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RESOLUTION ON ASEAN COOPERATION TO COMBAT TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES

The Twenty-third General Assembly:

Deeply concerned over the growing peril of transnational crimes which pose a serious threat to peace, security and stability as well as to the economic well-being of the regional and international communities; which had promoted the United Nations to adopt the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (TOC) in 1998;

Noting that the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime in Yangon, in 1999, had adopted the ASEAN Plan of Action to combat Transnational Crime, which reflected ASEAN's commitment to eradicate transnational crimes at regional as well as international levels;

Welcoming the new initiatives prepared by the ASEAN Member Countries to strengthen and enhance ASEAN co-operation in combating transnational crimes and supported the implementation of the Security Council Resolution No. 1373 to counter terrorism;

Reiterating the need for ASEAN Member Countries to further strengthen legislation and law enforcement by ratifying international convention related to transnational crimes in order to provide the necessary legal basis to combat transnational crimes;

Calling upon ASEAN governments to take necessary steps to harmonize their national laws in line with the relevant UN conventions and the various ASEAN's co-operation schemes to combat transnational crimes;

Urging ASEAN governments to *carry out* the Work Programme to implement the ASEAN Plan of Action to combat Transnational Crime. The Work Programme deals with the following forms of transnational crimes: Illicit Drug Trafficking; Trafficking in Persons; Sea Piracy; Arms Smuggling; Money Laundering; Terrorism; International Economic Crime; and Cyber Crime;

Agreeing that ASEAN should maintain its role as the driving force, in the regional and international endeavours to eradicate transnational crimes in the region, while the United Nations should play a leading role at the international level;

Calling upon each AIPO Members to set up a Study Group in their respective parliaments to find solution to the aforesaid matters based on the relevant frameworks and principles of laws in combating transnational crime and thereafter to properly implement its findings accordingly.

