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**REPORT OF THE**

**COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL MATTERS**

**Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin**

AIPA President, President of the sNational Assembly

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great honor to submit the following Report of the Committee on Social Matters.

1. The Committee met on 22 November 2022 at 08.00 hrs. The meeting was chaired by Hon. Mr. YANG Sem, Member of the Senate of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Hon. Mr. SAN Sarana, Member of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, served as the Rapporteur.
2. The Meeting was very honored for the presence of eight (8) AIPA Member Parliaments.

The following delegates attended the meeting:

**Brunei Darussalam**

1. Ms. Hjh Haslinda Hj Hidup

**Cambodia**

1. Hon. Ouk Damry
2. Hon. Loy Sophath
3. Hon. Kin Net
4. Hon. Mak Vansitha
5. Hon. Kop Mariyas

**Indonesia**

1. Hon. Achmad Hafisz Tohir
2. Hon. Ina Ammania
3. Hon. Syaikhul Islam

**Lao PDR**

1. Hon. Thoummaly Vongphachanh
2. Hon. Dr. Bounelome Keobouahome
3. Hon. Phonesane Vilaymeng
4. Hon. Prof. Dr. Mayfong Mayxay

**Philippines**

1. Hon. Jose Francisco “Kiko” B. Benitez, PhD
2. Hon. Juliet Marie De Leon Ferrer
3. Hon. Adrian Michael A. Amatong

**Singapore**

1. Hon. Cheryl Chan
2. Hon. Melvin Yong
3. Hon. Abdul Samad

**Thailand**

1. Hon. Jetn Sirathranont
2. Hon. Pechdau Tohmeena
3. Hon. Nop Chewananth

**Vietnam**

1. Hon. Nguyen Thanh Cam
2. Hon. Duong Minh Anh
3. In the spirit of friendship, solidarity and cooperation, the Committee on Social Matters discussed and approved the following Resolutions:
   1. **Resolution on the Adoption of the Report of the 5th Meeting of the AIPA Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD) and the Resolution on Addressing Challenges Together for a Drug-Free ASEAN**
4. The Committee considered and adopted the Report of the meeting of the 5th AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD) and the Resolution on Addressing Challenges Together for a Drug-Free ASEAN. The 5th AIPACODD Meeting was held via video conference on 24th June 2022, hosted by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia.
5. **Resolution on Enhancing Digital Transformation for Inclusive Social Protection**
6. The Committee of Social Matters expressed its concern over the digital revolution that may widen the social gap, especially those living in areas with limited physical infrastructures for health, education, water, electricity, and other services. The Committee also identified that the digitalization makes people, especially women, children, and people with disabilities more vulnerable to invasions of their privacy if there is no effective cyber security mechanism in place.
7. Responding to the concerns, the Resolution encourages AIPA Member Parliaments to provide legislative support to enable a conducive environment for the development of digital services supporting social protection and strengthening capacity building on digital development. The Resolution also calls upon AIPA Member Parliaments to enhance cooperation to exchange best practices, experiences, regulations and implementation of policies and initiatives for digital transformation for inclusive social protection. In this regard, the Committee on Social Matters agreed to adopt the Resolution.
8. **Resolution on Strengthening Social Health Protection to Address Challenges in ASEAN**
9. The Committee stressed its concern on the health and well-being for all at all ages; children, the elderly people, women and girls, people with disabilities, ethnic groups, as well as other vulnerable and marginalized groups, during the post COVID-19 pandemic recovery. The Committee also reaffirmed the importance of social protection principles to be applied in accordance with the domestic laws and policies, to foster concrete actions towards improved quality, coverage, and sustainability of social protection in ASEAN Member States.
10. After extensive deliberations, the Committee agreed to adopt the resolution to strengthen social health protection in the ASEAN Member States.
11. **Resolution on Fostering Engagement with Young People for Sustainable, Resilient, and Prosperous ASEAN Community**
12. The Resolution was previously deliberated by the Committee of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA which took place on 21 November 2022, and was then submitted to the Meeting of Committee on Social Matters for approval and subsequent adoption by the 43rd AIPA General Assembly.
13. The Committee appreciated the work of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA and thus agreed to adopt the Resolution.
14. **Adjournment**
15. The Meeting of the Committee on Social Matters concluded at 10.15 hrs, on 22 November 2022
16. I hereby present the Report of the Committee on Social Matters to the 43rd General Assembly of AIPA.

Thank you.

Hon. Mr. YANG Sem Hon. Mr. SAN Sarana

CHAIRPERSON RAPPORTEUR