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RESOLUTION

ON

ENHANCING WOMEN'S ROLE AND ACCESS TO VALUES-ORIENTED EDUCATION

The Twenty-Seventh General Assembly of AIPO:

Recognizing the fact that poverty, prejudice, and gender inequality are reasons for disparity in education common to ASEAN member countries**;**

Aware of the growing global concern in the level of the education system and its role in promoting universal human values;

Acknowledging that education is a basic human right and the most powerful instrument in values preservation and transformation that serves as a mechanism in the fight for women empowerment to gain equal status and respect from men;

Cognizant of the fact that two thirds of the world's children who are not enrolled in school are young girls and two thirds of the world's illiterate population are women;

Recognizing the importance of female education in our society in the promotion of reproductive health, household and child health, educational opportunities for the whole family and the society;

Believes that a strong system of value-based education that upholds principles such as equity, ethics and empowerment is urgently needed;

Resolves to:

Urge ASEAN and AIPO member countries, particularly their women leaders, to be committed to create an environment that is conducive to women empowerment by building into the system of education those values which inculcate respect for women's roles and responsibilities and recognize their contribution to society;

Call upon all ASEAN member countries to urgently raise the consciousness of appropriate key resource persons such as teachers, parents, and women in general, enhancing their

competence and re-orienting the system to include the inculcation of values such as morality, ethics, respect for humanity and mother earth through greater access and participation of women in formal, informal and non-formal educational means;

Call upon all ASEAN member countries to integrate gender sensitive values and justice to the whole educational system**;**

Urge ASEAN member countries to include in-service training for teachers and teacher educators, at the same time developing reading of values-oriented materials for the education of different target groups especially the women;

Encourage all ASEAN member countries to create a social order committed to gender equality, values such as co-operation, participation, equal recognition for all types of work, truth, honesty, empathy, respect, and dedication to one's calling to foster human good and progress;

Encourage further all ASEAN member countries to promote the development and creation of exchange programs, which provide for the exchanges of information, ideas, synergy and efforts for value orientation of education.

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