

## ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ORGANIZATION 27<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## RESOLUTION ON HUMAN-CENTERED APPROACH TO COUNTER TERRORISM: THE ROLE OF INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

The Twenty-Seventh General Assembly:

**Recalling** the Global Interfaith Dialogue held in Manila, Philippines last January 26, 2006 which aimed to foster multi-cultural and multi-religious understanding and tolerance that could help avert politico-religious tensions in the world's trouble spots;

**Concerned** with the continuous conflicts because of religious intolerance, hatred and extremism;

**Recognizing** the imperative of ASEAN and the responsibility of ASEAN and AIPO member countries to contribute to the promotion of culture of peace and a total rejection of using violence for whatever reasons not only within the region but also with the peoples of the world;

**Acknowledging** the importance of freedom for all individuals and peoples to hold, develop and preserve their faiths and religions in a national and international atmosphere of peace, human rights, tolerance, mutual understanding and respect;

## **Resolves to:**

*Call* on the leaders of ASEAN to promote Inter-Faith dialogue with the view to increase multicultural understanding among the followers of different religions;

**Encourage** all AIPO and ASEAN member countries to consider enacting laws and measures incorporating interfaith studies in the curricula at the post-elementary level to promote understanding and respect for the various faith and religions;

*Call on* all ASEAN member countries to acknowledge and respect the difference within and among the religions and faiths, and safeguard religious rights and freedom through legislation;

Call on ASEAN media to play a constructive role in promoting interfaith dialogues.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006 in Cebu City, Philippines.