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Responsive Parliaments for a Stable and Prosperous ASEAN

(Res. 44GA/2023/Soc/01)

## **RESOLUTION ON**

# THE ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE AIPA COUNCIL ON DANGEROUS DRUGS (AIPACODD) AND THE RESOLUTION ON SUPPORTING INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR DRUG-FREE ASEAN

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#### The Forty-fourth AIPA General Assembly:

**Recalling** Resolution 23GA/2002/Soc/07 on the *Terms of Reference of the AIPO Fact-Finding Committee (AIFOCOM) to Combat the Drug Menace* which stated that the AIFOCOM shall meet at least once a year, preferably in the country where the AIPA General Assembly is to be held that year, and Resolution 43GA/2022/Org/21 which resolved that the 44<sup>th</sup> General Assembly shall be held in the Republic of Indonesia;

**Further recalling** Resolution 38GA/2017/Soc/02 on *The Terms of Reference of the AIPACODD* which stated the transformation from AIFOCOM to AIPACODD as a parliamentary tool to fight dangerous drugs and mandated the AIPA Secretariat to ensure legal and mutual cooperation and the sharing of information and best practices among AIPA Member Parliaments to fight the drug menace;

**Noting** that the 6<sup>th</sup> AIPACODD Meeting was held in Bogor, Indonesia on 30-31 May 2023 hosted by the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia, and the report of the 6<sup>th</sup> AIPACODD Meeting including the Resolution on Supporting Inclusive Economic Growth for Drug-Free ASEAN;

**Recognizing** that the Report of the 6<sup>th</sup> AIPACODD Meeting and the Resolution on Supporting Inclusive Economic Growth for Drug-Free ASEAN demonstrated unified concern and action by AIPA Member Parliaments of achieving a drug-free ASEAN region.

#### Hereby resolves to:

*Adopt* the Report of the 6<sup>th</sup> AIPACODD Meeting and the Resolution on Supporting Inclusive Economic Growth for Drug-Free ASEAN.

Adopted on the ninth day of August 2023 in Jakarta, Indonesia.



Supporting Inclusive Economic Growth for Drug-Free ASEAN

# RESOLUTION ON SUPPORTING INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR DRUG-FREEASEAN

#### The 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of AIPACODD:

**Recalling** the ASEAN Declaration of Principles to Combat the Abuse of Narcotics Drugs, adopted by the Foreign Ministers of the five ASEAN founding members in 1976 in Manila;

*Further Recalling* the ASEAN Work Plan on Securing Communities Against Illicit Drugs 2016-2025 and ASEAN Plan of Action in Combating Transnational Crime 2016-2025 as common aspirations to achieve a Drug-Free ASEAN as enshrined in the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint 2025;

**Recognizing** the role of ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on DRUG Matters (ASOD) and the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters (AMMD) to monitor theprogress of implementation of the ASEAN Drug-Free Plan 2016–2025 as well as the important role of ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC) and the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) combating illicit drugs;

**Reaffirming** the Resolution on Alternative Development towards a Drug-Free ASEAN Community adopted at the 2nd Meeting of AIPACODD in 2019, theAlternative Development programmes is a main principle on drug control strategy to deter high risk population from getting involved in illicit crop cultivation especially illegal opium cultivation that provide them with income-generating opportunities affecting long-term economic development;

**Recognizing** that socio-economic factors especially income disparity, unemployment, and poverty are possible root causes of drug abuse, provoking vulnerable people, youths and marginalized groups of society;

**Noting** that the lucrative illicit drug motivates people to participate in the cultivation, manufacture, trafficking and sale of illicit drugs and that this impedes ASEAN from achieving the vision of a Drug-Free ASEAN;

**Realizing** the increasing complexity of drug-related problems, particularly with the emergence of new synthetic drugs (*new psychoactive substance/NPS*) and the useof cyberspace for drug trafficking to evade detection by the law enforcement agencies;

**Underscoring** the vital role of parliament in overseeing ASEAN Member States' legal

framework for formulating and implementing drug-abuse and trafficking policies and programmes;

**Acknowledging** that the inclusive economic growth incentivizes marginal groups of society away from drug use activities would create multiple benefits including the prevention of persons partaking in illicit drug activities;

**Acknowledging** that the innovation in cash crop and other gainful activities to substitute drug-based livelihood may reduce narcotic plants therefore ending drug production.

#### Hereby resolves to:

**Urge** ASEAN and ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) to strengthen collaboration with external parties, including Dialogue Partners and international organizations in combating drug trafficking and drug-related crimes;

**Call on** ASEAN Member States to strengthen bilateral, regional, and international cooperation through information, data sharing and the use of technology, conducting joint-projects, capacity building, and cross-sectoral alignment in dealingto deal with the root causes of drug abuse, drug trafficking, and illegal drug smuggling;

**Encourage** ASEAN Member States' national drug agencies in internalizing the economic impact of regional connectivity on the supply and demand of drugs;

*Call for* more concerted effort to solidify all government agencies and to intensify all regional and international cooperation in the fight against illegal drugs;

**Encourage** AIPA Member Parliaments to take account of inclusive economic development in drug-prone communities by strengthening national laws, stipulate more focussed national budget, and oversight;

*Facilitate* ASEAN Member States in prioritizing community-based intervention (CBI) as an economic growth approach in rehabilitation for drug abusers and, advocating and intensifying awareness on the danger and trend of drug abuse and additional funding for this sector;

**Urge** the AIPA Member Parliaments to support and boost the commercialization of agricultural products such as cash crop and other gainful activities by providing financial support to farmers while waiting for agricultural harvesting, as well as facilitating the distribution and supply chain of agricultural products by developing rural infrastructure as means to increase farmers' income.

Adopted on the thirtieth day of May 2023 in Bogor, Indonesia.