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Advancing Together for Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient ASEAN

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**RESOLUTION ON
PROMOTING THE ROLE OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS IN
ADVANCING WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY AGENDA**

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The Forty-third General Assembly:

Recalling the First Virtual Meeting of Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians of AIPA (WAIPA) which was held via videoconference on 30 August 2022 hosted by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia;

Recalling the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security adopted by the United Nations Security Council and other related Resolutions;

Recalling the Joint Statement on Promoting Women, Peace and Security (WPS), adopted by ASEAN in 2017, the Joint Statement on Promoting the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda at the ASEAN Regional Forum in 2019 and the East Asia Summit Leaders' Statement on Women, Peace and Security adopted in 2020;

Noting that women continue to be underrepresented in conflict prevention, management and resolution despite the growing recognition of their role as an agent of peace;

Underscoring that greater participation by women in peacekeeping and peacebuilding processes can change the dynamics of peacekeeping missions and pave the way for a more enduring peace;

Recognising that women and children are disproportionately affected by wars and conflicts that leads to more gender-based violence, trafficking and exploitation before, during, and after armed conflicts;

Cognisant of the positive contribution of women peacekeepers in peacekeeping operations in protecting human rights and dignity;

Reaffirming the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda as highly relevant to addressing emerging security issues which encompass economic and health security, and climate resilience;

Supporting the outcomes of the Asia-Europe Forum on Women, Peace and Security hosted by Cambodia as the chair of the Asia-Europe Summit in 2021 that recognises the importance of women roles in preventing and resolving conflicts and urges all actors to adopt gender perspectives to peace and security;
and

Aware that women parliamentarians have a critical role in strengthening the role of women in the peace process, conflict prevention and resolution, post-conflict reconstruction and rehabilitation, and in consolidating women's networks in the areas of peace and security.

Hereby resolves to:

Support the development of an inclusive national and regional plan of action to implement the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000);

Call upon the AIPA Member Parliaments to monitor the progress of implementing the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000);

Encourage the AIPA Member Parliaments to consider appropriate amount of budget to support the implementation of the WPS agenda;

Recommend the ASEAN Member States to strengthen the ecosystem to support ASEAN women peacekeepers and increase the percentage of ASEAN women peacekeepers to be deployed under the framework of the UN Peacekeeping Operations;

Call upon the AIPA Member Parliaments to ensure that laws related to WPS are properly overseen and debated so as to enhance awareness and greater accountability;

Encourage the AIPA Member Parliaments to develop capacity-building programmes for their parliamentary staff on WPS-related issues and gender-based violence prevention to ensure that expertise is available in-house;

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to take part in addressing barriers encountered by women to participate in the peace processes, including negative stigma and gender stereotypes;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments and AIPA Member States to take appropriate measures and actions to prevent and tackle challenges encountered by women in conflict areas, including gender-based violence;

Recommend parliamentary committees, when tasked with oversight of the Sustainable Development Goals, to review the progress of implementing the WPS agenda and to find ways to align it with national SDG plans and programmes.

Adopted on the Twenty Third day of November 2022 in Phnom Penh, the Kingdom of Cambodia.
