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**RESOLUTION ON LEGAL COOPERATION  
TO COMBAT THE TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**

**The Thirtieth AIPA General Assembly:**

**Noting that** AIPA has given due attention to human trafficking as a critical regional issue and its transnational crime dimension;

**Further noting that** Vietnam organized an AIPA seminar on the issue in 2005 which produced a guideline for AIPA to address human trafficking;

**Acknowledging that** AIPA has in 2005 assigned the senior officials of the AIPA member countries to prepare a matrix of the national laws of the AIPA Member Countries on human trafficking;

**Recalling that** the 28<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur in 2007 established an AIPA Ad-Hoc Committee on Human Trafficking but the ad-hoc committee has not been convened;

**Mindful that** the 29<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly created the AIPA Caucus which met for the first time in Kuala Lumpur in April to discuss the harmonization of laws on human trafficking;

**Recognizing** that during the 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) and its related meetings in July 2009 in Myanmar, the ASEAN Member Countries agreed in principles to draft the ASEAN Convention on Trafficking in Persons.

**Hereby resolves to:**

**Call** the first meeting of the AIPA Ad-hoc Committee on Human Trafficking to work out details for its roles on the issue;

**Mandate** the Ad-hoc Committee on Human Trafficking to work together with the AIPA Caucus on the harmonization of laws on human trafficking;

**Work** with ASEAN and relevant international organizations such as the United Nations Organization on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and international parliamentary networks to

develop and improve laws and regulations on anti-trafficking in persons as a means to combat human trafficking;

**Facilitate** AIPA Members to share effective policies and measures on the issue to fight against human trafficking and to harmonize the laws among member countries on human trafficking;

**Engage** with ASEAN and provide parliamentary support and recommendations for ASEAN in the drafting process of the ASEAN Convention on Trafficking in Persons.