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RESOLUTION

ON

**THE ROLE OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS IN ACHIEVING MILLENNIUM
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

The Twenty-Seventh General Assembly of AIPO:

Recalling the adoption of Millennium Development Goals during the Millennium Summit at the United Nations in 2000 to provide a benchmark for countries to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, achieve universal primary education, promote gender equality and empower women, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health, combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, ensure environmental sustainability, and develop a global partnership for development;

Mindful that gender equality and women's empowerment are important goals which are crucial in achieving the Millennium Development Goals by the year 2015 and, unless discrimination against women across all nations is properly addressed, the achievement of these goals will be far from reality;

Knowing that women parliamentarians are in the best position to advance women's interests, thus, their perspectives, experiences and active involvement are essential in achieving the Millennium Development Goals;

Realizing that women parliamentarians who work directly with governments and the civil society can introduce and implement measures to provide opportunities to women to improve their well-being and provision of quality healthcare services, shelter, and education to the poor;

Cognizant that women parliamentarians, as a unified group, become a source of political strength and are able to influence the results of decision-making processes for certain policies crucial to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals;

Aware that women parliamentarians must actively guide development planners in their respective countries with a view to understanding better the issues and problems that stand in the way of attaining these goals, and to remind the planners of the limited time between now and 2015 so they can speed up the progress.

Resolves to:

Urge all ASEAN and AIPO member countries to support and fairly distribute their resources with women parliamentarians in the effort to integrate gender mainstreaming towards national agenda setting in all strategies, programs and policy-making activities designed to achieve the targets of the Millennium Development Goals;

Encourage all ASEAN and AIPO member countries to create mechanisms to stimulate discussions and monitor progress in Millennium Development Goals through the participation of women parliamentarians;

Call upon all ASEAN and AIPO member countries to promulgate laws which will provide adequate legal framework and to ensure funding provisions for the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals.

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