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RESOLUTION ON AIPA'S ROLE AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE ASEAN CHARTER

The Twenty-Ninth General Assembly:

Recalling the Resolution of the 28th AIPA GA on Enhancing AIPA's role and contribution to the ASEAN Charter;

Welcoming the signing of the ASEAN Charter at the 13th ASEAN Summit in Singapore as a landmark achievement, articulating a legal and institutional framework as well as a vision of ASEAN as a grouping bound by geography, common hopes and a shared destiny;

Supportive of ASEAN's purpose to promote a people-oriented ASEAN Community in which all sectors of society are encouraged to participate;

Welcoming the completion of ratification of the ASEAN Charter by Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore and Vietnam, and the strong commitment by all ASEAN member countries to complete its ratification by the 14th ASEAN Summit in Bangkok;

Resolves to:

Reinforce the key role of ASEAN Parliamentarians in advancing regional integration for the benefit of the peoples of ASEAN;

Urge the expeditious ratification of the ASEAN Charter with a view to its entry into force by the 14th ASEAN Summit in December 2008;

Uphold the purposes and principles of the ASEAN Charter;

Support the implementation of the ASEAN Charter through the formulation and promulgation of national legislation in conformity with the Charter;



Foster a rules-based regime in ASEAN under the Charter;

Uphold the principles of democracy, human rights and the rule of law; and

Increase awareness of the Charter among ASEAN legislators and at the national level.
