



**THE 46TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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RESOLUTION ON

**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE
TRANSFORMATION OF AIPA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
DANGEROUS DRUGS (AIPACODD) FOR ENHANCED
COOPERATION ON TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES**

Sponsored by 8th Meeting of AIPACODD

The Forty-sixth General Assembly:

Recalling the Report of the 7th Meeting of the AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD), held in Luang Prabang, Lao People's Democratic Republic, in August 2024, in which AIPA Member Parliaments expressed their general support to broaden the focus of AIPACODD beyond illicit drugs to include transnational crimes;

Recalling the Report of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the 45th AIPA General Assembly, in which AIPA Member Parliaments discussed the proposal to establish a Study Committee on the Transformation of AIPACODD, expressed general support for its objective to address increasingly complex transnational crimes and to enhance AIPA's role in supporting ASEAN's regional security agenda, and also noting that the Executive Committee referred the proposal to the Committee on Organisational Matters to determine the most effective way forward;

Taking into account the mandate conveyed by the Committee on Organisational Matters of the 45th AIPA General Assembly, requesting the AIPA Secretariat to develop a Terms of Reference (ToR) for the proposed Study Committee;

Appreciating the AIPA Secretariat for conducting the necessary extensive consultations and coordination efforts, particularly with the ASEAN Secretariat to ensure complementarity with ASEAN's institutional efforts, and for preparing the initial draft Terms of Reference in fulfilment of the said mandate;

Acknowledging that the initial draft Terms of Reference for the Study Committee was duly presented for consultation and subsequently endorsed by the 8th Meeting of AIPACODD, held in Pahang, Malaysia, in June 2025.

Hereby resolves to:

Agree to establish the Study Committee on the Transformation of AIPACODD for Enhanced of Transnational Crimes with a mandate to assess, recommend, and report on institutional, policy, and cooperative measures to expand engagement on transnational crimes beyond illicit drugs in close complementarity with ASEAN sectoral mechanisms;

Approve the Terms of Reference of the Study Committee on the Transformation of AIPACODD for Enhanced Cooperation on Transnational Crimes, as submitted by the 8th Meeting of AIPACODD;

Mandate the AIPA Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements for convening the Meeting of the Study Committee, and to coordinate with AIPA Member Parliaments and other relevant stakeholders in its preparation;

Request the Study Committee to submit its initial report and recommendations to the 9th Meeting of AIPACODD for consideration.

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

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As regional and global dynamics continue to evolve, transnational crime has become increasingly complex and multifaceted. While AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD) has traditionally focused on addressing illicit drug trafficking, the growing interlinkages between drug-related offences and other forms of transnational crime, such as human trafficking, cybercrime, money laundering, and organised criminal networks, highlight the need for a more holistic and integrated parliamentary response.

Recognising this need, discussions on the potential expansion of AIPACODD's mandate were initiated in the 7th Meeting of AIPACODD, held in Luang Prabang, Lao PDR, in August 2024. The proposal to transform AIPACODD into a broader mechanism that could engage more comprehensively on transnational crime received general support from AIPA Member Parliaments and was subsequently brought to the attention of the Executive Committee of the 45th AIPA General Assembly.

The Executive Committee acknowledged the strategic importance of enhancing AIPA's role in supporting ASEAN's regional security agenda and referred the proposal to the Committee on Organisational Matters for further deliberation. In response, the Committee mandated the AIPA Secretariat to develop a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for a Study Committee tasked with examining the proposed transformation in detail.

In fulfilment of this mandate, the AIPA Secretariat conducted consultations with the ASEAN Secretariat, including the Deputy Secretary General for the ASEAN Political-Security Community and relevant technical divisions, to ensure complementarity with ASEAN's institutional efforts in combatting transnational crime. Parallel consultations were also held with AIPA Member Parliaments through their respective National Secretariats. These efforts informed the development of the initial draft ToR.

The draft ToR outlines the rationale, scope, composition, working methods, and expected outcomes of the Study Committee. It was presented for further consultation

and subsequently endorsed by the 8th Meeting of AIPACODD, held in Pahang, Malaysia, in June 2025.

This draft resolution therefore seeks to formalise the establishment of the Study Committee on the Transformation of AIPACODD to Engage Broader Areas of Cooperation on Transnational Crime, adopt its Terms of Reference, and task the AIPA Secretariat with the necessary arrangements to convene the Study Committee's meeting, in coordination with AIPA Member Parliaments and other relevant stakeholders.