

27TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY 10 – 15 SEPTEMBER 2006, CEBU CITY. PHILIPPINES

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RESOLUTION

ON

DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The Twenty-Seventh General Assembly:

Mindful of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response signed at the 38th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the 26 July 2005, Vientiane, Laos;

Reiterating the vital need for commitment of the ASEAN and the international community on Disaster Management and Emergency Response;

Conscious that mere paper commitment would be futile without the corresponding active and effective participation of AIPO member countries in implementing the provisions stipulated in the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response;

Concerned by the devastating effects of disasters on the socio-economic development of all countries;

Resolves to:

Urge all AIPO member countries to prioritize the creation of a study committee on the feasibility of establishing a Standby ASEAN Disaster Relief Fund based on humanitarian contribution for rescue, relief and reconstruction in the aftermath of natural calamities befalling countries of Southeast Asia;

Call for the active effective participation by member countries in the implementation of the provisions stipulated in the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response;

Promote the need for national preparedness of ASEAN countries as a vital factor in effectively participating is disaster management and emergency response program in the regional or international level.

Adopted this 14th of September, 2006 in Cebu City, Philippines.