



**ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ORGANIZATION**

**22<sup>nd</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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**RESOLUTION  
ON  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ASEAN UNIVERSITY**

**The Twenty-Second AIPO General Assembly:**

***Recalling*** that the Fourth ASEAN Summit held in Singapore in 1992 directed that ASEAN should help hasten the solidarity and the development of a region identity through the promotion of human resources development by considering ways to further strengthen the existing network of leading universities of higher learning in the ASEAN region with a view to ultimately establishing an ASEAN University based on this expanded network;

***Recalling*** further, that in the implementation of this decision, the Charter of ASEAN University Network (AUN) has been signed by the ASEAN Ministers responsible for higher education, while the Agreement on the Establishment of University Network has been signed by the President/Rectors/Vice-Chancellors of the eleven participating universities in November 1995; draft of said Charter and Agreement were, prior to the signing, prepared by the ASEAN Secretariat, in coordination with the ASEAN-Sub Committee on Education (ASCOE), which drafts were reviewed by an ASEAN Experts Group Meeting on ASEAN University Networking held at Bangkok from 20 to 21 April 1995;

***Recalling*** furthermore, that measures to further strengthen the AUN and fast track its transformation into the ASEAN University have been included under the Hanoi Plan of Action (1999 – 2004), the first of a series of plans of action formulated to fulfill the objective of ASEAN Vision 2020 which is to establish and outward looking, peaceful, stable, prosperous and united ASEAN;

***Recognizing*** that the general objective of the AUN is to strengthen the existing network of cooperation among universities in ASEAN by promoting collaborating studies and research programs on the priority areas identified by ASEAN while the specific

objectives are to promote cooperation and solidarity among scientist and scholars in the ASEAN Member Countries; to develop academic and professional human resources in the region, and to produce and transmit scientific and scholarly knowledge and information to achieve ASEAN goals;

***Convinced*** that these objectives of the AUN can further be achieved by the establishment of an ASEAN University;

***Aware*** that as aftermath of the AUN Seminar on Information Networking and Information Technology Development sponsored by the De La Salle Univerity (DLSU) on 27 – 29 March 2000 in Manila, a team from DLSU had prepared a proposal for an ASEAN Virtual University, which was submitted to the ASEAN Foundation for funding and;

***Convinced*** further, that the establishment of an ASEAN University will help foster “ASEANness” among youth scholars and academic professors in the region and agreed to set up a Working Committee to be composed of representatives of each ASEAN Nation that will take steps to fulfill the establishment of ASEAN University.

**Resolves to:**

***Call*** on ASEAN member countries to support the establishment of an ASEAN University in order to achieve the objectives of the ASEAN University Network.