



ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly

The 28th General Assembly
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Res. 28GA/2007/Pol/05

RESOLUTION
ON
THE HARMONIZATION OF LAWS TO COMBAT TRAFFICKING
IN PERSONS

The Twenty-Eighth General Assembly:

Recalling the AIPO 23rd General Assembly resolution on Combating Trafficking in Women, the 25th General Assembly Resolution on the Role of the Parliamentarians in Combating Trafficking of Women and Children and the 26th General Assembly Resolution on Legal Cooperation to Combat Trafficking in Women and Children;

Further recalling that Resolution No. 27GA/06/Soc/01 on Legal Cooperation to Combat Trafficking in Persons adopted at the 27th General Assembly resolved to establish an AIPO Expert Working Group that consists of representatives of AIPA members, special observers and other relevant parties which will be tasked with the following:

- (i) assessing existing legal framework through common tools;
- (ii) developing a regional strategy on legal cooperation including information exchange and capacity building to prevent and combat trafficking in persons; and
- (iii) to report the above to the 28th AIPA General Assembly

Underlining the seriousness and urgency of the problem of trafficking in persons in ASEAN countries the victims of which now also include men and not only women and children;

Recognizing some successes in fighting against trafficking in persons through the existing close cooperation among ASEAN Countries.

Further recognizing the urged need for parliamentarians to complement current efforts in combating trafficking in persons;

Hereby resolves to:

Urge that the AIPO Expert Working Group as proposed in Resolution No. 27GA/06/Soc/01 on Legal Cooperation in Combat Trafficking in Persons adopted at the 27th General Assembly be immediately set up;

Agree that the AIPO Expert Working Group on Legal Cooperation to Combat Trafficking in Persons that would soon be established should be given the added task of developing the necessary common legislative initiatives for the realization of harmonized legislations to combat the trafficking of persons.