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REPORT
ON
THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE AIPO
AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Mr. President,

It is my great honor to submit the following Report on the Dialogue of AIPO with the Delegation of the Peoples' Republic of China:.

1. The Dialogue was held on 12 September 2006 from 2:45 to 4:30 in the afternoon, with the undersigned as Chairperson.
2. The Dialogue Meeting was attended by the following delegates:

People's Republic of China

1. Hon. Wang Ying Fan
2. Hon. Chen Zhangliang

Cambodia

1. Hon. Mr. Chitt Kim Yeat
2. Hon. Ho Naun

Indonesia

1. Hon. Murdaya W. Poo
2. Hon. Jaka A. Singgih
3. Hon. Suharso Monoarfa
4. Mr. Edwin Kawilarang

Lao People's Democratic Republic

1. Hon. Dr. Koukeo Akhamountry
2. Hon. Ousavanh Thiengthepvongsa
3. Mr. Pakonexay Sithirajvongsa

Malaysia

1. Hon. Datuk Lim Si Cheng

Philippines

1. Hon. Robert Ace S. Barbers - Chairperson

Singapore

1. Hon. Chan Soo Sen
2. Hon. Dr. Ahmad Magad
3. Hon. Seah Kian Peng

Thailand

1. Hon. Narong Nunthong
2. Hon. Boonton Dockthaisong

Vietnam

1. Hon. Vu Mao
2. Hon. Do Ngoc Quang

Brunei Darussalam

1. Yang Mulia Rakiah binti Haji Lamit
2. Yang Mulia Haji Adanan bin Haji Manggong

3. At the beginning, the undersigned, as Chairperson of the Dialogue Meeting, introduced the Head of the China delegation. Other delegations of the AIPO and Observers were invited to introduce themselves.
4. After introduction, the Chairperson invited all delegates to consider 8 topics, which have been endorsed at the First Plenary Session of the 27th AIPO General Assembly, held on 11 September 2006. .
5. After consideration, the Chairperson invited the Delegation of China to give a comprehensive presentation. Then, the AIPO Members and Observers were invited to give their comments on those topics, and raise any questions to China to respond.
6. The Dialogue was conducted in the spirit of friendship and mutual understanding. The delegates very actively discussed 8 topics, and the highlights of the Meeting are as follows:
 - a. In his opening statement, the Hon. Wang Ying Fan said that he was there in New York during “9-11” and that he personally witnessed the same. He then remarked that the security issues of today require that nations be all linked together, and in the present context, China is looking forward to closer contact and greater cooperation. Emphasizing China’s priority of preserving safe passage in the Malaccas Strait, Mr. Wang also pointed out the importance of addressing of non-traditional security matters, such as disaster relief, preventive diplomacy, anti-narcotics, etc.
 - b. Upholding China’s policy against nuclear proliferation, Mr. Wang stated that China adheres to the U.N. Security Council’s resolution against the firing of missiles, hence, it does not condone what North Korea did recently notwithstanding its friendship with the latter. Insofar as Taiwan is concerned, Mr. Wang also stated that China could never accept an independent Taiwan and would prevent it from happening no matter what the cost. However, to preserve

peace and stability across the Taiwan Straits, China encourages direct contact with Taiwan considering that it also wants peace in order to concentrate on economic development

c. While acknowledging its very respectable GDP, Mr. Wang admitted that China has its limitations, particularly failures in its anti-pollution efforts and its poor ratio of energy saved vis-à-vis energy produced, hence, doubts about the sustainability of its development. Nevertheless, constantly aware of its high growth, Mr. Wang sought to dispel the perception that China is an emerging threat to the nations of the region.

d. Expressing the gratitude of Cambodia to China for the latter's importation of certain goods from Cambodia tax free, China stated its intentions of further improving the preferential tax treatments given to Thai and other Cambodian goods.

e. Stating that it was hoping on the success of the Doha Round, China informed its dialogue partners of possible trade opportunities, noting that it substantially imports soya beans (which it considers cheaper when imported than raised), rubber, cassava (for ethanol, etc.), and other products.



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Chairman