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OF ASEAN INTER - PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY (AIPA)**

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**DRAFT RESOLUTION ON  
ENHANCING PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY ON MARITIME SECURITY  
TO FOSTER REGIONAL STABILITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

*(Proposed by Indonesia)*

***The Forty-Third AIPA General Assembly:***

***Recalling*** AIPA Resolution number Res. 24GA/2003/Pol/02 on ASEAN Maritime Cooperation adopted in Jakarta, Indonesia on 2003. AIPA Resolution number Res. 28GA/2007/Pol/06 on Regional Maritime Security and Anti-Piracy Cooperation adopted in Kuala-Lumpur, Malaysia on 2007 and AIPA Resolution number Res/37 GA/2016/Pol/05 on Enhancing Maritime Security Cooperation and Protection of Marine Resources in ASEAN adopted in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 2016, which emphasizes on the importance of cooperation in addressing maritime security issues and protecting marine resources.

***Taking note*** that the Southeast Asian countries are mostly dependent on maritime trade as it is one of the main resources of national income and it also allows economic and cultural changes in the region. Hence, maritime security becomes important.

***Realizing*** that beside the maritime security issues, the Southeast Asia lies in the centre of a very dynamic Indo-Pacific region which continue to experience geopolitical and geostrategic shifts and unsettled maritime issues amongst ASEAN Member States.

***Acknowledging*** the wide range of maritime security issues in Southeast Asia, from traditional to non-traditional security including naval operations, sea piracy, terrorism, illicit drug trafficking, illicit trafficking of wildlife and timber, trafficking in persons and people smuggling, law enforcement as well as new developments mentioned in the 2025 ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC) Blueprint.

***Acknowledging*** that Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing is still rampant in Southeast Asia and considered as a major threat to maritime and resource security that if inappropriately addressed, could cause serious potential loss to ASEAN member states. It is also present a serious risk to the effort to attain Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the region.

***Recognizing*** AIPA member parliament's vital role, through parliamentary diplomacy, in enhancing efforts in promoting cooperation and constructive dialogues on common interests and concerns in

accordance with recent development of maritime security issues and in accordance with adopted international maritime conventions and principles.

***Hereby resolves to:***

1. ***Call upon*** AIPA Member Parliaments to support the strengthening and expansion of ASEAN-led maritime security initiatives and cooperation while also encourage it to continuously adapt to the latest developments of maritime security issues, in order to be able to address challenges and protect marine resources.
2. ***Call upon*** AIPA member parliaments to continue to promote cooperation and constructive dialogues on maritime issues of common interests and concerns that widely ranging from traditional to non-traditional security in the Southeast Asia region.
3. ***Reaffirm*** our commitment that while working together to address maritime security issues, we should also enhance mutual trust, confidence, exercise self-restraint, pursue peaceful solution and fully respect legal and diplomatic processes in the settlement of any maritime issues amongst ASEAN Member States.
4. ***Call Upon*** AIPA Member Parliaments to prioritize diplomatic efforts, adhering to international law, including the UN Charter, the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the Codes of Conduct on South China Sea as well as the ASEAN Outlook on Indo-Pacific that envisages ASEAN Centrality in response to any geopolitical and geostrategic shifts, to ensure the region's stability.
5. ***Call upon*** AIPA Member Parliaments to step up the efforts in combating the IUU fishing through parliamentary duties of legislation, budget and oversight as well as encourage the governments to prioritize the implementation of SDG 14: Life Below Water and recognize the importance of thwarting IUU fishing for sustainable livelihoods in the region.