



ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

**THE NINTH MEETING OF
THE AIPA FACT FINDING COMMITTEE (AIFOCOM)
TO COMBAT THE DRUG MENACE
10 July 2012, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Yogyakarta – Indonesia**

**DRAFT RESOLUTION
ON THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN DRUG DEMAND
AND SUPPLY REDUCTION AND THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT THE
DRUG MENACE CONSISTENT WITH THE ASEAN VISION**

The 33rd AIPA General Assembly,

1. *Being deeply concerned* that despite of the continuing efforts made and the progress achieved in encountering drug menace, the international drug problem remains a serious threat to socioeconomic progress and political stability, as well as sustainable development of ASEAN, and constitute as serious challenges to our efforts in creating a Drug Free ASEAN by 2015;
2. *Stressing* the urgent need of full implementation of the ASEAN Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters that was ratified in 2009 by all ASEAN Member States, as part of the commitment to create a Drug Free ASEAN in accordance with the ASEAN Vision;
3. *Recalling* the AIPA Resolution on the Harmonization of Illegal Drug Laws on the Capture and Seizure of Assets Used in or Possessed from Drug-related Cases; the Control of Reactants and Precursors and on Demand Reduction Interventions; and the Creation of a Technical Working Group adopted by the 32nd General Assembly of AIPA in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, 18 – 24 September 2011; and other relevant AIPA resolutions;
4. *Welcoming* the increasing ASEAN efforts in addressing the menace of narcotic drugs which complement regional efforts in halting and reversing the spread of communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS;
5. *Emphasizing* that AIPA Member Parliaments have a pivotal role in providing political commitment and support to combat the drug menace which remains a major and serious threat to the region;

6. *Noting with appreciation* the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Drug Free ASEAN 2015 adopted at the 20th ASEAN Summit in Cambodia, 2012 as a firm commitment of ASEAN Member States to combat the drug menace;
7. *Emphasizing* the need of AIPA/AIFOCOM to give particular attention to drugs demand and supply reduction as an essential part in the regional approach to counter the drug menace in ASEAN.

Hereby resolves to:

8. *Encourage* AIPA Member Parliaments to promote and facilitate the effective implementation of the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Drug Free ASEAN 2015 towards the realization of the vision and goal of the drug-free ASEAN by 2015;
9. *Develop and implement* mutual legal cooperation, which includes an increase in the exchange of experience on national legislation, judicature, and law enforcement in connection to drug related crimes among ASEAN Member States;
10. *Call* upon all AIPA Member Parliaments to take legislative and parliamentary actions, through the development and implementation of programs and policies on demand and supply reduction;
11. *Urge* ASEAN Member States to strengthen regional legal cooperation to combat the drug menace through the full implementation of the ASEAN Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters;
12. *Determine* to strengthen and extend cooperation with AIPA Observer Countries and other relevant organizations including UN Office on Drugs and Crime through the sharing of information and best practices to eradicate illicit drug production, processing, use and trafficking;
13. *Recommend* the inclusion of specific drug issue on the topic for dialog with AIPA Observer Countries in AIPA General Assembly;
14. *Call upon* ASEAN Member States to make collective efforts in addressing the regional drug problem through the formulation and implementation of drug demand and supply reduction policy;
15. *Request* ASEAN Member States to ensure that civil society plays a participatory role, through consultation in the development and implementation of drug demand and supply reduction program and policies;
16. **Adopt a Plan of Action to Combat Drug Menace 2012 – 2015 and for that purpose, AIPA:**
 1. *Establishes* a Technical Working Group under AIFOCOM and Task Force in respective parliaments;
 2. *Agrees* to standardize the AIFOCOM Country and Parliamentary Progress Report format;

3. *Reaffirms* the AIPA Member Parliaments' commitment to raise public awareness on the risks and threats posed to all societies by the different aspects of the regional drug problem and the danger of illicit drug production, processing, use, and trafficking through comprehensive public campaign;
4. *Calls* upon all AIPA Member Parliaments to strengthen policies and ensure progressive budget allocation to support therapy and rehabilitation program for drug abusers/addicts;
5. *Endeavours* to harmonize and synchronize the legal definition of restricted and banned reactants, precursors and new substances that pose a threat on drug menace within ASEAN through reviewing of national laws related to drugs and other trans-national crimes by developing an ASEAN list of type of reactants, precursors and new substances;
6. *Underlines* the urgency of an ASEAN's arrangement in addressing the issue of assets derived from the commission of drug crimes that should be confiscated and the confiscated assets located in another country could be shared as stipulated in the UN Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances 1998;
7. *Upholding* the principle of common and shared responsibility, calls upon AIPA Member Parliaments to further promote joint operations, exchange of drug intelligence and transnational controlled delivery.

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