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**DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
STRENGTHENING SOCIAL HEALTH PROTECTION
TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES IN ASEAN**

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The Forty-third General Assembly:

- 1. Recognising** the particular and deepening inequality impacts of the Post COVID-19 on poor children, the elderly people, women and girls, people with disabilities, ethnic groups, migrant workers, informal workers, the vulnerable and marginalised groups, as well as the need to safeguard and promote their welfare while respecting their rights and dignity;
- 2. Acknowledging** the importance of Goal 3 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, ensuring and promoting the health and well-being for all at all ages, specifically Target 3.8 which aims to achieve universal health coverage (UHC), including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all;
- 3. Noting** that the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint 2025 strengthens social protection for children, the elderly people, women and girls, people with disabilities, ethnic groups, the vulnerable and marginalised groups and others to reduce vulnerabilities in times of crisis by increasing the availability, affordability and sustainability of health care resources and promote a healthy community and has universal access to healthcare;
- 4. Recalling** the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection adopted at the 23rd ASEAN Summit in Brunei Darussalam, in 2013 that underscores the importance of social protection principles that can be applied in accordance with the domestic laws and policies, and strategies and mechanisms to foster concrete actions towards improved quality, coverage and sustainability of social protection in ASEAN Member Countries;
- 5. Noting** the resolution of the 15th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting that strengthens cooperation to enhance regional health security and to establish the ACPHEED in three countries: Indonesia, Thailand, and Viet Nam, with its Secretariat Office established in Bangkok. This Center serves as a regional resource and center of excellence for ASEAN Member Countries in the prevention, detection and response to public health emergencies and emerging diseases, which will contribute to social health protection of ASEAN Member Countries;

6. Recalling the AIPA 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, which strengthens the AIPA-ASEAN coordination in exploring potential cooperation for effective implementation of the plan of action, and request ASEAN Member Countries to make social protection related domestic legal instruments and policy frameworks in their respective countries stronger;

7. Recognising the significance of social health protection systems in the Post COVID-19 pandemic recovery and emerging infectious disease preparedness in which AIPA Member Parliamentarians can monitor and hold governments accountable for the goals they have agreed to and ensure that necessary legislation and budgets are passed from the perspective of sustainable healthcare to address significant gaps in social health protection by progressing toward universal health coverage.

Hereby resolves to,

1. Encourage ASEAN Member Countries to accelerate the implementation of social health protection and primary health care services to ensure quality, accessibility, equality, affordability and sustainability for all with enhanced connectivity and intersectorial cooperation;

2. Encourage ASEAN Member Countries to explore and develop the assessment tools and regional statistical indicators, as appropriate, to measure the impact of social health protection on the holistic development of populations at risk for emerging diseases and the collection of health information systems including digital health technology;

3. Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to make social health protection, particular primary health care services as a priority and accelerate efforts to monitor and review relevant national laws, as well as allocate adequate budgets in order to ensure that everyone has access to social health protection;

4. Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to promote social health protection through universal health coverage for all, including vulnerable groups to mitigate the impacts of the Post COVID-19;

5. Promote exchanging of best practices, technical expertise, resources and information on domestic laws among AIPA Member Parliaments to strengthen social health protection of ASEAN Member Countries;

6. Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments, as the legislative branch that represents the will of the people, to collaborate more closely with the executive branch on the social health protection agenda to ensure that accountability, transparency and participation are implemented and administered efficiently and effectively to safeguard the health and well-being of the people.

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