

CLOSING REMARKS THE 9th AIPA CAUCUS

**Your Excellencies, Honorable Delegates,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Now we have come to the end of this Caucus meeting.

As the Chairperson of this year Caucus, I am grateful that we have developed, within the spirit of amity and cooperation, fruitful and productive outcomes. The Caucus is instrumental in the review process of implementation of resolutions and in providing parliamentary perspectives on issues of common concerns: the maritime cooperation, peaceful resolution to conflict, and the implementation of the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).

We are very grateful that in the deliberation of these issues, all AIPA Member Parliaments have received comprehensive briefing from esteemed speakers: H.E. Dr Arif Havas Oegroseno, H.E. Dr Marty Natalegawa and Mr. Brian V Gonzales (Freeland). I am sure that from this Caucus, we have more comprehensive insights to promote new actions, initiatives, and ideas for legislative engagement on those issues. All with the same vision to strengthen the community that we have envisioned under the ASEAN Community Vision 2025.

What makes this year Caucus more special is that we have also envisioned a stronger institution of AIPA, to be—as the AIPA Secretary General mentioned in his opening—the true voice of ASEAN Community. I do hope that we can secure the commitments for further deliberation on this issue to the 38th General Assembly of AIPA held in the Philippines.

*Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

I believe ASEAN as one of the most respectable regional organization have and will surely pave the way for its engagement to the global community. We shared our ambitions on the promotion of ASEAN Vision 2025 which also underline the complementarity of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with ASEAN community building efforts. Therefore, AIPA should seek to success this year ASEAN's Philippines chairmanship theme "Partnering for Change, Engaging the World."

In order to promote our engagement to the world communities, in particular within the context of Agenda 2030, the Indonesian House of Representatives would like to extend an invitation to all AIPA Member Parliaments to take an active role and full participation on the World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development. This initiative aimed to instil parliamentary dimension to the global discourse on SDGs

under three main issues: inclusivity, peace and development, and climate change. The event will be held in Bali, on 6-7 September 2017.

One of the agenda that we will be facilitating during the course of this forum is an inter-parliamentary dialogue between AIPA and the European Parliament, a joint initiative of the EU Mission to ASEAN and AIPA under the patronage of the Indonesian House of Representatives. Further details on this inter-parliamentary forum are available in the invitation you have received beforehand.

Once again, thank you for all your hard work and contribution. I hope to see u in Bali.

Now, with saying “Alhamdulillahirabbilaalamin” I declare this meeting closed.