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His Excellency President of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia and President of AIPA, Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin; Excellencies Head of Delegations; Honorable Member of Parliament; Ladies and Gentlemen;

Assalamualaikum Warrahmatulahi Wabarakatuh, May peace be upon us all;

It is truly an honor to be present in this important Assembly.

Allow me, on behalf of the Indonesian House, to convey gratitude and appreciation to the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, for its chairmanship and warm hospitality as the host of the 43rd AIPA General Assembly, here in the historical and cultural city of Phnom Penh.

Cambodia's chairmanship, both in ASEAN and AIPA with the theme of Advancing Together for Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient ASEAN, has indeed open up a chance for us to build better cooperation in responding to current global uncertainty and complex regional challenges.

Challenges that would require our utmost collective efforts as representative of the people, in encouraging for a more united, cohesive and resilient ASEAN.

ASEAN that works closely together in answering to intensifying geopolitical rivalries between major powers, impending humanitarian and political crisis, the post COVID-19 pandemic economic recovery, sustainable development, climate emergency, food and energy security, as well as other non-traditional threats in the region.

Through AIPA, we also need to play a proactive role in the formation of regional and international norms, rules, principles and values in order to effectively deal with issues of mutual interest.

Likewise, with AIPA's active role in promoting dialogue, Confidence Building Measures, and cooperation for peace, security, stability and prosperity in the region.

Excellencies, Honorable members of parliament, Ladies and gentlemen,

Regionalism and multilateralism are important principles and frameworks for cooperation with the values of transparency, inclusiveness, openness based on mutual respect and mutual benefit.

In line with universally recognized principles of international law, including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

We need to continue to emphasize on the importance of our commitment in maintaining and promoting regional peace, security and stability, resolving conflicts through peaceful means, respecting the legal and diplomatic process, not using force or threats.

We must encourage the centrality and unity of ASEAN to be strengthened, especially in carrying out constructive engagement with external partners, through ASEAN-led mechanisms.

To build mutual trust and establish an open, transparent, inclusive and rules-based region in which positioned ASEAN at the center of the architecture.

Excellencies, Honorable members of parliament, Ladies and gentlemen,

I would also like to draw attention on ASEAN Five Point Consensus.

In this regard, the Indonesian House shares the view with our government, that we are very concerned with the situation in Myanmar.

There is currently no significant progress in implementing the Five Point Consensus and at the same time we do not see any commitment from the military junta to immediately implement it.

If this situation continues then the stability of the region could be at great risk. That is something we surely cannot afford in the midst of our struggle in recovering the region's economy. It must not interfere with ASEAN cooperation.

We should also encourage and support every effort to implement the Five Point Consensus and urge for the violence and other human rights violations to stop immediately.

Peace, Democracy and Development is interlinked and fundamental for us to achieve if we want to move forward as a stable and peaceful region.

Excellencies, Honorable members of parliament, Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to close this statement by reaffirming the importance of multilateralism and the significance of ASEAN's partnerships with external partners in facing and addressing global and regional issues of common concern and interest.

Let us work together for the enhancement of regional cooperation amongst parliamentarians to advance together for sustainable, inclusive and resilient ASEAN.

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