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**RESOLUTION
ON
REGIONAL MARITIME SECURITY AND ANTI-PIRACY COOPERATION**

The Twenty-Seventh General Assembly:

Recognizing that maritime security is an indispensable and fundamental condition for the welfare and economic security of the ASEAN region;

Concerned that piracy and armed robbery against ships at sea and the potential terrorist attacks on vulnerable sea lane continue to threaten the growth of the region and disrupt the stability of global commerce, particularly as these have become tools of transnational organized crime;

Further concerned with the massive incidents of marine pollution, smuggling and contraband of drugs, illegal fishing and trafficking in persons

Aware that most maritime armed-robberies at sea in the ASEAN region occur in the coastal, straits and archipelagic waters wherein ships are attacked by heavily armed pirates using fast crafts as well as fishing vessels;

Mindful of the weak maritime law enforcement, lack of adequate equipment in terms of operationally ready vessels, maritime patrol aircraft and radar stations which effectively provide pirates and sea-robbers sanctuary and strength, and eventually evade prosecution;

Acknowledging that it is of utmost necessity to step up broad-based regional cooperative efforts to combat piracy and other threats to maritime security, through cooperation and coordination among all institutions concerned, such as naval units, coastal patrol and law enforcement agencies, shipping companies, crews and port authorities;

Resolves to:

Urge all ASEAN member countries to have a strict and effective implementation of relevant national, regional and international laws, instruments, recommendations and guidelines for the suppression of piracy and armed-robbery against ships, such as those by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation of 1988 and its Protocol for the Suppression of

Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf, and the International Maritime Organization;

Call on all ASEAN member countries to affirm their responsibilities to prosecute perpetrators of acts of piracy and armed-robbery against ships, in accordance with their relevant domestic and national laws;

Encourage all ASEAN member countries to have bilateral and multilateral maritime cooperation among them to combat piracy which includes the increase of personnel communication, information exchange and anti-piracy exercises on the basis of respecting territorial integrity, sovereignty and jurisdiction in accordance with the principles of voluntary participation and in line with the respective applicable international conventions.

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