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**REPORT OF
THE ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE**

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AIPA President, President of the National Assembly
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to submit the Report of the Committee of Organizational Matters.

1. The Committee met on 22 November 2022 at 08.00 hrs. The meeting was chaired by Hon. Mr. CHHIT Kimyeat, Vice-Chairman of Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, Media and Information of the Senate, and served as the Rapporteur Hon. Mr. KHUT Chandara, Member of the Commission on Planning, Investment, Agriculture, Rural Development, Environment and Water Resources of the National Assembly.
2. The Meeting was attended by the Secretary General of AIPA and delegates from eight (8) AIPA Member Parliaments.

Brunei Darussalam

- a) Hon. Pehin Dato Hj Judin Asar
- b) Ms. Siti Rozaimeryanty Dato Hj Abdul Rahman
- c) Ms. Rose Aminah Ismail

Cambodia

- a) Hon. Dr. Ly Chheng
- b) Hon. Mr. Hou Sry
- c) Hon. Mr. Say Borin (Senate)
- d) Hon. Mr. Leng Peng Long
- e) Hon. Mr. Srun Dara

Indonesia

- a) Hon. Dr. Mardani Ali Sera

Lao PDR

- a) Hon. Ms. Pingkham Lasasimma

- b) Hon. Mr. Thanta Kongphaly

Philippines

- a) Hon. Glona G. Labadlabad
- b) Hon. Ma. Lucille L. Nava
- c) Hon. Bai Dimple I. Mastura

Singapore

- a) Hon. Mr. Lim Biow Chuan
- b) Hon. Ms. Hany Soh
- c) Hon. Mr. Sharael Taha

Thailand

- a) Hon. Prof. Kanchanaratt Leevirojana
- b) Hon. Mr. Koson Pattama

Vietnam

- a) Hon. Mrs. Le Thu Ha
- b) Hon. Mrs. Mai Thi Phuong Hoa
- c) Hon. Mrs. Dinh Thi Phuong Lan

AIPA Secretariat

- d) Hon. Nguyen Tuong Van

3. The Meeting of the Committee on Organizational Matters was held in the traditional ASEAN spirit of friendship, unity and cooperation. The following resolutions were discussed and considered by the Committee on Organizational Matters:

Resolution on Financial Report 2021-2022

4. AIPA Member Parliaments unanimously agreed on the financial report of the AIPA Secretariat for the year 2021-2022. The committee suggested AIPA Secretariat to provide a list of assets to be presented in the future AIPA General Assemblies.

Resolution on Budget Estimation 2022-2023

5. AIPA Member Parliaments unanimously agreed on the budget estimation of the AIPA Secretariat for the year 2022-2023. The committee was informed that in every transition of the office of the AIPA Secretary General, the expenditures are normally increased, and this difference is covered from the savings account.

Resolution on Secretariat's Annual Report 2021-2022

6. Following the brief explanation on the Secretariat's Annual Report by the Secretary-General of AIPA, the Committee agreed and approved the resolution.

Resolution on Accrediting the United States Congress as an Observer of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)

Resolution on Accrediting the Parliament of Georgia as an Observer of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)

Resolution on Accrediting the National Assembly of Nepal as an Observer of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)

Resolution on Accrediting the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan as an Observer of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)

7. AIPA Member Parliaments welcomed the applications from the United States Congress, the Parliament of Georgia, the National Assembly of Nepal, and the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Meeting approved the four parliaments to be granted Observer status of AIPA.
8. During the deliberation, the Committee on Organizational Matters underlined the growing interest of Observer Parliaments to elevate the status of their relationship with AIPA. Thus, to ensure that AIPA and its Observers have enjoyed mutual and beneficial cooperation, the Committee recommended AIPA Member Parliaments and AIPA Secretary General to start the discussion with the Observer Parliaments regarding possible annual fees or contribution.
9. The Committee also considered to re-arrange the format of the Dialogue with Observer Parliaments based on geographical/geopolitical position or specific agenda topics.

Resolution on Renewal and Amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding between AIPA and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) to “Develop AIPA’s Capacity on Matters Concerning ASEAN Economic Community and ASEAN Economic Integration in Various Areas”

10. The Committee expressed appreciation to the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) for the great cooperation and contribution in facilitating the exchange of knowledge, best practices, ideas, and experiences to support the ASEAN Economic Integration Process. Following a brief explanation from the AIPA Secretary General regarding the renewal of the MoU, the Committee agreed to renew and also amend the Memorandum of Understanding between AIPA and ERIA to “Develop AIPA’s Capacity on Matters Concerning ASEAN Economic Community and ASEAN Economic Integration in Various Areas”.

Resolution on Renewal and Amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Cooperation between AIPA Secretariat and Freeland Foundation

11. The Committee fully supported the renewal and amendment of Memorandum of Understanding between AIPA and Freeland Foundation to continue the cooperation on Green Legislative Agenda, including the areas of wildlife, biodiversity conservation, and trafficking in person.

Resolution on Renewal and Amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding between AIPA and Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia) on “Capacity Development Program for Staff of the AIPA Member Parliaments”

12. The Committee expressed its gratitude and appreciation to the Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia) for its continued support to AIPA through the capacity development program for the secretariat staff of the AIPA Member Parliaments, which has been implemented for the last six years. The Committee thus approved the renewal and amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding with no observation.

Resolution on Creation of Annual Consultative Working Group Co-Facilitated by AIPA and PCAsia to Promote Transparent Data and Knowledge Sharing in Health Emergency Preparedness and Responses

13. Following the outcome of the first consultative meeting on *"The Role of Parliaments in Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Responses to Health Emergencies: Case Studies on Effectiveness and Impediments in National COVID-19 Responses"*, the committee took into consideration the recommendation of the AIPA Secretariat to form a consolidated health responses network between parliamentarians and CSOs. Hence, the Committee approved the creation of an annual consultative working group to promote transparent data and knowledge sharing regarding health emergency preparedness and responses.

Resolution on the Development of the AIPA 2023-2025 Strategic Plan Funded by the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) ASEAN

14. The Committee appreciated the work done by the AIPA Secretariat for successfully receiving the funding from the Government of Canada through the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI). The Committee also extended commendation to the Government of Canada for considering the funding application of AIPA Secretariat to develop the AIPA 2023-2025 Strategic Plan.
15. AIPA Member Parliaments recommended AIPA Secretariat to work closely with the donor, to ensure the achievement of the objectives of the project. The Committee then approved the formation of a Strategic Planning and Assessment Group that will soon provide inputs relative to the development of the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan of AIPA during the planning process and at a later time.

Resolution on the Establishment of AIPA Digital Law Library

16. The Committee agreed and approved the resolution following the deliberation and careful consideration. The Committee invited the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia to present the concept note of the initiative on the establishment of AIPA Digital Law Library. The Committee welcomed and considered the initiative and the study done by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia on the establishment of AIPA Digital Law Library.
17. The Committee agreed on the establishment of the AIPA digital Law Library and assigned the AIPA Secretariat to work closely with the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia to look for the donors for the project. The Committee also tasked the AIPA Secretariat to draft the Terms of Reference to be submitted to the upcoming AIPA General Assembly.

Resolution on AIPA Distinguished Service Award to H.E. Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Lela Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Abdul Rahman bin Dato Setia Haji Mohamed Taib, Speaker of the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam

Resolution on AIPA Distinguished Service Award to Hon. Kittisanghakbindit Khuon Sudary, Second Vice-President of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Chairperson of WAIPA

Resolution on AIPA Distinguished Service Award to Hon. Rose Marie J, Arenas, Former Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines

18. The Committee discussed the three nominations for the 2022 AIPA Distinguished Service Award submitted by the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam, the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and the House of Representatives of the Philippines. Following the criteria and guidelines of the AIPA Distinguished Service Award, the Committee took note that only two awards may be given at each General Assembly. However, the Committee unanimously decided to confer the AIPA Distinguished Service Award to all 3 nominees at this General Assembly in recognition of their meritorious services to AIPA.

Resolution on Appreciating the Service of Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin as President of AIPA

19. The Committee unanimously approved the resolution. On this opportunity, the AIPA Member Parliaments also expressed their gratitude and appreciation to Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin for his leadership and valuable contribution.

Resolution on Extension of the Incumbent AIPA Secretary General Working Agreement for Three Months from October to December 2022

20. Without any observation, the Committee approved the extension of the incumbent AIPA Secretary General Working Agreement for three months from October to December 2022.

Resolution on Appreciation on the Completion of the Service of the Fifth AIPA Secretary General Hon. Nguyen Tuong Van

21. The Committee approved the resolution with high appreciation to the fifth Secretary General of AIPA, Hon. Nguyen Tuong Van for her service in three years of her term.

Resolution on Appointment of the Sixth Secretary General of AIPA

22. The Committee supported the appointment of Hon. Siti Rozaimeriyanty DSLJ Haji Abdul Rahman from the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam as the sixth Secretary General of AIPA.

Resolution on Date and Venue of the 44th AIPA GA

23. The Head of Delegation of Indonesia informed the meeting that the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia will host the 44th AIPA General Assembly in August 2023. The exact date and venue will be announced in due course. The meeting welcomed the initial announcement by Indonesia.

24. Referring to the result of the Executive Committee Meeting, the Organizational Committee discussed the Draft MoU between Non-Alignment Movement Parliamentary Network (NAM-PN) and AIPA, proposed by the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Following the explanation by the AIPA Secretary General, the Committee Meeting on Organizational Matters agreed to mandate the AIPA Secretariat to proceed the MoU following the procedure and practice of AIPA, including but not limited to: study the document, seek inputs from AIPA Members, and table the Draft Resolution on the signing of the said MoU to the 44th AIPA General Assembly.
25. The Meeting of the Committee on Organizational Matters concluded at 10.50 hrs. on 22 November 2022.

Thank you for your attention.

HON. MR. CHHIT KIMYEAT
CHAIRPERSON

HON. MR. KHUT CHANDARA
RAPPORTEUR