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**REPORT  
ON THE  
DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE AIPO  
AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Mr. President,

It is my great honor to submit the following Report of the AIPO Dialogue with the Delegation of the Russian Federation:

1. The dialogue was held on September 12, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. and ended at 5:30 p.m. at Hongkong Room, Marco Polo Plaza Hotel in Cebu City, Philippines. The session was presided by Hon. Herminio G. Teves as Chairman.
2. The meeting was attended by:

**Russian Federation**

1. Hon. Boris Plokhotnyuk
2. Hon. Kamilya Davletova
3. Ms. Irina Kuzmina
4. Mr. Alexander Tribunskiy

**Cambodia**

1. Hon. Keo Remy
2. Hon. Im Run
3. Ms. Yan Phoumika

**Indonesia**

1. Hon. Jeffrey Johanes Massie, MP

**Lao PDR**

1. Hon. Prof. Dr. Ms. Bounnong Boupha
2. Hon. Chantoum Latmany
3. Mrs. Suanesavanh Muangmany

## **Malaysia**

1. Hon. Datuk Lim Si Cheng

## **Singapore**

1. Hon. Charles Chong
2. Hon. Hri Kumar
3. Hon. Dr. Ahmad Magad

## **Thailand**

1. Hon. Tuenjai Deetes

## **Vietnam**

1. Hon. Bui Ngoc Thanh
2. Hon. Nguyen Thi Bach Mai
3. Hon. Dang Nhu Loi

## **Brunei Darussalam**

1. Hon. P.D.H. Judin Bin H. Asar
2. The Chairman of the Dialogue, Hon. Herminio G. Teves, introduced the Delegation of the Russian Federation followed by the introduction of the delegates of AIPO member countries. Hon. Teves extended his warmest welcome to all the participants to the Dialogue with the Observer from the Russian Federation. He thanked all the delegates for attending and hoped that it will foster a better understanding and knowledge between the Russian Federation and AIPO member countries. He also hoped that the discussion would proceed in a cordial manner.
3. After the introduction, the Chairman invited all the delegates to consider the following Topics for Dialogue enumerated in the Order of Business as follows:
  - a) **Regional Security Matters**
  - b) **Economic and Trade Cooperation**
  - c) **Investment Opportunities**
  - d) **Environmental Issues**
  - e) **Information and Technology Cooperation**
  - f) **Strategies to Create Breakthroughs in the World Trade Organization (WTO) “Doha Round”**
  - g) **Exchange of Parliamentary Visits as Means of Strengthening Inter-Parliamentary Diplomacy**
4. The Chairman invited the Delegation of the Russian Federation to give a statement regarding their position on the above-mentioned topics or any other topic it may wish to discuss with the delegations from the AIPO member countries. The Russian Federation expressed

that the topics are comprehensive enough to cover the most important concerns between the ASEAN and Russian Federation.

5. The Dialogue was held in the spirit of solidarity, friendship and mutual understanding. The delegates were unanimous in commending the Russian Federation for their continued support to the endeavors and vision of the ASEAN. Russia has been an active partner of the ASEAN in addressing issues concerning security and stability, political, economic and development cooperation. The participants emphasized the need for more assistance from the Russian Federation in dealing with problems of common concern such as terrorism, debt relief, and environmental degradation. Moreover, the participants stressed the importance of a more active exchange of trade and foreign direct investments between the Russian Federation and ASEAN countries to boost cooperation, security and prosperity in the region. Exchange of parliamentary visits and student exchange programs were also thoroughly discussed as a means to improve ASEAN relations with Russia. The Chairman inquired from the Russian Delegation its strategies in addressing the trade imbalance between Russia and ASEAN since data shows that ASEAN importation outweighs its exportation to Russia.. The Russian Federation assured the delegates that they shall undertake a study to correct this situation. They further mentioned that this dialogue was envisioned to build bridges in personal and parliamentary levels. Finally, the Russian Federation reiterated its active participation in AIPO's programs in the previous years with the end view of improving the quality of life of the people in the ASEAN region.

6. The Chairman thanked all delegates for their participation. The dialogue was successful in improving understanding between the AIPO and the Russian Federation.



**HERMINIO G. TEVES**  
Chairman