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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON SOCIAL MATTERS**

Mdm. President:

1. I have the honour to submit the following report of the Committee on Social Matters.
2. The Committee on Social Matters was convened on Wednesday 17th September 2014, with, the Members of the National Assembly of Lao People's Democratic Republic, Hon. Prof. Dr. Phonethep Pholsena as Chairperson and Hon. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bounpong Keorodom as Rapporteur. The following parliamentarians from AIPA Member Parliaments attended the Meeting:

Brunei Darussalam

1. Hon. YB. Haji Shafiee Ahmad (MP)
2. Hon. YB. Datin Padaka Hajah Zasia Sirin (MP)
3. Hon. Mr. Dato Padaka Haji Abd Salam Abd Momin

Cambodia

1. Hon. Mrs. Nin Saphon (MP)
2. Hon. Mrs. Mean Som An (MP)
3. Hon. Mrs. Mu Sochua (MP)

Indonesia

1. Hon. Mr. Iskan Qolba Lubis (MP)
2. Hon. Mr. Otong Abdurrahman (MP)

Lao PDR

1. Hon. Dr. Somphou Douangsavanh (MP)
2. Hon. Ms. Bouaphanh Likaya (MP)
3. Hon. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somock Kingsada (MP)
4. Hon. Dr. Sonethanou Thammavong (MP)
5. Hon. Ms. Vanpheng Keonakhone (MP)

Malaysia

1. Hon. Hasbi Habibollah (MP).
2. Hon. Jr. Shaharuddin Ismail (MP)

Myanmar

1. Hon. Mr. Khin Maung Yi (MP)
2. Hon. Ms. Yi Yi Myint (MP)

The Philippines

1. Hon. Mr. Nicasio M. Aliping, Jr. (MP)

Singapore

1. Hon. Ms. Irene Ng (MP)
2. Hon. Dr. Chia Shi-Lu (MP)
3. Hon. Mrs. Lina Chiam (MP)

Thailand

1. Hon. ACM. Arkom kanchanahirun (MP)

Vietnam

1. Hon. Mr. Nguyen Van Tien (MP)
2. Hon. Ms. Vu Thu Minh (MP)

3. The Committee was held in the traditional ASEAN spirit of friendship, unity and cooperation, and the committee discussed the Agenda Items which have been approved by the First Plenary 35th AIPA General Assembly, consisting of Five Draft Resolutions as follows:

a. Strengthening Co-operation among AIPA Member Parliaments on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD).

The resolution concerns the outbreak of EVD, which has become a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. Recognizing the humanitarian consequences and negative impacts, ASEAN Member States have set up their preparedness plans and activities to respond to this outbreak in a timely manner. It is therefore imperative to implement this resolution effectively. The main aim is to enhance the oversight role of AIPA Parliamentarians in strengthening the prevention and control of EVD including cross border transmission.

Some amendments regarding the use of relevant terminology were made to the draft resolution. The committee unanimously agreed with this resolution.

b. Enhancing Legislative Co-operation among AIPA Member Parliaments on Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases

Chronic, non-communicable diseases are the number one cause of death and disability in the world. The vision of all ASEAN citizens leading healthy life styles in line with their values, beliefs and cultures in an enabling environment by 2020 is an achievable goal.

The Committee also made amendments to the draft resolution to be reflective of ASEAN diversity. The Committee has adopted the resolution unanimously.

c. **Strengthening Parliamentary Roles in Developing Vocational Education and Skilled Labour for the Integration of ASEAN Labour Market;**

Skilled Labour among the young ASEAN population requires narrowing the gaps among ASEAN Member States by enhancing Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET). The effective implementation of this resolution will help us promote and facilitate the exchange of best practices and feasible cooperation schemes between respective authorities and institutions of ASEAN Member States to develop a strong skilled labour market for the future ASEAN single market.

The Committee has agreed to modify the said resolution which aimed to provide equal opportunities for all labourers, in particular for the young workforce of ASEAN within the ASEAN single market.

Some amendments were made to the draft resolution to reach the consensus of all members. The Committee has unanimously agreed with the resolution.

d. **The Adoption of The Report of The 11th AIPA Fact Finding Committee (AIFOCOM) to Combat the Drug Menace;**

Recognizing the challenges of drug issues, ASEAN leaders had their second informal Summit in 1997 embracing the idea of a “Southeast Asia free of illicit drugs, free of their production, processing, trafficking and use”.

The Committee agreed to adopt the Resolution on the Report of 11th AIPA Fact Finding Committee (AIFOCOM) to Combat the Drug Menace approved at the Landmark Mekong Riverside Hotel in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 12th-16th May 2014 without any amendment.

e. **Formation of Technical Working Group (TWG)**

The committee discussed and exchanged views on the status of the Establishment of the Technical Working Group (TWG) of AIFOCOM. Since there is no consensus for TWG to meet at the agreed location once a year, The Committee agreed to raise this matter at the next AIFOCOM meeting which will be held in Malaysia.

The Committee agreed to adopt the draft resolution on the Formation of the Technical Working Group (TWG) of AIFOCOM.

4. The Committee approved five draft resolutions to be forwarded for adoption in the Second Plenary Session.
5. I hereby present the Report of the Committee on Social Matters for approval and adoption by the 35th General Assembly.

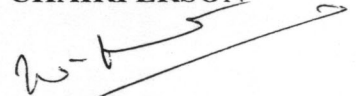
Thank you.

RAPPORTEUR



**Hon. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bounpong
KEORODOM**

CHAIRPERSON



**Hon. Prof. Dr. Phonethep
PHOLSENA**