



**RESOLUTION ON
ESTABLISHMENT OF AIPA CAUCUS**

The Twenty-Ninth General Assembly:

Recalling Resolution No. Res.28GA/2007/Pol/03 on the Establishment of an AIPA Caucus adopted at the 28th AIPA General Assembly held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 18th to 24th August, 2007 which underlined the need for establishing an AIPA Caucus that would serve as a mechanism to develop regular interaction among AIPA Member Countries as well as between AIPA and ASEAN; and that would utilize linkages, promote information sharing and exchanges with the mandate to develop common legislative initiative with the objective of the harmonization of AIPA legislation;

Taking into cognizance other relevant resolutions; namely, Res. 26GA/2005/Org/06 on the Work Program for the first year of operation of the AIPO Ad Hoc Committee on the Transformation of AIPO into a more effective and closely integrated institution which inter alia recommended that the Ad Hoc Committee shall formulate the terms of reference for common legislative initiatives and institutionalize a regular interaction between AIPA and ASEAN; Res. 27GA/06/Soc/02 on Cooperation in Fighting Diseases as the first test case toward the realization of common legislative initiatives; Resolution Res.28GA/2007/Pol/04 on the Harmonization of Laws to Combat the Drug Menace; and Resolution Res.28GA/2007/Pol/05 on the Harmonization of Laws to Combat Trafficking in Persons;

Reasserting the crucial contribution of parliaments to the building of an ASEAN Community, and that their voices should be heard and duly channelled;



Recognizing the importance of inviting representative(s) from ASEAN as well as other relevant parties to participate in the activities of the AIPA Caucus,

Resolves to:

Adopt the Report on the Establishment of an AIPA Caucus dated 6th August 2008;

Declare that the AIPA Caucus has been established, and shall hold its first gathering in 2009;

Assign the AIPA Caucus with the task of (i) assisting the Executive Committee in monitoring the status of implementation of the recommendations of AIPA Resolutions; (ii) formulating the terms of reference for common legislative initiatives by assessing existing legal frameworks through common tools and identifying areas which can be harmonized to facilitate regional cooperation in their enforcement; (iii) providing a platform for regular interaction amongst AIPA member countries and between AIPA and ASEAN; and (iv) considering possible linkages with other forums or caucuses that share similar interests and objectives with AIPA.

Reaffirm the recommendations of the 28th AIPA General Assembly as follows: (i) the membership of the AIPA Caucus shall consist of a core group of not more than three Members of Parliament from each Member Country, one representative each from Special Observer Countries, the Secretary-General of AIPA and one official each from the respective AIPA National Secretariats; (ii) it shall meet as often as necessary as directed by the President of AIPA and the outcome thereof including its recommendations, presented to the Executive Committee for the consideration and adoption of the General Assembly; and (iii) that AIPA Member Countries take turn on a rotational basis and in alphabetical order to host the AIPA Caucus with Member Countries meeting the travelling and accommodation costs of their respective representatives while the host country would be responsible for providing only the conference facilities;

Decide that the host country must not be the host of the General Assembly;

Endorse the Members of Parliaments, representatives and officials which had been nominated by Member Countries and Special Observers as forming the initial core group;

Agree that ASEAN representative(s) and other relevant parties be invited at their own expense to participate at the AIPA Caucus meetings, and for the ASEAN Representative(s) to convey the outcome thereof, including the recommendations of the meetings to the appropriate ASEAN committee(s) for executive consideration and implementation;

Decide that the AIPA Caucus shall hold its first meeting in 2009 with its outcome thereof including its recommendations to be presented to the Executive Committee for the consideration and adoption of the 30th General Assembly;

Approve that the first meeting of the AIPA Caucus be hosted in Malaysia in 2009, the date and venue of which to be ascertained by the host country in due course.
