

Res 29GA/2008/Eco/03

RESOLUTION ON ENERGY SECURITY AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

The Twenty-Ninth General Assembly:

Recalling the commitment to implement the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) 2004-2009 adopted at the Twenty-Second ASEAN Ministers of Energy meeting, under which New and Renewable Energy is one of the main components for promotion and cooperation;

Noting the continuing significance of RES.26GA/2005/ECO/04 adopted by the 26th AIPO General Assembly in September 2005 in Vientiane, Laos, and of RES.28GA/2007/Eco/04 adopted by the 28th AIPA General Assembly in August 2007 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which collectively called for "ASEAN Renewable Energy and Development", and the "development of new technologies for the creation of renewable and alternative energy sources";

Realizing the importance of energy security to ASEAN economic development amidst rising oil prices and the adverse effect of high dependency on oil importation for energy requirements from oil producing countries on the financial positions of ASEAN countries; and

Noting that a significant proportion of the oil and gas from the Middle East is transported by sea to Asia and other regions, the bulk of these supplies transit a series of maritime chokepoints, such as the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS), and that there are mechanisms currently in place for user states to cooperate with littoral states to enhance the safety of navigation in the SOMS.



Resolves to:

Urge all AIPA member countries to promote the production and utilization of renewable and alternative environmentally friendly energy suitable for each country to secure energy efficiency and competitiveness enabling economic growth and sustainable development in the region;

Call on all AIPA member countries to create an environment conducive to greater participation of the private sector, non-governmental organizations and the local communities in the development of both traditional and alternative renewable energy sources; to promote cooperation and sharing of relevant technology and best practices;

Call on all AIPA member countries to further strengthen inter-ASEAN efforts to ensure the security of vital energy sea lanes, especially the Straits of Malacca; and

Encourage AIPA member countries with diverse natural resources to cooperate on all energy sources and to promote frameworks to prevent price speculation through effective legal, regulatory and technical frameworks that will address the need for adequate, affordable and accessible energy sources while at the same time encouraging energy savings, preserving ecological balance and sustainable development.