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**RESOLUTION ON
REGIONAL EFFORTS AND COOPERATION AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING**

The 33rd AIPA General Assembly:

Recalling the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the UN Convention against Corruption which have widened the scope of money laundering offences to cover not only the proceeds of illicit drug trafficking, but also the proceeds of all serious crimes;

Also recalling the ASEAN Declaration on Transnational Crime, the Manila Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Transnational Crime, and the ASEAN Plan of Action to Combat Transnational Crime, which embody ASEAN's resolve to address the challenges brought about by transnational crimes, including money laundering;

Acknowledging that money laundering is a transnational economic crime that affects all societies and economies, making regional and international cooperation to prevent and combat such crime is essential;

Highlighting the important role of AIPA in promoting understanding, solidarity and closer cooperation among Parliaments of ASEAN Member States and in contributing to the realization of an ASEAN Community by 2015;

Mindful of the need to remain vigilant against the use of financial, banking and monetary systems to move, conceal and increase illicit funds through innovative forms of money laundering activities;

Hereby resolves to:

Call on AIPA Member Parliaments to strengthen their national legislative measures and other necessary parliamentary actions against money laundering to promote robust anti-money laundering regimes in their respective countries;

Further call on ASEAN Member States to strengthen cooperation among their judicial and law enforcement agencies through bilateral mutual legal assistance and extradition treaties and/or through the effective implementation of the ASEAN Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters;

Encourage further closer cooperation among financial intelligence units of ASEAN Member States through exchange of information and sharing of best practices in combating money laundering, particularly in detecting, tracing and monitoring the movement of cash;

Urge the ASEAN Finance Ministers, the Governors of ASEAN Central Banks and related institutions to promote comprehensive domestic and regional regulatory and supervisory regimes that could deter and detect money laundering in all its forms;

Support the work of ASEAN in promoting regional cooperation in financial, banking and monetary systems as well as initiatives undertaken by the Asia Pacific Group (APG) on Anti-Money Laundering and all other related international institutions for the purpose of enhancing the capacity of ASEAN Member States to combat money laundering activities;

Enhance the role of parliaments of ASEAN Member States through AIPA and other parliamentary organizations such as the South East Asian Parliamentarians Against Corruption (SEAPAC) in combating money laundering and other transnational economic crimes;

Adopted on the 21st day of September 2012 during the 33rd AIPA General Assembly in Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia.