property or any other benefit that may be calculated as income, from official duties and assignments. They are also required to provide information and proof of income to Office of the National Anti-Corruption Commission.

**Title: Request for approval of draft Joint Statement of the 50th ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ Meeting**

The Cabinet approved proposals made by Ministry of Foreign Affairs as follows:

1. Agreed on the draft document. Should there be any amendment, if not affecting gist of the document or against the benefits of Thailand, Ministry of Foreign Affairs is authorized to proceed without further approval from the Cabinet.
2. Minister of Foreign Affairs or his representative is authorized as signatory.

  **Gist of the matter**

The Draft Joint Statement affirms the intention of ASEAN member countries to promote political, security, economic, social, and cultural cooperation, as well as cooperation in cross-cutting issues and regional/global challenges, such as progress on Framework of the Code of Conducts, concern over conflict in the Korean peninsula and cooperation to combat terrorist threats.

**Title: Greater Mekong Sub-region Ministerial Meeting**

The Cabinet agreed and approved proposals made by Ministry of Foreign Affairs as follows:

1. Approved in principle three draft documents:

 1.1 Draft Tenth Ministerial Meeting of the Lower Mekong Initiative: Joint Statement

 1.2 Draft Chair’s Statementof the 10th Mekong-Japan Foreign Ministers’ Meeting

 1.3 Draft Joint Ministerial Statement for the 8th MGC Ministerial Meeting.

Should there be any amendment, if not affecting the gist of the document or against the benefits of Thailand, Ministry of Foreign Affairs is authorized to proceed without further approval from the Cabinet.

 1.4 Minister of Foreign Affairs or his representative is assigned as head of Thai delegation to attend the aforementioned meeting and authorized as signatory.

**Gist of the draft documents**

1. **Draft Tenth Ministerial Meeting of the Lower Mekong Initiative: Joint Statement** highlights commitment to further strengthen regional cooperation towards balanced and prosperous region, as well as to move forward with the programs under the Three Pillars of the ASEAN Community.
2. **Draft Chair’s Statement of the 10th Mekong-Japan Foreign Ministers’ Meeting:** statement on the progress of cooperation for sustainable development, environmental-friendly growth, and security issue. Appreciation on Japan’s aid provision to the Mekong sub-regional countries will also be mentioned in the statement.
3. **Draft Joint Ministerial Statement for the 8th MGC Ministerial Meeting** focuses on the progress of its 2016-2018 action plan, promotion of SMEs among the Mekong–Ganga region countries, linkage between India and the Mekong River Basin, and the 2018-2021 action plan.