



The 11th Meeting of the AIPA Fact-Finding Committee (AIFOCOM)
to Combat the Drug Menace
12-16 May 2014, Landmark Mekong Riverside Hotel, Vientiane Capital,
Lao PDR

**Theme: Enhancing Parliamentary Cooperation for a Drug-Free
ASEAN Community**

**Draft Resolution on
Strengthening Legal Cooperation among Parliaments
In Realizing a Drug-Free ASEAN**

The 35th AIPA General Assembly,

Recalling the 32nd AIPA General Assembly Resolution on the Harmonization of Illegal Drug Laws on the Capture and Seizure of Assets Used in or Possessed from Drug-Related Cases, the Control of Reactants and Precursors and on Demand Reduction Intervention, and the Creation of a Technical Working Group on 18-24 September 2011 in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, and the Resolution adopted in the 34th AIPA General Assembly during the 10th Meeting of the AIPA Fact-Finding Committee to Combat the Drug Menace on Enhancing the Intensification of Regional Cooperation and Concerted Efforts based upon the Principles of Shared Responsibility on 12-16 May 2013 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam;

Recognizing that legal cooperation is one important tool that is imperative for controlling, preventing and combating drug abuse;

Acknowledging that legal cooperation, mutual legal assistance, intelligence sharing, joint investigation programmes and operations against illegal drug

trafficking will further enhance harmonization of laws among ASEAN Member States;

Mindful of the problems of drug trafficking and related organized crimes that persist in ASEAN Member States and that these have become a hindrance for socio-economic development processes, causing a major threat to human health, loss of life and property, and a negative impact on the family unit that can lead to social disorder, insecurity and instability at the national and regional levels;

Desirous of enhancing and strengthening legal cooperation and coordination among ASEAN Member States to create unity in controlling, preventing and combating the drug menace to realize a drug-free ASEAN.

Hereby resolves to:

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to promote the exchange of best practices, lessons, experiences, and useful information for further development and harmonization of laws toward creating unity in areas of possible cooperation;

Support parliamentarians in effectively performing their role in relation to drug control, prevention and combating related efforts;

Support the research activities, dissemination of information and awareness building capacity;

Enhance the role of AIPA in monitoring trans-border illicit drug trafficking and related transnational organized crime through bilateral or regional or multilateral cooperation;

Urge parliaments and governments of ASEAN Member States to collaborate closely together in order to increase concerted efforts in controlling, preventing and combating drug abuse as well as strengthening cooperation with other countries and other international organisations on this issue;

Encourage the active participation of individuals, families, organizations and communities across the ASEAN Member States in controlling, preventing and combating drug abuse;

Disseminate information about Regulations and Laws on Drugs to the citizens of ASEAN with emphasis for a joint effort by all the ASEAN Member States to eradicate the drug menace;

Enhance the role and capacity of legislative bodies and parliamentarians in consultative forums and exchanging experiences among ASEAN Member States in order to urge governments to provide effective rehabilitation programs, treatment for drug addicts as patients and vocational/occupational training for them;

Enhance further the role of parliamentarians in urging their governments and relevant agencies to intensify control measures for and timely response to new drugs entering the ASEAN markets;

Entrust the AIPA Secretariat in monitoring, urging and evaluating the implementation of AIFOCOM Resolution within ASEAN Member Parliaments each year;

To consider reviewing the establishment of the Technical working Group (TWG) and AIPA Secretariat is hereby tasked to provide a paper after circulating and obtaining opinions from the various Member Parliaments;

Adopted on the day of September 2014 during the 35th General Assembly in Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR, 14 – 20 September 2014.