



**4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE AIPA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON  
DANGEROUS DRUGS (AIPACODD)**

**24 May 2021, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam**

*Prevailing the Contemporary and Responsive Challenges towards  
Drug-Free ASEAN*

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**RESOLUTION ON  
PREVAILING THE CONTEMPORARY AND RESPONSIVE  
CHALLENGES TOWARDS DRUG-FREE ASEAN**

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs:**

**PP.1 *Reaffirming*** our resolve and commitment to continuously support and effectively implement the provisions set out in the ASEAN Work Plan on Securing Communities against Illicit Drugs 2016 – 2025 adopted by the Ministers at the 5<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters held on 20 October 2016 in Singapore;

**PP.2 *Recalling*** the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on ASEAN 2025: Forging Ahead Together signed on 22 November 2015 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia which reaffirmed the purposes and principles of The ASEAN Charter which reflects our desire and collective will to live in a region of lasting peace, security and stability, sustained economic growth, shared prosperity and social progress, as well as promote ASEAN interests, ideals and aspirations which includes a Drug-Free ASEAN;

**PP.3 *Recognising*** that the manufacturing, distribution and trafficking of illicit drugs remains a serious concern and becomes more challenging with globalization and the advancement of technology which can result in increasingly adverse public health and social consequences due to the abuse of drugs and psychotropic substances, including synthetic drugs and new psychoactive substances and their precursors;

**PP.4 *Acknowledges*** that AIPA plays a fundamental role as lawmakers in supporting ASEAN's 2025 Vision of a Drug-Free ASEAN to ensure the welfare of its people;

**PP.5 *Recalling*** the Resolution on Securing Drug-Free ASEAN Communities for Future Generations adopted during the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD) held on 18-21 June 2018, Singapore;

**PP.6 *Recalling further*** the Resolution on Turning Words into Actions towards A Drug Free ASEAN Community that was adopted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the AIPACODD on 29 June 2020 held virtually in Ha Noi, Vietnam;

**PP.7 *Fully aware*** of the current challenges faced by AIPA Member Parliaments in the arena of international drug policy reformation particularly the deletion of cannabis and cannabis resin from Schedule IV of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961 as decided by vote by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020; and the need to promote public awareness campaign on the deletion to prevent misinterpretation and abuse;

**PP.8 *Acknowledging*** the Narcotics Convention 1961 article 39 Application of Stricter National Control Measures than those required by this convention, which further implies that Member countries have the right to adopt stricter domestic arrangements, according to their respective considerations, when a substance is deemed dangerous;

**PP.9 *Keeping in mind*** the emerging challenges imposed by the current pandemic situation of COVID-19, ASEAN should not be complacent in addressing drugs issues as the new normal will impose challenges to drugs enforcement authorities in expanding its strategy and measures to combat illicit drug activities regionally and internationally;

**PP.10 *Welcoming*** the AIPA Secretariat's transformation plan in reaching AIPACODD's goal in the next 3 to 5 years by ensuring successful implementation of its activities through the sharing of the evaluation and the plan of action on the implementation of AIPA resolution as a measure to promote cooperation among ASEAN Member States;

**Hereby resolves to:**

**OP.1 *Strongly urge*** AIPA Member Parliaments to stand together in reaffirming its stance of zero tolerance and sharing common principles and responsibilities in view of promoting and protecting public health and safety from illicit drugs;

**OP.2 *Recommend*** ASEAN Member States to strengthen legislative, administrative, social and educational measures to protect our communities from drug abuse, and to prevent the illicit production and trafficking of illicit drugs;

**OP.3 *Call upon*** AIPA Member Parliaments to engage ASEAN Member States to put in place effective and practical measures that protect our communities, including from experimenting with drugs, by providing them with truthful information on the destructive nature of illicit drugs and to eliminate the influence of drug use in social media and other platforms as well as possible disinformation through social media campaigns;

**OP.4 *Promote*** ASEAN Member States' commitments in reaching a drug free ASEAN in this challenging situation by continuously working together through bilateral, international, cross border cooperation with effective projects and programmes;

**OP.5 *Strengthen*** cooperation with drug law enforcement agencies, national authorities, non-governmental organizations and local communities as well as other ASEAN sectoral bodies such as ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters (AMMD) and ASEAN Senior Officials on Drug Matters (ASOD); to ensure AIPACODD's commitment towards a drug-free ASEAN is attained;

**OP.6 *Provide*** dedicated drug prevention measures and programmes amongst ASEAN youth from all aspects including through education on the harmful effects of illicit drugs to ensure a safe and resilient community within ASEAN; and

**OP.7 *Reaffirm*** the menace of illicit drugs has no boundaries thus the need to continuously ensure the implementation of measures stated in the Resolution on Turning Words into Actions towards a Drug Free ASEAN Community to work effectively; and

**OP.8** *Call on further* co-operations in the region to strengthen and enhance national and regional capacity to fight against drugs amidst the current scenario of COVID-19 and future pandemics.

Approved on Monday, twenty-fourth day of May 2021 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam