



RESOLUTION ON ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

The Twenty-Ninth General Assembly:

Reaffirming the Resolution 28GA/2007/Eco/02 of the 28th AIPA General Assembly held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which calls for the acceleration of ASEAN integration through the enhancement of trade, technology, infrastructure development and investment linkages between member countries, especially in the identified twelve priority sectors for accelerated integration;

Aware that the ASEAN Leaders have signed the Declaration on the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint at the 13th ASEAN Summit and that member countries are committed to fulfilling their commitments as laid out in the Blueprint to ensure the realisation of the AEC by 2015;

Noting that ASEAN's economic integration provides strategic benefits imperative for ensuring that ASEAN continues to play a key role in the Asia Pacific region and the global environment ;

Recognising that ASEAN's economic integration provides economic gains essential for a competitive and thriving environment attractive to investors and advantageous to the ASEAN economies; and

Stressing that along with implementing internal integration initiatives, ASEAN should also continue cultivating strong linkages with extra-ASEAN partners, so that maximum economic gains can be reaped from a holistic approach to benefit the people of ASEAN;



Resolves to:

Urge all AIPA member countries to extend their fullest cooperation in ASEAN's internal integration efforts, in particular, in complying with the commitments laid out in the AEC Blueprint; and

Encourage all AIPA member countries to be committed to developing strong economic relationships with extra-ASEAN partners through trade and economic arrangements and initiatives.