



# ASEAN Inter - Parliamentary Organization

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## RESOLUTION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION THROUGH INCREASING COORDINATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MECHANISMS IN THE REGION.

**The Twenty-third General Assembly:**

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**Noting** the objectives envisaged in the AIPO Charter on the strengthening of co-ordination and co-operation among ASEAN Parliaments to facilitate the realization of the ASEAN goals set out in the Bangkok Declaration in August 1967 and in the ASEAN Vision 2020;

**Recalling** the goal of increasing the participation of people of all social strata in the region in ASEAN co-operation activities.

**Convinced that** AIPO plays an important role in and makes active contributions to building ASEAN into a community of solidarity, co-operation, friendship, and unity in diversity;

**Stressing** the importance of the closer co-ordination and co-operation between AIPO and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to the building of a Southeast Asia of peace, stability, equitable development, and prosperity;

**Hereby resolves:**

**To further support** ASEAN Governments in their bids to build ASEAN into a regional co-operation arrangement, which is outward looking, dynamic and effective with an increasingly enhanced role and prestige in the international arena;

**To continue to join** ASEAN Governments' efforts in strengthening ASEAN regional integration aimed at achieving sustainable development, building comprehensive economic synergy for the Association in the context of increasing globalization;

**To consider** conducting regular consultations between the incumbent chair of ASEAN Standing Committee and the incumbent AIPO President at an appropriate time with an aim to reach a consensus on actions undertaken to assist the implementation of ASEAN priority programmes;

**To consider** the establishment of formal relations between ASEAN Secretariat and AIPO Secretariat through signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or some other acceptable form;

**To take** measures aimed at enhancing closer co-operation between AIPO and ASEAN. These measures will focus on the exchange and sharing of information and experiences, technical assistance, provision of periodic reports and exchanges of personnel between the two Secretariats. Visits of delegations of Parliamentarians to ASEAN Secretariat should be increased in order to exchange updated information about each other's activities; and

**To improve** the efficacy and effectiveness of the AIPO Secretariat with a view to responding adequately to requirements arising from the above-mentioned recommendations.