

**RESOLUTION**  
**OF THE NINETEENTH AIPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**IN KUALA LUMPUR**  
**ON THE**  
**TREATY OF AMITY AND COOPERATION (TAC)**

**The 19<sup>th</sup> General Assembly:**

**Reaffirming** the importance of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) in Southeast Asia in strengthening regional peace and stability;

**Recognizing** that ASEAN has achieved the practical translation of regional cooperation in the spirit of amity, friendship and cooperation within Southeast Asia with the inclusion of nine members to the association;

**Believing** that during the regional economic crisis the cohesiveness and unity of ASEAN must be strengthened;

**Convinced** that early implementation of regional economic, social and political initiatives would accelerate the realization of ASEAN Vision 2020 and reduce the negative impact of external factors on the region's wellbeing;

**Recognising** the importance of the Second Protocol Amending the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia for the accession of non-Southeast Asian states to TAC.

**Resolves to:**

**Urge** the member countries of ASEAN to continue upholding the fundamental principles of the TAC in resolving their differences if any and reemphasizing their solidarity during this period of unprecedented regional economic crisis in order to accelerate economic recovery in the region and to further strengthen the foundation for a prosperous and peaceful Southeast Asia;

**Support** all ASEAN's efforts to commit non-Southeast Asian countries to friendly and constructive relations in the region.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1998.