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**EXPLANATORY NOTE ON EXTENSION OF THE INCUMBENT AIPA
SECRETARY GENERAL'S WORKING AGREEMENT FOR 3 MONTHS FROM 1
OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Background

Under Article 15 of the Statute, the Secretary General is appointed by the President of AIPA with the approval of the General Assembly for a term of three (3) years on a rotational basis and in alphabetical order. Presently, refer to the Resolution 40GA/2019/Org/16, Hon. Nguyen Tuong Van was appointed as the Secretary General of AIPA for the period of 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2022. This year, the 43rd AIPA General Assembly will be held on 20 – 25 November 2022, ie, two months after her appointment was expired. This Resolution seeks to correct this irregularity.

Rationale

1. The incumbent is directly involved in the following:
 - a. Preparing the annual budget estimates and the annual reports, including Financial Reports for the General Assembly approval.
 - b. Responsible for the total expenditures for the Financial Year for which the incoming Secretary General is not held accountable.

As a result of this irregularity, hence, the outgoing Secretary General's term of office should end with her presenting the reports for that Financial Year, to enable the incoming Secretary General to start off on a fresh slate, so that she, too, can be held the same rigorous standards of transparency, accountability and fairness. She would, in turn, have to be answerable and accountable for her own actions, or inaction, during her term.

Recommendation

It is recommended that, to overcome the irregularity, the current Secretary General's term should be extended on 1 October for a term of three months and terminate on 31 September 2022

The General Assembly is urged to approve the proposed extension of working agreement of the incumbent Secretary General for a period of 3 months started 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022.
