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Summary of the First Plenary Session of the General Assembly of  
the International Parliamentarians' Association for Information  
Technology (IPAIT II)  
on Monday 17 May 2004  
14.45-17.00 hrs.  
Conrad Bangkok Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

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The temporary Chairman of IPAIT II, Mr. Kim Hyo Seuk, welcomed the 13 delegates from IPAIT member parliaments attending, other participants and observers. Thirteen agenda items were proposed for consideration at the Assembly.

1. Adoption of the Agenda of the First Plenary Session of the General Assembly of IPAIT II

The meeting, after having seen the agenda items, approved the proposed agenda for the First Plenary Session.

2. Election of the President of IPAIT II

2.1 The temporary Chairperson, acting in accordance with Article 10 of IPAIT Charter, proposed H.E. Mr. Suchon Chaleekure, President of the Senate and Vice-President of the National Assembly of Thailand, to be elected President of IPAIT II.

The meeting approved the proposal.

2.2 The new President took the chair and selected Dr. Niwes Phancharoenworakul as Secretary and Ms. Supasinee Khamasundara as Assistant Secretary.

3. Election of the Vice-President of IPAIT II

The Assistant Secretary explained that in accordance with Article 11 of IPAIT Charter, the Vice-President is to be elected by the

General Assembly with the recommendation of the next IPAIT III host. Since there was no indication at the time of the Assembly's commencement from any delegation to host the next IPAIT meeting, it was agreed that Thailand, as the President of IPAIT II, could assume the duty of both president and vice-president of IPAIT II.

#### 4. Establishment of the Steering Committee for IPAIT II

4.1 In accordance with Article 13 of IPAIT Charter, the General Assembly has authority to establish a Steering Committee for IPAIT II. The Preparatory Committee of IPAIT II in its meeting on 16 May 2004 proposed that the Preparatory Committee become the Steering Committee.

This was agreed to by the General Assembly.

4.2 The Secretary then explained that the Steering Committee's term of office is from the date of its election to the date of election of a new committee at the next General Assembly. The Committee's tasks in IPAIT II are to review all official documents and reports to be submitted to the General Assembly, draft the Joint Communiqué and the Bangkok Declaration.

The Assembly approved the tasks as described by the Secretary.

4.3 The Secretary clarified further that members of the Steering Committee is by country representation, so that if a member of the Steering Committee were no longer a Member of Parliament, the vacant position can be left open or filled by another delegate from the same country. In addition, Steering Committee membership is limited to IPAIT member countries.

#### 5. Adoption of the Program of Activities of IPAIT II

The meeting, after having seen the documents, agreed to adopt the program activities of IPAIT II as recommended by the Preparatory Committee.

## 6. Approval of New Member Countries

6.1 There are 13 IPAIT members participating in IPAIT II in Bangkok and 9 non-IPAIT members who are members of the Inter Parliamentary Union. It was proposed by the Chairperson that these 9 members be admitted to membership of IPAIT in this session, waiving the rule that new members must apply or be nominated at least 60 days in advance of a General Assembly, as stated in the Article 4 of IPAIT Charter. This waiver is seen as being in the interest of expanding membership of IPAIT.

6.2 The meeting approved the proposal and the Chairman welcomed the new member countries of IPAIT which are Angola, Brazil, Guatemala, Jordan, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Vietnam and Yemen. The new member countries then can immediately participate as full IPAIT members.

## 7. Approval for the setting-up of Committees and Panel Discussion for IPAIT II

7.1 According to Article 13 of IPAIT Charter, the General Assembly has the authority to set up a steering committee and other committees as necessary. The Preparatory Committee meeting of IPAIT II acting on a submission by Thailand therefore proposed that 4 panel discussions be set up during IPAIT II on the following topics:

1. e-Parliament
2. e-Government
3. e-Education and e-Society
4. e-Commerce and e-Industry

7.2 It was also proposed that two committees be set up, one to draft the Joint Communiqué of IPAIT II and the other to draft the Bangkok Declaration.

The General Assembly approved the setting up of these panels and committees.

7.3 It was clarified by the Secretary that each panel and committee have a Chairperson and a Rapporteur. The report of

each panel and committee will be presented to the Third Plenary Session of the General Assembly of IPAIT II by the Rapporteur.

#### 8.Appointment of Chairpersons and Rapporteurs for Panel Discussions and Committees for IPAIT II

8.1 A list of chairpersons and rapporteurs for panel discussions and committees for IPAIT II, as recommended by the Preparatory Committee Meeting was presented to the Assembly. (see document IPAIT 2/2004/03 for full list of names)

8.2 A delegate from Kazakhstan was nominated as co-chairman for the panel discussion on e-commerce and e-industry. This position was vacant up to now.

The Assembly approved the names.

#### 9. Admission of Observers to IPAIT II

A list of observers to IPAIT II as recommended by the Preparatory Committee Meeting on 16 May 2004, was proposed to the General Assembly for approval. (see document IPAIT2/2004/05 for list of observers)

The Assembly approved the proposed list.

#### 10. Admission of Non-IPAIT Participants to IPAIT II

The Preparatory Committee recommended four lists of non-IPAIT participants to IPAIT II, comprising of:

1) Representatives of the Diplomatic Corps in Thailand designated by their national parliaments to represent their Parliaments at IPAIT II. They are accorded speaking and voting rights, and the status of participants.

2) Representatives of the Diplomatic Corps in Thailand attending IPAIT II as part of members in the Delegation of their Parliament. They are deemed as advisors with no speaking and voting rights.

3) Representatives of the Diplomatic Corps in Thailand attending IPAIT II in general. They shall be given the status of diplomatic corps and can attend the General Assembly and panel discussions with no speaking and voting rights.

4) Representatives from government agencies, universities and private organizations in Thailand. They are given visitor status at IPAIT II with no speaking and voting rights.

(see documents IPAIT2/2004/06, -07,-08,-09 for list of the countries)

The Assembly agreed to adopt the list.

### 11. Decision on the Next Host Country for the Third IPAIT General Assembly

11.1 Brazil was nominated by the Philippine delegate to host the Third IPAIT General Assembly in Brazil in the capital, Brasilia.

Brazil agreed to host the Third Assembly.

11.2 The meeting agreed to the proposal by the Thai delegate, Mr.Wiboon, that the representative of Brazil be elected Vice-President of IPAIT II, in accordance with the Charter of IPAIT. Subsequently, the Brazilian delegate took the chair of Vice-Chairperson of the Assembly.

### 12. Presentation of Country Reports

12.1 Three countries presented their reports on the state of ICT in their countries to the General Assembly. These were Croatia, China, and Kazakhstan respectively.

The reports will be included in the final report of IPAIT II.

### 13. Other business

No other matters were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 17.00 hours.