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**DRAFT RESOLUTION**  
**ON**  
**ENHANCING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FOR INCLUSIVE SOCIAL**  
**PROTECTION**

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*The Forty-Third General Assembly:*

**Recalling** Resolution RES.37GA/2016/ SOC/02 on Strengthening Cooperation Among AIPA Member Parliaments on the Implementation of Plan of Action to Materialise ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection;

**Referring** to the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection for reducing poverty, inequalities, and vulnerabilities, and the expansion of social insurance to the informal sectors, providing social assistance programs for people with disabilities, the elderly, children, and other vulnerable groups;

**Acknowledging** the ASEAN Summit Joint Statement 2021, which aims to accelerate digital transformation for recovery and build long-term resilience against unprecedented future pandemics and calamity;

**Taking note** of the rapid change of digital technology in which the delivery of basic public services from the governance of government apparatus to economic transactions, health, and education, and social development have been digitalised;

**Observing** the existing socio-economic inequality, the digital divide within and between countries, lack of physical and digital infrastructure, public digital awareness, and access to digital devices and services in remote areas;

**Having the concerns** that the digital revolution may widen the gap between the urban and rural and the rich and the poor, especially those living in areas with limited physical infrastructures for health, education, water, electricity, and other services;

**Affirming** the importance of AIPA's roles in promoting digital transformation for inclusive social protection, social welfare, social safety-nets, social insurance, social assistance, and social services, which would benefit and support rural people and the poor, and contribute to sustainable and inclusive rural development in Southeast Asia;

**Hereby resolves to:**

**Urge** AIPA member parliaments to adopt the budget and financial legislation supporting public investment in digital technology for inclusive social protection;

**Encourage** AIPA member parliaments to provide legislative support to enable a conducive environment for the development of digital services supporting social protection;

**Call for** AIPA member parliaments to promote proactive parliamentary diplomacy in advancing digital transformation for inclusive social protection, including the adoption of high-level interventions at international fora;

**Encourage** the AIPA member parliaments to engage in policy advocacy and dialogues with relevant stakeholders to ensure that digital transformation serves inclusive social protection;

**Recommend** the AIPA member parliaments to promote Public-Private-Partnership in digital transformation for inclusive social protection schemes, including digital infrastructure development, online marketing and employment, digital literacy, digital security, online vocational training for employees, and emergency assistance; and

**Urge** the AIPA member parliaments to encourage the executive branch to establish a digitalised system for recording and storing primary data of the population that can be utilised for interventions and support for emergency and social development from personal identification to emergency cash transfer, contact tracing, health record, insurance, financial record, and agriculture market matching.

**Call for** the AIPA member parliaments to support the initiatives for culture-based development for rural digital transformation and ASEAN cultural corridor connectivity through the establishment and development of virtual museums and creative industries, as in the case of Cambodia's TECHO 100 Village, a culture-based development project guided by Technology, Education, Cooperation, Humanity, and Ownership for sustainable and inclusive rural development, and similar innovative projects in Southeast Asia.

Adopted on .....in the Kingdom of Cambodia at the 43<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly.

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