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## **Factsheet – Terms of Reference and Roles of MINDEF Boards and Committees**

### **1. Advisory Board.**

Deliberate applications for exemption or postponement from full-time NS or operationally ready NS on grounds of social/financial hardship or business disintegration.

### **2. Advisory Council on Community Relations in Defence (ACCORD).**

Increase support and recognition for Full-time National Servicemen and Operationally Ready NSmen. To create awareness and understanding among the general public of their roles in the defence of the country.

### **3. Army News Editorial Board.**

Oversee the publication of the Army News such as editorial guidelines, strategies, production and distribution.

### **4. Board of Visitors to SAF Detention Barracks.**

Ascertain whether the Barrack's General Orders and Regulations are adhered to through visits and inspection of cells and any other part of the detention barracks.

### **5. Defence Medical Research Institute (DMRI) Research Committee.**

Evaluate and prioritise research proposals, provide ethical approval and monitor research.

### **6. Defence Medical Research Institute (DMRI) Research Ethics Committee.**

Review scientific, ethical, legal and statistical merits of, and approve and facilitate research projects involving service personnel, staff and facilities at DMRI or associated service units, as well as drugs, devices, procedures and other interventional/therapeutic modalities. In addition, to monitor adverse events and other safety issues arising from clinical trials.

**7. DSO National Laboratories.**

Provide strategic directions to DSO on providing secret-edge capabilities to the SAF.

**8. DSTA Board of Directors.**

Harness and exploit science and technology to meet the defence and national security needs of Singapore. It is responsible for the policy and general administration of the affairs and business of DSTA.

**9. EXPLORER Team.**

Explore best management systems and practices for adaptation, modification, experimentation or innovation in MINDEF for quantum improvements to MINDEF/SAF performance. The team members also discuss key issues pertaining to MINDEF's management systems, human resource, finance, knowledge, organizational change and learning.

**10. International Law Resource Panel.**

Provide consultation to MINDEF on issues relating to international law.

**11. Make-up Pay Appeals Advisory Board.**

Deliberate on appeals for the Designated Authority's review and make recommendations to the Minister.

**12. Enhanced Executive Agency (EEA) Supervisory Boards.**

- a. MINDEF Systems Organisation (MSO) Supervisory Board/
- b. Defence Finance Organisation (DFO) Supervisory Board/
- c. Manpower Division (MP Div) Supervisory Board/
- d. D'eXecutive Services (DES) Supervisory Board

Exercise corporate governance over the Enhanced Executive Agencies to ensure performance of each division in Defence Management Group.

**16. Military Court of Appeal.**

Hear and determine any appeal by a person convicted by a subordinate military court or the SAF Chief Military Prosecutor.

**17. National Service Resort & Country Club (NSRCC) General Committee & Sub-Committees.**

Responsible to the board of directors for the management and operations of the Resort, the admission, termination and suspension of membership and the furtherance of sports, social and other recreational activities for the Resort.

**18. Requisition of Resources Compensation Board.**

Determine disputes over compensation issues, which cannot be resolved between the Civil Resource owners and Controller (Compensation, Requisition & Information Centre) in the Civil Resources Authority.

**19. SAF Award for Employers Committee.**

Promulgate policies and recommend the winner for the SAF Awards for Employers and Total Defence Awards.

**20. SAF Music & Drama Company Supervisory Board.**

Set directions and long-term targets for MDC, monitor its achievements and performance and approve new business opportunities.

**21. SAF Suggestions Scheme Steering Committee.**

Establish policies and guidelines for the SAF Suggestions Scheme, set annual targets, monitor progress, evaluate performance and recognise outstanding achievement.

**22. SAFRA Management Committee.**

Responsible for carrying out the policies of the Association as laid down by the Board of Governors.

**23. SAFTI Leadership Development Advisory Board.**

Strategise and provide advice on the development of a revised leadership doctrinal framework so that a comprehensive and effective system can be put in place for the grooming of leaders.

**24. SAVER-Premium Board of Trustees.**

Set policies and directions for the management, investment and demonstration of the SAVER-Premium Fund.

**25. Self - Employed Reimbursement Board.**

Review and assess all claims and appeals of self-employed NSmen.

**26. Singapore Discovery Centre (SDC) Steering Committee.**

Operate a museum and exhibition centre to inform and educate the public on national security and defence issues.

**27. Subordinate Military Court.**

Serve as a court of law for all persons who are subject to military law.

**28. Temasek Laboratories Management Board.**

Set policy and guide the development of Temasek Laboratories in developing research programmes in defence science and technology.

**29. Visiting Medical Consultants to the SAF.**

Serve as a member of the Specialist Medical Board and provide professional medical input and assist in the formulation of clinical policies regarding medical classification and management of specific medical conditions.

**30. Youth Flying Club Board of Governors.**

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