



**ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ORGANIZATION**  
**21<sup>st</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
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**RESOLUTION**  
**ON**  
**ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM (ARF)**

The Twenty-First General Assembly of AIPO, having reviewed the regional and international political developments and security issues its last General Assembly in Manila, Philippines in September 1999.

*Deems* it necessary to state the following:

*Reaffirms* ASEAN's commitment to continue to play an important role in the promotion of peace and stability in Southeast Asia and in the wider Asia-Pacific;

*Aware* that ASEAN's cooperation with its Dialogue Partners, the ASEAN+3 countries and other members in the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) would contribute to building such a regional environment of peace and stability in Southeast Asia and the wider Asia-Pacific;

*Convinced* that the ARF will facilitate successful dialogue and discussions on political and security issues of common interest and concern in the Asia-Pacific region.

***Encouraged*** by the positive development in the ARF process, including the Intersessional Support Group (ISG) on Confidence Building Measures (GBMs), the International Meeting on Disaster Relief and other activities which contributed to enhancing mutual confidence and co-operation among countries in the ARF;

***Recognize*** that while CBMs remain the primary focus of the ARF process, the ARF could advance in the development of the overlap between CBMs and preventive diplomacy (PD) as well as the concepts and principles of PD;

***Welcomes*** the entry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) into the ARF, and the positive developments on the Korean Peninsula, including the increased dialogue and exchanges between the DPRK and several ARF countries;

***Resolves to:***

***Intensify*** consultation and promote further progress of the ARF as a relevant forum for political and security dialogues and cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region;

***Encourage*** ASEAN member countries to continue their efforts to develop the concept and principles of preventive diplomacy that are applicable to the ARF;

***Support*** ASEAN playing a pivotal role in the ARF on political-security issues in the Asia-Pacific region;

***Support*** the on-going initiatives currently undertaken in the ARF pertaining to developing the Concepts and Principles on Preventive Diplomacy, the Enhanced Role of the ARF Chair, the Register of Experts/Eminent Persons, and the discussions on transnational crimes;

***Encourage*** the Nuclear Weapon States to accede to the Protocol to the Southeast Asian Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (SEANWFZ), so that a nuclear-free Southeast Asia could be realized;

***Encourage*** non-Southeast Asian participant in the ARF to support and eventually accede to the principles of the Treaty of Amity Co-operation (TAC), so an expression of their commitment to the promotion of regional peace and stability;

***Recommend*** greater interaction between the ARF and Track II for a, to generate new ideas to move the ARF process forward.