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**RESOLUTION**

**ON**

**ACCELERATING THE  
INITIATIVE FOR ASEAN INTEGRATION (IAI)**

The Twenty-Seventh General Assembly:

**Reaffirming** the strategic importance of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) for the promotion of the integration of new AIPO member states into the ASEAN, particularly by way of the reduction of the development gaps between said states and the older members of ASEAN;

**Cognizant** of the common goal of an ASEAN Economic Community by 2020 that will create a single economic entity, with an enlarged market of 550 million, and a free flow of goods, services, investments, skilled labor and capital;

**Noting** that the AIPO member states must complement the growth and the emerging economic needs arising from the phenomenal growth of China and India, the re-emergence of Japan from a decade of stagnation and the re-making of Korea into a new growth area, in order to benefit from the dynamism of such economies;

**Recognizing** that AIPO member states must not neglect but instead further strengthen its longstanding relations with existing partners like the US and Europe while establishing ties with new partners such as the Middle East and Russia;

**Stressing** that while strengthening cooperation with external partners, AIPO member states must also enhance cooperation internally within the group, through initiatives like the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) and the ASEAN Investment Area (AIA) and the proposed ASEAN Charter;

**Determined** to push through with the completion the IAI Work Plan as a rolling plan for the six-year period from 2002 to 2008 with its 129 projects that cover the development of legal, institutional and regulatory frameworks and the technical capacity building among the new member states of the AIPO member states;

**Resolves to:**

**Accelerate** further the pace of ASEAN integration through the enhancement of trade, technology and investment linkages between the member countries, especially in the identified eleven priority sectors for accelerated integration, that include agro-based products, automotives, electronics, fisheries, rubber-based products, textile and apparels, wood-based products, air travel, e-ASEAN (ICT), healthcare and tourism as well as education;

**Enhance** the complementation of strengths of each country through an integrated market and supply chains in the region that will leverage on competitive and comparative advantages of different countries in AIPO member states to optimize production;

**Pursue** ways to open up more economic sectors, remove non-tariff barriers and reduce costs for businesses to operate seamlessly across the individual economies;

**Provide** regional interconnectivity that will physically connect the source, production and market centers in the region and render accessible the global market through air, land and sea links.

**Support** the adoption of the proposed ASEAN Charter as an important step in the eventual integration of the region; and

**Urge** governments of the AIPO countries that while moving forward in the integration efforts that the same time address the economic diversity of states in the region.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2006 in Cebu City, Philippines.