

ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

THE 10th MEETING OF THE AIPA FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE (AIFOCOM) TO COMBAT THE DRUG MENACE

12th – 16th May 2013, Rizqun International Hotel, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam

THEME: "Achieving a Drug-Free ASEAN: A Common and Shared Responsibility"

RESOLUTION ON ENHANCING THE INTENSIFICATION OF REGIONAL COOPERATION AND CONCERTED EFFORT BASED UPON THE PRINCIPLE OF SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

The 34th AIPA General Assembly,

- Recalling Resolution 33GA/2012/Soc/03 adopted in the 33rd AIPA General Assembly during the 9th AIPA Fact-Finding Committee to Combat the Drug Menace in Yogyakarta, Indonesia;
- Reaffirming that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 constitute the framework and instrument for the international community to fight against the world drug problem;
- Recalling the ASEAN Leaders' Statement during the 22nd ASEAN Summit held on 24th April 2013 in Brunei Darussalam that emphasizes on the importance of the Declaration on Drug-Free ASEAN 2015;
- Reiterating the commitments of ASEAN Member States contained in the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Drug-Free ASEAN 2015 adopted at the 20th ASEAN Summit in Cambodia, 2012 and the Chairman's Statement of the 1st Special ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters in Thailand, 2012;
- Recognizing the extensive work of the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters (ASOD), particularly in their efforts to implement the ASEAN Work Plan on Combatting Illicit Drug Production, Trafficking and

Use 2009 – 2015 in the three priority areas of (i)illicit crop cultivation, (ii)illicit manufacturing, trafficking of drugs and drug-related crimes and(iii)the prevalence of illicit drug use;

- Recognizing that ASEAN is facing continuous threats of drug menace and related social issues caused by the world drug problem;
- 7. Emphasizing that, in order to be effective, measures to tackle the regional drug problem require concerted efforts and actions and that such actions require collective cross-border cooperation based on shared principles, common responsibilities and mutual interests:

Hereby resolves to:

- Reiterate AIPA Secretariat's role as a coordinating body to the Technical Working Group (TWG) and to assist TWG with its Terms of Reference contained in GA Resolutions No.Res33GA/2012/ORG/05 and to carry out its directions, provide suggestions and to assist to modulate;
- 2. Urge the AIPA Secretariat to develop a standardized AIFOCOM Country Report format.
- Seek technical and financial assistance from international organizations as directed by AIFOCOM;
- 4. **Enhance** regional cooperation through the increase of information sharing and bilateral and inter-regional cooperation;
- Strengthen efforts in countering the International Drug Syndicates operating in ASEAN through expedited intelligence exchange on profile of drug syndicate groups;
- Request AIPA Secretariat to share all the adopted AIFOCOM Resolutions with ASEAN Secretariat for ASOD and relevant bodies' consideration:
- 7. Call upon once again ASOD to continue to take an active role in facilitating cooperation by inviting AIFOCOM Representatives to attend ASOD meeting as observers and establish joint efforts among the parliaments, governments and relevant non-governmental organizations in the region to fight the drug scourge;
- Continue to invite the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and Member States to provide technical assistance;
- 9. Support civil society efforts in the area of drugs and efforts to reduce demand for, and addressing the social risks and harms of drugs use; training of personnel; drug-related research and dissemination of its results; and prevention of diversion of drug precursors used for illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

- 10. Continue enhanced and consolidated regional efforts in addressing the precursor chemicals control; demand reduction through sharing of best practices, education and public awareness programmes targeting the youth and rehabilitation programmes; supply reduction measures, such as law enforcement and inter-agency cooperation and alternative development;
- 11. Encourage the review of Technical Working Group Terms of Reference (TOR) with a view to effectively implementing the AIFOCOM Plan of Action to combat drug menace 2012-2015.