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Yesterday a draft opinion piece intended for publication in the Vientiane Times was released, without my authorization, to various networks. This article, which was still a work in progress, was intended to highlight the positive participatory process of provincial consultations held across the country as Lao PDR's input to the upcoming Asia Europe People's Forum (AEPF9) in Vientiane. Because this article was released as a draft and without my approval, I wish to make clear that I fully dissociate myself from it.

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