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ON BEHALF OF THE
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
TO THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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1. That the Legislative Council adopt a policy that actively involves the General Assembly in developing relationships with other countries, including educating legislators regarding international relations, welcoming visitors from other countries and assisting them in understanding Iowa's governmental process and traditions, working with the various state agencies and other entities which promote international relations, participating in developing Iowa's trade with other nations, and establishing a budget to accomplish these goals.
2. That the Legislative Council adopt a policy that visits by officials from other countries, for which the Legislative Council provides financial support, be approved by legislative leadership in advance of the arrival of the visitors.
3. That the following be adopted as the protocol for introduction of individuals from other countries visiting the Iowa General Assembly:

The Speaker of the House or the Majority Leader of the Senate will determine who will introduce the visitor. The visitor may be introduced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Chairperson of the International Relations Committee, a member of the International Relations Committee, or a member of the chamber.

A visitor from another country who is not an elected or appointed official should be introduced from the rear area of the chamber. The visitor will be asked to make remarks to the chamber only under extraordinary circumstances.

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4. That the Legislative Council allocate from moneys available pursuant to section 2.12 of the Code, the amount of \$10,000 to the Legislative Service Bureau to be used by the Legislative Information Office during the period beginning July 1, 1996, and ending June 30, 1998, for the purchase of gifts for presentation to individuals from other countries visiting Iowa, and for use by representatives from the Iowa General Assembly who may be traveling to other countries and visiting their governments. A listing of examples of items that might be purchased as gifts and

their attendant costs is attached to this report. In addition, the Legislative Service Bureau may acquire gifts to be purchased by representatives of the Iowa General Assembly and other Iowa officials for presentation to visitors and hosts in accordance with recommendation 6.

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