



**Fifth Meeting of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)
Fact-Finding Committee (AIFOCOM) to Combat the Drug Menace
Singapore, 22-25 June 2008**

**CLOSING REMARKS BY DR TEO HO PIN
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AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 5TH
ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
FACT FINDING COMMITTEE (AIFOCOM)
TO COMBAT THE DRUG MENACE
ON MONDAY, 24 JUNE 2008, 9.00 AM AT THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE**

Heads of AIFOCOM Member Delegations,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are very honored and happy to have had this opportunity to host the 5th AIFOCOM Meeting to Combat the Drug Menace in Singapore.

2 It has been one and a half days of intensive discussions and insightful presentations. At this meeting, we have taken up timely and highly relevant issues of enhancing regional efforts against the drug menace. We have also agreed on the areas in which we have to do more if we are to move closer to the vision of a Drug-Free ASEAN, namely:

- (i) Precursor control;
- (ii) Alternative development;
- (iii) Enhancing partnership among the public sector, private sector and community groups;
- (iv) Reviewing our legislations to facilitate Mutual Legal Assistance; and
- (v) Strengthening cross-sectoral linkages to improve coordination among existing regional and extra-regional mechanisms.

3 I am pleased to see that our commitment to work on these areas has been translated into a Draft Resolution, which the 5th AIFOCOM Meeting to Combat the Drug Menace has agreed to. This will now be included as an agenda item for the Social Committee of the 29th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) General Assembly and discussed in the aforementioned committee. After the committee has discussed and approved the draft resolution, it will be adopted by the 29th AIPA General Assembly.

4 In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all delegates for your enthusiasm and generous participation in making this meeting a great success. I hope your stay here has been fruitful and enjoyable.

5 We look forward to more opportunities to meet again. I wish everyone a safe and pleasant journey home.