**RESOLUTION ON
RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS HARMONY**

The Twenty-Ninth General Assembly:

Acknowledging the diversity of cultures and religions as constituents of the heritage and identity of AIPA member countries;

Cognizant that all cultures and religions share a common set of universal values and can play an instrumental role in supporting peace and progress;

Aware that intercultural and inter-religious cooperation is pivotal in the upholding of security in our region and;

Recognizing that dialogue and cooperation are now an essential part of the national, regional and international political landscape;

Resolves to:

Call on all AIPA Member Countries to oppose all forms of exclusion, prejudice and discrimination, and to promote the peaceful coexistence of cultural and religious diversities;

Recommend all AIPA Member Countries to foster intercultural and inter-religious harmony by educating society to accept and appreciate diversity in cultures and social systems, and promoting shared values that will build common ground and strengthen understanding among the diverse cultural and religious communities;

Encourage all AIPA Member Countries to hold forums at both the local and national levels to provide opportunities for dialogue, and to nurture mutual respect and understanding

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among the various cultural and religious communities, thereby forging closer relationships and creating greater capacity for intercultural and inter-religious cooperation;

Appeal to all AIPA Member Countries to engage in educational cooperation and exchanges which bring together youths from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds to advance interaction and cultivate mutual understanding and;

Urge all AIPA Member Countries to support practical initiatives launched by governments, cultural and religious communities, the media and all other levels of society to achieve intercultural and inter-religious understanding and cooperation among the different communities for the promotion of security and peaceful development of this region.

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