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REPORT
ON
THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE
AIPO AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Mr. President,

It is my great honor to submit the following Report on the Dialogue of AIPO with the Delegation of the European Parliament:

- A. The dialogue was held in the afternoon of 12 September 2006 from 2:45 to 4:00 hrs. The Meeting was chaired by Hon. Ramon H. Durano VI.
- B. The Dialogue Meeting was attended by the following delegates:

European Parliament

- 1. Hon. Hartmut Nassauer
- 2. Hon. Frithjof Schmidt
- 3. Mrs. Teresa Riera
- 4. Roger de Becker
- 5. Mr. Jean-Louis Berton

Cambodia

- 1. Hon. Mr. Un Ning
- 2. Hon. Mr. Hou Sry
- 3. Miss Yan Phoumika

Indonesia

- 1. Hon. Sidharto Danusubroto
- 2. Hon. Jeffrey Johanes Massie

Lao People's Democratic Republic

- 1. Hon. Mr. Kamsing Sayakone
- 2. Hon. Associate Prof. Dr. Som-ock Kingsada

Malaysia

- 1. Hon. Mr. Ng Lip Yong

Philippines

1. Hon. Ramon “Red” H. Durano VI

Singapore

1. Hon. Dr. Fatimah Lateef
2. Hon. Mr. Lim Biow Chuan

Thailand

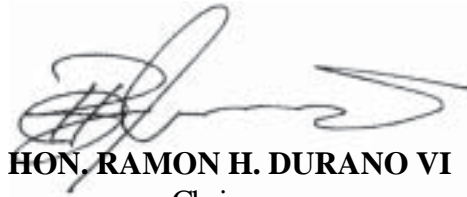
1. Hon. Tuenjai Deetes

Vietnam

1. Hon. Vu Xuan Hong
2. Hon. Ma. Dien Cu

- C. The Chairman of the Dialogue, Hon. Durano, directed the attention of the delegations to the topics for discussion enumerated in the Order of Business as follows:
1. Regional Security Matters
 2. Economic and Trade Cooperation
 3. Investment Opportunities
 4. Environmental Issues
 5. Information and Technology Cooperation
 6. Strategies to Create Break Through in the World Trade Organization (WTO) “Doha Round”
 7. Exchange of Parliamentary Visits as Means of Strengthening Inter-Parliamentary Diplomacy
 8. Cooperation in Fighting Pandemic/Infectious Diseases like Avian Flu, HIV/AIDS, etc.
- D. The Chairman invited the Delegation of the European Parliament to give a briefing on the above-mentioned topics or any other topic it may wish to discuss with the delegations from the AIPO member-countries. The European Parliament delegation mentioned three other topics, namely: enlargement of the European Union, the European Constitution and human rights particularly cooperation against illegal trafficking of women and children. The AIPO delegations, in turn, addressed their queries and comments on these topics to the European Parliament panel.
- E. The Dialogue was held in the spirit of ASEAN solidarity, cordiality and mutual understanding. The Dialogue’s highlights focused on the experience of the European Union in the assimilation of less economically developed member states, its Erasmus Mundus educational exchange program for students, the exchange of parliamentary visits with the new members of the EU, environmental concerns such as emission standards and alternatives to oil such as bio-diesel and protection of the rights of women, children and the elderly. The European Parliament delegation also discussed several concerns applicable to particular AIPO member countries such as the implementation of the eight key laws for Cambodia and the dumping complaint against Vietnam.

The meeting ended with a note of optimism about the continuing harmonious relations between the AIPO and the European Parliament.



HON. RAMON H. DURANO VI
Chairman