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*Parliament at the Forefront for Inclusive Growth
and Sustainable ASEAN*

(Res.46GA/2025/Org/08)

RESOLUTION ON

**THE ANNULMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 43GA/2022/ORG/09 ON
THE AIPA-FREELAND FOUNDATION MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING AND RESOLUTION NO. 43GA/2022/ORG/11 ON
THE AIPA-PARLIAMENTARY CENTRE OF ASIA CONSULTATIVE
WORKING GROUP**

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The Forty-sixth General Assembly:

Recalling Resolution No. [43GA/2022/Org/09](#) on the Renewal and Amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Cooperation between AIPA Secretariat and Freeland Foundation, and Resolution No. [43GA/2022/Org/11](#) on the Creation of an Annual Consultative Working Group Cofacilitated by AIPA and the Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia) to Promote Transparent Data and Knowledge Sharing In Health Emergency Preparedness and Responses, both adopted at the 43rd AIPA General Assembly, held in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, in 2022;

Recalling the report of the 16th AIPA Caucus, convened from 14 to 17 July 2025 in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, which reviewed the status of implementation of both resolutions and noted that they have not been implemented, while also providing recommendations on the appropriate course of action;

Noting that the proposed continuation of cooperation with the Freeland Foundation is currently not considered of immediate relevance to AIPA, as the issue of wildlife trafficking has not been the subject of any AIPA resolution since 2015, and in view of the ongoing institutional discussions concerning the transformation of the AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD) to engage with broader issues of

transnational crime, with the understanding that further consideration may be undertaken following the conclusion of the transformation process;

Acknowledging the continued importance of regional cooperation in combating wildlife trafficking and strengthening health emergency preparedness, as critical challenges to ASEAN's sustainable development and security;

Further Noting that the resolution concerning the *creation of an annual consultative working group cofacilitated by AIPA* failed to comply with the appropriate procedural requirements, including the necessary prior consideration by the AIPA Executive Committee, as prescribed in Article 12 paragraph 5 of the AIPA Statutes;

Emphasising the importance of upholding procedural integrity, institutional coherence, and adherence to AIPA's established guidelines and approval mechanisms;

Considering that the 16th AIPA Caucus supported the recommendation of the AIPA Secretariat to annul both resolutions, in order to ensure consistency with AIPA's mandate, guidelines, and established procedures.

Hereby resolves to:

Annul Resolution No. [43GA/2022/Org/09](#) on the Renewal and Amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Cooperation between AIPA Secretariat and Freeland Foundation, and Resolution No. [43GA/2022/Org/11](#) on the Creation of an Annual Consultative Working Group Cofacilitated by AIPA and the Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia);

Encourage Member Parliaments to explore, within the framework of AIPA's Statutes and procedures, appropriate mechanisms to address the issues of wildlife trafficking and health emergency preparedness in due course, in coordination with relevant stakeholders;

Task the AIPA Secretariat to periodically review and report to the Executive Committee on existing and prospective cooperation arrangements to ensure their continued relevance, effectiveness, and alignment with AIPA's current priorities and future institutional direction;

Align future cooperation initiatives with the ASEAN Community Vision 2045, particularly in areas of inclusive growth, sustainable development, and digital transformation, ensuring that parliamentary cooperation supports broader regional goals;

Propose that any future partnerships with external organisations be subject to a needs-based assessment, including consultations with Member Parliaments to determine thematic relevance and strategic value.

Adopted in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the Twentieth Day of September, in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Original Version

At the 43rd AIPA General Assembly held in 2022 in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, two resolutions concerning cooperation between the AIPA Secretariat and external partners were adopted as part of AIPA's broader efforts to strengthen engagement with specialised organisations on emerging regional issues:

1. Resolution No. [Res.43GA/2022/ORG/09](#) on the *Renewal and Amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Cooperation between AIPA Secretariat and Freeland Foundation*; and
2. Resolution No. [Res.43GA/2022/ORG/11](#) on the *Creation of Annual Consultative Working Group Cofacilitated by AIPA and the Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia) to Promote Transparent Data and Knowledge Sharing in Health Emergency Preparedness and Responses*.

In accordance with the mandate of the AIPA Caucus to monitor the status of implementation of adopted AIPA Resolutions, the AIPA Secretariat submitted a report to the 16th AIPA Caucus, convened from 14 to 17 July 2025 in Phnom Penh, covering, among others, the implementation status of the two resolutions. The report indicated that neither resolution had been implemented and provided a substantive assessment of their relevance and procedural standing.

With regard to the resolution on cooperation with the Freeland Foundation, it is noted that while wildlife trafficking remains a recognised regional concern, AIPA has not adopted any resolution on the matter since 2015. It was further observed that the proposed cooperation could hold relevance within the envisioned transformation of the AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD) to address broader transnational crime issues. However, as the institutional transformation has yet to be formalised, the cooperation was assessed as not of immediate relevance at this time, and any further engagement may be more appropriately reconsidered following the conclusion of the transformation process.

Concerning the resolution on the establishment of an annual consultative working group co-facilitated by AIPA and the Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia) to Promote Transparent Data and Knowledge Sharing in Health Emergency Preparedness and Responses, the Secretariat acknowledged that the proposal was introduced in response to the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. Nonetheless, it was determined that the resolution did not follow the procedural steps required for the creation of new institutional mechanisms, most notably the absence of prior consideration by the AIPA Executive Committee, as prescribed under Article 12 paragraph 5 of the AIPA Statutes. This procedural oversight was viewed as potentially creating obligations that extend beyond the Secretariat's mandate and institutional capacity, thereby raising concerns regarding procedural integrity and institutional coherence.

In light of these considerations, and in order to uphold procedural coherence and ensure alignment with AIPA's institutional framework, the 16th AIPA Caucus supported the recommendation of the AIPA Secretariat to annul both resolutions. As no objections were raised by AIPA Member Parliaments, the AIPA Secretariat was subsequently tasked with preparing a draft resolution for formal annulment.

This Draft Resolution is hereby submitted **to formally annul Resolution No. [Res.43GA/2022/ORG/09](#) and Resolution No. [Res.43GA/2022/ORG/11](#)**, and **to task the AIPA Secretariat to periodically review existing cooperation arrangements** to ensure their continued relevance, effectiveness, and alignment with AIPA's current priorities and future institutional direction.