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The Statutes of the  
ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY



## ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

### THE STATUTES OF THE ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY (AIPA)

#### PREAMBLE

**RECOGNIZING**, that the world's problems are growing larger in scope and more complicated in nature, and desiring to enhance friendship and mutual cooperation on matters affecting Southeast Asia in order to promote regional peace, stability and prosperity;

**AWARE**, that more direct and active participation by the peoples of the ASEAN Member States is of great importance in further promoting the aims of the ASEAN Declaration of 8 August 1967 made at Bangkok, Thailand, and in ensuring the continued success of regional endeavours;

**DETERMINED**, that more common efforts must be undertaken to give concrete substance to our brotherhood and friendship in meeting the challenges of developing our societies in this modern age;

**CONVINCED**, that the strength of ASEAN emanates from the roots of our societies and that closer cooperation among the respective legislatures would result in greater participation by the peoples of ASEAN Member States;

Taking into consideration the deliberations in the First ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 8 - 11 January 1975, the Working Committee Meeting at Tugu, Indonesia, from 12 - 15 May 1975, and the Second ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 20 - 23 August 1975; We, the Delegates of Brunei

Darussalam Legislative Council, the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat of the Republic of Indonesia, the National Assembly of Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Dewan Negara and Dewan Rakyat Malaysia, the PyidaungsuHluttaw of the Union of Myanmar, the Congress of the Philippines, the Parliament of Singapore, the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Thailand, and the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

**DO HEREBY DECLARE**

that an ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ORGANIZATION was established by virtue of the signing of the Statutes of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO) on 2 September 1977; that there is a need to transform the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO) into a more effective and closely integrated institution that in this regard the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO) shall now be called ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), and the following amended Statutes be effected;



**THE STATUTES OF  
THE ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY**

**PART I**

**NAME**

**Article 1**

The Statutes shall be cited as the Statutes of the ASEAN Inter Parliamentary Assembly.

**PART II**

**AIPA AND STATUTES**

**Article 2**

- 1) This Statutes is the supreme law of AIPA and any amendment to this Statutes by the General Assembly which is inconsistent with this Statutes shall, to that extent of inconsistency, be void.
- 2) Subject to this Article, the provision of this Statutes may be amended by the General Assembly.
- 3) A proposal to amend any provision in this Statutes shall not be passed by the General Assembly unless it has been supported by a general consensus of all the Member Parliaments.

**PART III**  
**AIMS AND PURPOSES**  
**Article 3**

The aims and purposes of AIPA shall be:

- 1) to promote solidarity, understanding, cooperation and close relations among parliaments of ASEAN Member States, other parliaments and parliamentary organisations;
- 2) to facilitate the achievement of the goals of ASEAN as constituted in the ASEAN Declaration of August 1967 made at Bangkok, Thailand, as well as the ASEAN Vision 2020 taking into account Bali Concord II 2003 leading to the realization of an ASEAN Community based on three (3) pillars: ASEAN Security Community (ASC), ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC);
- 3) to establish and maintain exchange and dissemination of information as well as coordination, interaction and consultations with ASEAN to offer parliamentary contributions to ASEAN integration and familiarizing the peoples of ASEAN with policies aimed at accelerating the realization of an ASEAN community;
- 4) to study, discuss and suggest solutions to problems of common interest and express its views on such issues with the aim of bringing about action and timely response by the members of AIPA;
- 5) to keep all AIPA member Parliaments informed of steps taken and progress achieved by each Parliament in realization of the aims and purposes of AIPA;
- 6) to promote the principles of human rights, democracy, peace, security and prosperity in ASEAN.

**PART IV**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

**Article 4**

- 1) AIPA membership shall be open to the National Parliaments of the ASEAN Member States.
  
- 2) The procedure for application and admission to the AIPA shall be prescribed by the Executive Committee.

**Article 5**

The words "National Parliament" shall mean for Brunei Darussalam Majlis Mesyuarat Negara (Legislative Council), for Cambodia Rathasaphea (National Assembly) and Prithasaphea (Senate), for Indonesia the Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat (House of Representatives), for Laos the Sapha Hengsat (National Assembly), for Malaysia the Dewan Negara (Senate), Dewan Rakyat (House of Representatives), for Myanmar the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw consisting of the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) and the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House), for the Philippines the Congress, for Singapore the Parliament, for Thailand the Rathasapha (National Assembly) and for Vietnam the Quoc Hoi (National Assembly) or any other national body performing legislative functions.

**RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

**Article 6**

- 1) Member Parliaments shall have equal rights and obligations under this Statutes.



- 2) Member Parliaments shall take all necessary measures to effectively implement the provisions of this Statutes and to comply with all obligations of membership.

## **ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBER**

### **Article 7**

- 1) The procedure of application and admission to AIPA shall be prescribed by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Assembly.
- 2) Admission shall be based on the following criteria:
  - (i) location in the recognised geographical region of Southeast Asia;
  - (ii) recognition by all ASEAN Member States;
  - (iii) agreement to be bound and to abide by the Statutes; and
  - (iv) ability and willingness to carry out the obligations of Membership
- 3) Admission shall be decided by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
- 4) An applicant parliament shall be admitted to AIPA upon signing an instrument of Accession to the Statutes.

## **OBSERVER AND GUEST**

### **Article 8**

- A 1) "Observer" means any Parliament other than a Member Parliament who is conferred a formal status of an Observer by a letter of accreditation by the General Assembly and shall be a national or regional parliament of a state or states having diplomatic recognition from all ASEAN Member States.

- 2.a) The dialogue between observer delegations and the AIPA may be included in the business of the General Assembly.
  - 2.b) Observer delegations shall be permitted to attend and make statements at the first plenary session of the General Assembly.
  - 2.c) Statements by observers shall be confined to matters of mutual concern and common interest.
  - 2.d) The dialogue between observer and AIPA shall be recorded.
- B 1) "Guest" means any other parliament, organisation, other bodies or external parties without being conferred a formal status of an observer.
- B 2) Guest(s) may be invited to make a statement at the first plenary session of the AIPA General Assembly, after the speeches from AIPA Member Parliaments

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**Article 9**

- 1) There shall be a General Assembly of AIPA consisting of delegations from each member Parliament comprising not more than fifteen (15) members, headed by the Speaker or his representative. At least three (3) of the members shall be women parliamentarians.
- 2) The General Assembly shall be the policy-making body AIPA and shall meet at least once a year, unless otherwise decided by the Executive Committee.
- 3) The venue of the General Assembly shall be rotated among the Member Parliaments in alphabetical order, unless otherwise decided by the General Assembly. In the event that a member parliament is unable to host the General Assembly, the Executive Committee shall decide on the venue.

- 4) To ensure continuity, each member parliament, wherever possible, shall nominate at least five members who have attended the immediate past General Assembly to participate in the next General Assembly.
- 5) The General Assembly may adopt policy initiatives and provide inputs to policy formulation and propose legislative initiatives on issues of common concern for recommendation to the respective Governments of ASEAN Member States for their consideration.
- 6) Discussions in the General Assembly may be held on subjects placed on the agenda by the Executive Committee. Other motions and proposals may be discussed if the General Assembly unanimously decides to take them into consideration.
- 7) Decisions by the General Assembly on any subjects shall be made by consensus. Matters on which consensus cannot be attained shall be dropped.
- 8) Records of proceedings of the General Assembly, together with all official documents pertaining to it, shall be kept in the AIPA Secretariat.

## **THE PRESIDENCY**

### **Article 10**

- 1) The Presiding Officer of the National Parliament of the member state in which the General Assembly is to be held shall be the President of AIPA and the President of the General Assembly. The heads of delegations of other National Parliaments shall sit as Vice-Presidents. In the event that the President of AIPA is unable to preside at the General Assembly for any reason whatsoever, one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside over the Assembly.

- 2) The term of office of the President shall commence immediately upon the conclusion of the current General Assembly and shall continue until the conclusion of the following General Assembly.
- 3) The President shall promote the aims and principles of AIPA and shall work with National Parliaments in ASEAN Member States to strengthen the parliamentary institution and the roles of parliaments in the affairs of the ASEAN region.
- 4) The President shall ensure an effective and timely response to urgent issues or crisis situations affecting ASEAN after consultations with other member Parliaments, including providing its good offices and such other arrangements to immediately address these concerns.
- 5) The President, when invited, will attend the ASEAN Summit and is hereby authorized to invite the Chairman of the ASEAN Standing Committee or its representatives to attend the AIPA General Assembly and other AIPA meetings. In the discharge of his function of communicating with ASEAN, the President shall act consistently with the policy directions of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee.
- 6) The President shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee.
- 7) The President, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, shall have the power to convene the meeting at such place and time as deemed necessary.
- 8) The President shall consider and recommend membership in AIPA and the participation of Observers and Guests to the Executive Committee.

- 9) The President shall carry out such other tasks and functions as may be mandated by the General Assembly.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### Article 11

1. a) There shall be an Executive Committee comprising not more than three (3) members from each Member Parliament, one of whom shall be the Speaker of Parliament or Head of delegation.
1. b) Where the Speaker is unable to attend, he or she shall appoint another member to be the Head of delegation.
1. c) All members of the Executive Committee shall be members of their respective National Parliament.
1. d) For each meeting of the Executive Committee, the members shall elect from among themselves a Vice-Chairman.
2. a) The Executive Committee may meet at least three (3) months prior to the General Assembly.
2. b) No Standing Committee shall meet before an Executive Committee has met to prepare the programme and agenda for the Standing Committee.
2. c) The Executive Committee members may, by way of circulating documents or through video conferencing, prepare the programme, agenda and other relevant matters pertaining to the General Assembly.

3. a) The Executive Committee members shall meet upon the request of any Member Parliament to discuss and act on urgent matters of common interests.
3. b) Any decision adopted during an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee shall be submitted to the next General Assembly for ratification
- 4) The term of office of the Executive Committee shall commence immediately upon the conclusion of the General Assembly and shall continue until the conclusion of the following General Assembly.

## Article 12

The Executive Committee shall have the following powers and functions:

- 1) to consider and recommend membership in AIPA and the participation of Observers and Guests to the General Assembly;
- 2) to develop new initiatives for AIPA activities;
- 3) to monitor the implementation of resolutions approved by the General Assembly;
- 4) to prepare the agenda and program as proposed by Member Parliaments for the approval of the General Assembly;
- 5) to propose the setting up of standing, study, ad hoc committees or sub-committees of a standing committee whenever necessary;
- 6) to formulate its own rules of procedure;
- 7) to consider the Annual Report of the Secretary General on the work of AIPA;

- 8) to consider the report of the Secretary General on the functions and operations of the AIPA Secretariat; and
- 9) to undertake other tasks provided in this Statutes or such other functions as may be assigned by the President of AIPA and the General Assembly.

## **THE COMMITTEES**

### **Article 13**

The General Assembly may establish standing, study and ad-hoc committees or such subcommittees of a standing committee on specific matters to implement its decision consistent with the aims and purposes of AIPA.

## **THE SECRETARIAT**

### **Article 14**

- 1) The Secretariat is the administrative body of AIPA.
- 2) The AIPA Secretariat shall be at the city where the ASEAN Secretariat is located, unless the General Assembly decides otherwise.

## **PART V**

## **SECRETARY GENERAL**

### **Article 15**

- 1) The Secretary General shall be 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. In the event a Member Parliament is unable to nominate a candidate for the position of a Secretary General, the vacancy will be offered to the Member Parliament next in line.

- 2) The Secretary General shall domicile in the country where the Secretariat of AIPA is located.
- 3) In the event of an unexpected vacancy during the term of office of the Secretary General, the vacancy will be filled by a person nominated from the Member Parliament next in line for the position of the Secretary General.
- 4) The nomination shall be made within one month of the vacancy arising and the nominated person shall be appointed by the President of AIPA to be ratified at the next General Assembly.
- 5) The Secretary General shall be the Head of the AIPA Secretariat and the Chief Executive Officer of AIPA. The Secretary General shall have the following functions and duties:
  - a) be responsible to the President of AIPA;
  - b) take charge of the Secretariat and be responsible for the discharge of all functions and responsibilities entrusted to him by the General Assembly, the Executive Committee and AIPA committees;
  - c) assist the President of AIPA in managing the work of the Executive Committee and the General Assembly;
  - d) transmit all resolutions and decisions taken by the General Assembly for noting or implementation to the AIPA Member Parliaments;
  - e) represent AIPA as an observer in international parliamentary conferences;
  - f) act as a channel of formal communication between AIPA and ASEAN and other international and regional organizations, governments and parliaments;
  - g) prepare the annual budget estimates of the secretariat, annual reports, including financial reports, and present the same for



- approval by the General Assembly through the Executive Committee;
- h) manage the finances of AIPA, and be accountable for the usage of funds as approved by the General Assembly;
  - i) perform any other duties as directed by the President of AIPA, the Executive Committee and the General Assembly;
  - j) appoint the staff of the Secretariat of AIPA;
  - k) uphold the highest standards of integrity, efficiency and competence in the performance of his or her duties; and
  - l) not to seek or receive instructions from any government or external party outside of AIPA.
- 6) In the discharge of his or her functions, the Secretary General shall be guided by the Statutes of AIPA, the relevant decisions of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee and Committees of AIPA and all the rules and procedures laid down by the General Assembly.
- 7) Each AIPA Member Parliament undertakes to respect the exclusively AIPA character of responsibilities of the Secretary General and not to seek to influence him or her in the discharge of his responsibilities.

**PART VI**  
**NATIONAL SECRETARIAT**  
**Article 16**

- 1) Each Member Parliament shall establish an AIPA National Secretariat which shall:
- i) Serve as national focal point;
  - ii) be the repository of information on all AIPA matters;
  - iii) coordinate the implementation of AIPA programmes;
  - iv) coordinate and support the preparations of the General Assembly;
  - v) promote AIPA identity and awareness at the national level; and

- vi) contribute to ASEAN Community building.
- 2) All AIPA National Secretariats or representatives of Member Parliaments shall maintain regular contacts with the Secretariat of AIPA.
  - 3) They shall submit an annual report of their AIPA-related parliamentary activities, particularly on the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly at least two (2) months prior to the next General Assembly.
  - 4) Resolutions approved by the General Assembly shall be disseminated by each AIPA National Secretariat to their respective Parliaments and Governments to promote their implementation.
  - 5) All AIPA National Secretariats should inform the AIPA Secretariat of any action taken by their respective Parliaments and Governments on resolutions approved and policy and legislative initiatives adopted by the General Assembly and such information shall be included in the AIPA Secretariat's Annual Report to the General Assembly.

**PART VII**  
**BUDGET AND FINANCE**  
**Article 17**

**AIPA Secretariat Operational Budget**

- A. 1) AIPA shall establish financial regulations and procedures.
- 2) The AIPA Secretariat shall be provided with the necessary financial resources to perform its functions effectively.
  - 3) The operational budget of the AIPA Secretariat shall be met by AIPA Member Parliaments through equal annual contributions which shall be remitted by the end of February each year.
  - 4) The Secretary General shall prepare the annual budget estimates of the AIPA Secretariat for approval by the General Assembly.

- 5) The AIPA Secretariat shall operate in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Procedures determined by the General Assembly.
- 6) The AIPA Secretariat shall have the power to accept donations which shall form part of its funds.

### **AIPA Special Fund**

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- 1) An account referred to as the AIPA Special Fund shall be operated by the AIPA Secretariat.
  - 2) Part of the annual contributions, as determined by the General Assembly, shall be placed in the AIPA Special Fund.
  - 3) Monies in the AIPA Special Fund shall not be used as operational budget by the Secretariat without the approval of the General Assembly.
  - 4) The AIPA Special Fund shall be audited along with the Income and Expenditure of the AIPA Secretariat.

### **Expenditures for Meetings**

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- 1) The expenses for hosting the General Assembly and Executive Committee meetings of AIPA shall be borne by the host parliament.
  - 2) Expenses for meetings of AIPA Standing, Study or Ad-Hoc Committees and Sub Committees of the Standing Committees of AIPA shall be paid by the host Parliament, except by request of the host Parliament, and the General Assembly may approve partial reimbursement from the AIPA Special Fund.
  - 3) The costs of the attendance of the President of AIPA at the ASEAN Summits shall be charged to the AIPA Special Fund.

**PART VIII**  
**PARTNERSHIP WITH ASEAN**  
**Article 18**

- 1) AIPA shall establish regular communication, interaction and consultation with ASEAN to ensure better coherence and cooperation between the ASEAN governments, the National Parliaments of ASEAN Member States, and stakeholders in ASEAN, as well as to enhance relationships with ASEAN bodies.
  
- 2) The President of AIPA and the Secretary General shall represent AIPA consistent with the policy directions of the General Assembly when conducting relations and activities with ASEAN.

**PART IX**  
**WORKING LANGUAGE**  
**Article 19**

The working language of AIPA shall be English.

**PART X**  
**IDENTITY AND SYMBOL**

**AIPA IDENTITY**  
**Article 20**

AIPA shall promote its common ASEAN identity and a sense of belonging among its peoples in order to achieve its shared destiny, goals and values.

## **AIPA MOTTO**

### **Article 21**

AIPA shall have the same motto as ASEAN: “One Vision, One Identity, One Community”

## **AIPA FLAG**

### **Article 22**

The AIPA flag shall be as shown as *Annex 1*.

## **AIPA LOGO**

### **Article 23**

The AIPA emblem shall be as shown as *Annex 2*.

## **AIPA ANTHEM**

### **Article 24**

AIPA shall have an anthem.

## **PART XI**

### **ENFORCEABILITY CLAUSE**

#### **Article 25**

All instruments, resolutions and working arrangements pertaining to the AIPA subsisting prior to the amendment of the Statutes of AIPA which are not inconsistent with this Statutes shall continue to be in force and deemed enforceable.

## **AMENDMENTS**

### **Article 26**

- 1) Proposals to amend the Statutes of AIPA shall be made formally in writing and submitted to the Secretary-General at least three (3) months prior to the commencement of the General Assembly.

- 2) The Secretary-General shall, without delay, communicate the proposed amendments to each Member Parliament. The Secretary-General shall, if necessary, also communicate to Member Parliaments any counter-proposals at least one (1) month prior to the commencement of the General Assembly
  
- 3) Any amendments to the Statutes of AIPA and other relevant documents pertaining to the organization shall be approved by the General Assembly

## Annex 1



**AIPA FLAG**

“The AIPA Flag represents the General Assembly of AIPA. The AIPA Logo shall be in the epicentre of the flag and conveys Strong and Tough, Modern, Relevant and Responsive AIPA. The background color of the AIPA flag is dark blue which represents maturity and strength.”

## Annex 2



**AIPA LOGO**

“The Triangle in the AIPA logo represents Parliament as the summit of a nation and one of the bulwark of democracy. The Triangle forms an upward arrow that reflects growth, improvements, direction, purposes and destination. The Triangle also forms an alphabet “A” to represent “AIPA.”

The logogram creates a visual imagery of a strong standing mountain that represents stability, prosperity and strength. The Ten Lines which consist of 5 Blue Lines and 5 Gold Lines represent the ten AIPA member parliaments.

The Flowing Ribbons with its gradient colors represent dynamic and energetic movements, while the Folding Ribbons represent flexibility, relevance, responsiveness and interconnection among AIPA member parliaments. The interconnecting ribbons represent Unity and Solidarity, while at the same reflect the Sense of Belongingness and Ownership among the people of ASEAN.

The five interlocking ribbons that form a triangle or upward arrows represent some of the values that AIPA member parliaments would like to live by, namely, the pursuit of peace, stability, unity, prosperity and good governance.

The colors of the logogram denote the following:

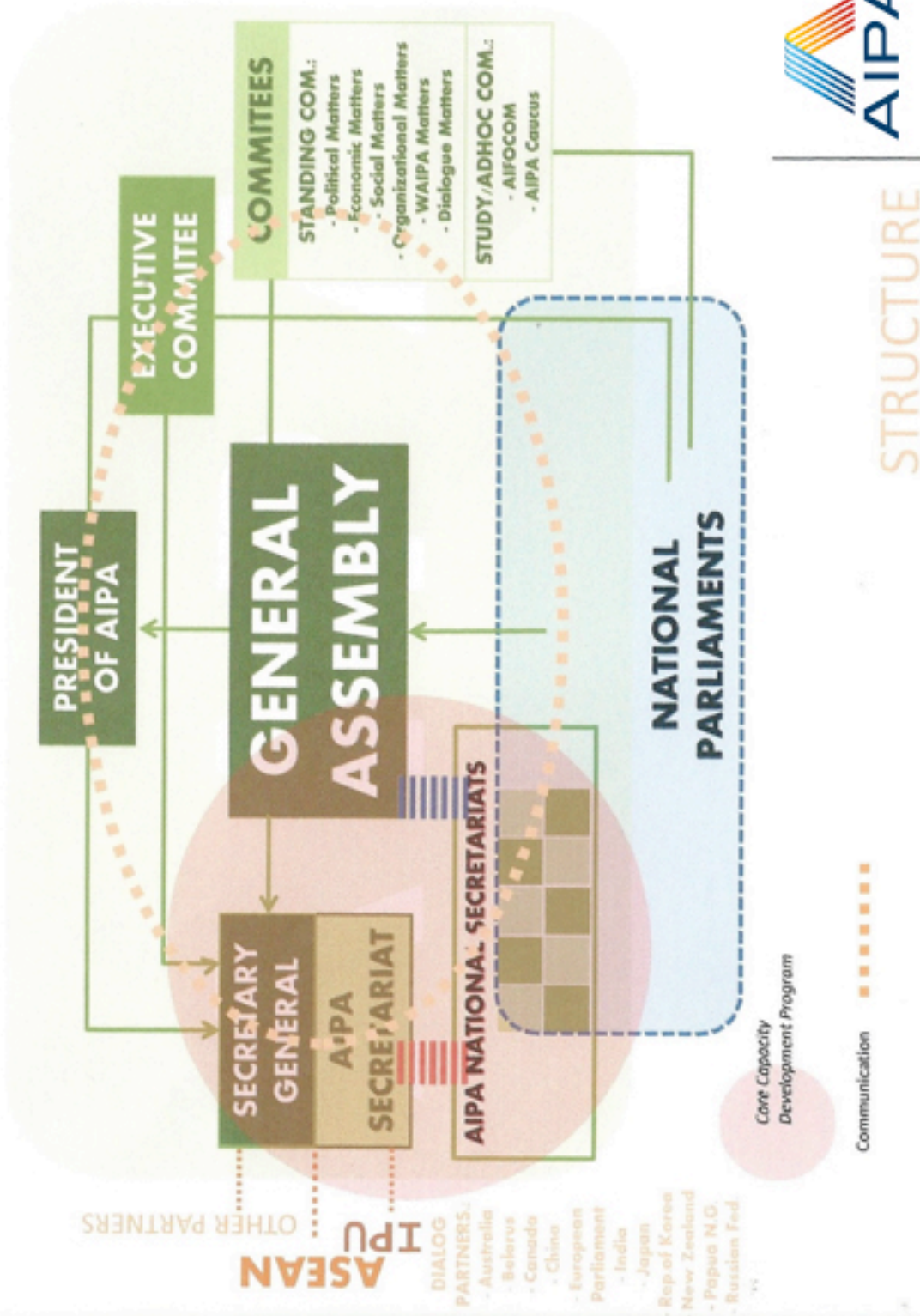
- Light Blue represents peace and stability;
- Dark Blue represents maturity and strength;
- Red represents courage, valor and determination; and
- Gold represents friendliness and prosperity.

The acronym AIPA is in bold to capture the spirit of AIPA. The layout is justified to the same width as the base of the triangle to convey constancy, solidarity and stability. The total presentation conveys Strong and Tough, Modern, Relevant and Responsive AIPA.”



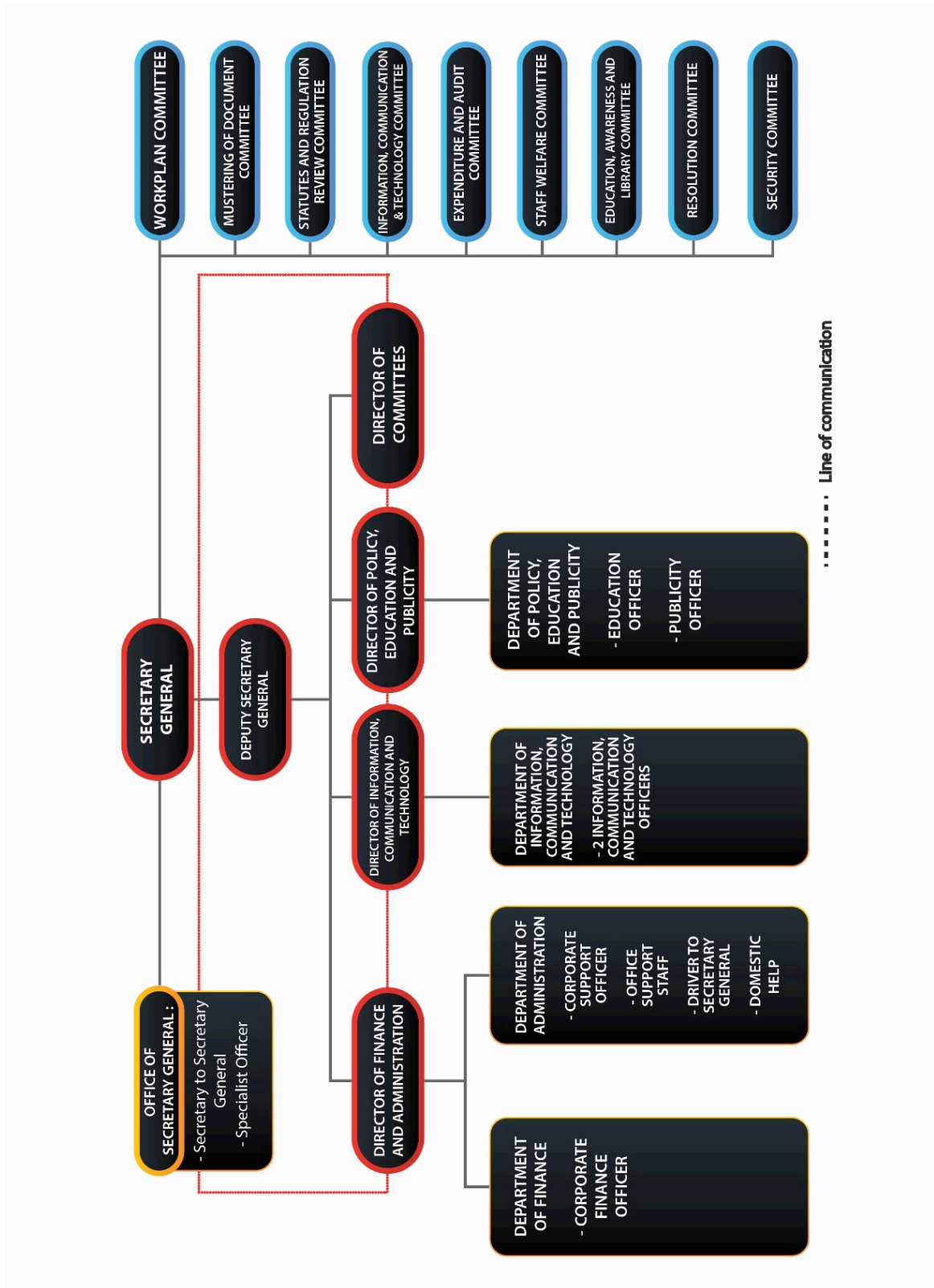
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1. Organizational Structure of AIPA
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On the Amendments to the Statutes of the AIPA



STRUCTURE

Annex 2





36<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY  
KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA  
6<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015

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Res.36GA/2015/Org/01

RESOLUTION ON  
THE AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES OF THE AIPA

*The Thirty-Sixth General Assembly :*

**Recalling** Resolution 26GA/2005/Org/05 and Resolution 26GA/2005/Org/06, held from 18-23 September 2005 in Vientiane, Lao PDR, which mandated the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia to host the AIPO Ad Hoc Community Meeting on the Transformation of AIPO into a More Effective and Closely Integrated Institution, and one of the tasks of that committee is to amend certain fundamental articles of the Statutes of AIPO;

**Recalling further** Resolution 27GA/06/O-11 on the Amendments to the Statutes of AIPO, in Cebu City, Philippines, which states that to achieve the goals of transforming AIPO it was deemed necessary to amend the Statutes of AIPO and the renaming of the organisation from AIPO to AIPA;

**Stressing** that the AIPA Special Fund shall be only used for expenditures other than that for the Secretariat.

**Calling** upon the AIPA Member Parliaments to unanimously adopt the amendments;

**Hereby resolves to:**

**Approve and adopt** the Amendments to the Statutes of AIPA as attached, and it will come into force on 1 October 2015.

Adopted on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2015 at the 36<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



38<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY  
MANILA, PHILIPPINES  
14 - 20 SEPTEMBER 2017

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RES.38GA/2017/ORG/XX

RESOLUTION ON  
AMENDEMENTS TO THE STATUTES OF THE AIPA

*The Thirty-Eighth General Assembly:*

**Recalling** Resolution 26GA/2005/Org/05 and Resolution 26GA/2005/Org/06, held from 18-23 September 2005 in Vientiane, Lao PDR, which mandated the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia to host the AIPO Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on the Transformation of AIPO into a More Effective and Closely Integrated Institution, and one of the tasks of that committee is to amend certain fundamental articles of the Statutes of AIPO;

**Recalling further** Resolution 27GA/06/O-11 on the Amendments to the Statutes of AIPO, in Cebu City, Philippines, which particularly emphasized the need to cope with the dynamics of regional and international cooperation in respect of the collective efforts for the attainment of the objectives of the ASEAN Community by 2025;

**Recognizing** the importance for identity enhancement, and to raise awareness about AIPA among its members, stakeholders and beyond amidst challenges and progress it has endeavored;

**Aware of** the need for AIPA to introduce the new AIPA flag and logo in the Statutes;

**Noting** the possibility to amend the Statutes of AIPA as stipulated in Chapter XI, Article 26;

**Calling** upon the AIPA Member Parliaments to unanimously adopt the amendments;

**Hereby resolve to:**

**Approve and Adopt** the Amendments to the Statutes of AIPA as attached and it will come into force on 19 September 2017.

Adopted on 19 September 2017 during the 38th AIPA General Assembly in Manila, Philippines.



**40<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY  
25 - 30 AUGUST 2019  
BANGKOK, THAILAND**

*Advancing Parliamentary Partnership for Sustainable Community*

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*(Res 40GA/2019/Org/04)*

**RESOLUTION ON  
GUIDELINES OF AIPA ENGAGEMENT WITH GUESTS AND OBSERVERS**

**The Fortieth AIPA General Assembly:**

**Considering** that the AIPA General Assembly is the policy-making body of AIPA and it is mandated to meet at least once a year, unless otherwise decided by the Executive Committee, as provided for in paragraph (2) Article 9 of AIPA Statutes;

**Noting** Resolution No. WC8/PL2/OR/RES.05 on Enhancing the Achievement and Effectiveness of AIPO which resolved a set of procedures for AIPO committees and contacts with other Parliaments;

**Considering** the desire of other Parliaments to engage as Guests and Observers, as well as to enhance a closer relation with AIPA;

**Recalling** the request by the Committee on Organizational Matters of the 38th AIPA General Assembly to task AIPA Secretariat to draft Guidelines on the Accreditation of Observers of AIPA;

**Further recalling** the mandate by the Committee on Organizational Matter of the 39th AIPA General Assembly to AIPA Secretariat to convene an Ad-Hoc Working Group Meeting to discuss the draft Guidelines on AIPA Engagement with Guests and Observers;

**Taking into account** the inputs and recommendations from the Ad-Hoc Working Group Meeting, which was convened from 27 to 28 April 2019 in Bali, Indonesia;

**Calling upon** the AIPA Member Parliaments to unanimously adopt the guidelines.

**Hereby resolves to:**

**Approve and adopt** the Guidelines of AIPA Engagement with Guests and Observers.

**Amend** the Article 8 point 2.b of AIPA Statutes to follow the new guidelines, which shall henceforth read as follows:

2.b) Observer delegations shall be permitted to attend and make statements at the first plenary session of the General Assembly.

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Adopted on the twenty-ninth day of August 2019 in Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand