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**RESOLUTION ON
PROMOTING PEACE, SOLIDARITY AND MULTILATERALISM
THROUGH ASEAN CENTRALITY**

(Co-Sponsored by Cambodia and Viet Nam)

The Forty-Third AIPA General Assembly:

Cognizant of the Resolution on Promoting Parliamentary Diplomacy to Move the ASEAN Community Forward adopted at the 42nd AIPA General Assembly virtually hosted by Brunei Darussalam in 2021;

Recalling the Resolution on the “Contribution of Parliaments to Enhancing the Role of the United Nations and the Strengthening of Parliaments’ Involvement in Foreign Policy through the Development of Parliamentary Diplomacy and Closer Collaboration between the Executive and the Legislative” adopted at the 88th Inter-Parliamentary Conference, Inter-Parliamentary Union in Stockholm in 1992;

Recalling other previous AIPA Resolutions related to the ASEAN Community building process;

Welcoming the outcome documents of the 40th and 41st ASEAN Summits and Related Summits in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, including the ASEAN Leaders’ Vision Statement on “ASEAN A.C.T: Addressing Challenges Together”, the ASEAN Leaders’ Statement on the 55th Anniversary of ASEAN, and ASEAN Leaders’ Statement on ASEAN Connectivity Post-2025 Agenda, which stressed on the collective will and shared commitment among ASEAN countries in addressing common challenges in a timely, effective, and coherent manner, with emphasis on the commitment to further enhance people-to-people connection and connectivity opportunities as well as promote the ASEAN Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) agenda, among other priorities;

Reaffirming article 18(1) of the AIPA Statutes which states “AIPA shall establish regular communication, interaction and consultation with ASEAN to ensure better coherence and cooperation between the ASEAN governments, the National Parliaments of ASEAN Member States, and stakeholders in ASEAN, as well as to enhance relationship with ASEAN bodies”;

Acknowledging the roles of ASEAN parliamentarians in supporting the realization of the ASEAN Vision 2025 towards achieving a politically-cohesive, economically-connected and socially-responsible community; and exploring innovative approaches undertaken by AIPA and to further strengthen multi-stakeholder and cross-sectoral collaboration toward that goal;

Noting that ASEAN is facing unprecedented multiple and complex challenges deriving from heightening geopolitical challenges and geostrategic landscape, the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, climate emergency, food and energy security crisis, complex transnational threats, rapid technological changes and other traditional and non-traditional security threats, which could undermine peace, security and stability of the region, as well as adversely impact the livelihoods and well-being, societies and economies of ASEAN;

Reiterating ASEAN commitments in safeguarding peace, security and regional stability, resolving conflicts through peaceful means and respecting legal and diplomatic processes, avoiding the threat or use of force, consistent with international law including the 1982 United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);

Reaffirming that ASEAN unity and centrality are at the core of regional peace and prosperity in the evolving regional architecture and the need for ASEAN to be more relevant and take a proactive role to uphold development of regional and international norms, rules, principles, and values in effectively dealing with global and regional issues of common concern and interest, and in promoting dialogue, confidence building, and cooperation to effectively prevent, manage and resolve crises through the ASEAN-led mechanisms for peace, security, stability, and prosperity in the region and beyond;

Welcome the ASEAN Leaders' Review and Decision on the Implementation of the Five-Point Consensus reached at the 40th and 41st ASEAN Summits on 11 November 2022 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Hereby Resolves To:

Reinforce AIPA's commitment and support for ASEAN's efforts in realizing ASEAN Vision 2025 and beyond, building resilience, effectively responding to the emerging challenges and promoting sustainability;

Enhance AIPA's contributions to maintaining Southeast Asia as a region of peace, security, stability and prosperity, and building an open, transparent, people-oriented, people-centered, inclusive and rules-based multilateralism with ASEAN at the center through consolidating ASEAN centrality and enhancing its relevance by, among others, improving ASEAN's capacity, promoting norms setting including building mutual trust and confidence, advancing ASEAN's constructive engagement with its external partners and enhancing synergies among various ASEAN-led mechanisms;

Continuously strengthen ASEAN unity, fostering consensus and centrality especially through effective implementation of the ASEAN Charter, the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation, and other related international agreements;

Promote the accession of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) to all countries that have relations with ASEAN and demonstrate capabilities as well as keen interest to work with ASEAN in promoting regional and international peace, security and stability vis-à-vis the three pillars of the ASEAN Community;

Strictly adhere to the principles of consultation, consensus-based decision making and non-interference, while promoting mutual respect, mutual understanding, mutual trust and mutual interests for peace and prosperity (M4P2);

Strengthen open, inclusive, and rules-based multilateral systems that can build synergies among regional initiatives centering on ASEAN centrality and ASEAN-led mechanisms;

Encourage ASEAN Member States to effectively implement the commitments in the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Mainstreaming Four Priority Areas of the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific within ASEAN-led Mechanisms adopted at the 40th ASEAN Summit on 11 November 2022, thereby advancing ASEAN Centrality and contributing to peace stability, and prosperity in the region and beyond;

Call for the enhancement of ASEAN's unity and centrality in its engagement with external partners, while shoring up international multi-stakeholder partnership for regional resilience as well as to build mutual trust and keep Southeast Asia as an open, inclusive, transparent and rules-based region with ASEAN as the center of its regional architecture;

Support regional efforts to effectively implement the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and ASEAN Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) agenda to encourage women and youth's participation and leading roles in promoting peace and security in the region, as well as enhance supporting mechanisms for ASEAN women peacekeepers;

Advance the culture of peace and tolerance within ASEAN and with dialogue partners through the promotion of interfaith dialogue, education for peace, tourism for peace, and leadership for peace;

Commit to preserving Southeast Asia as a region free of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction as enshrined in the Southeast Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (SEANWFZ) as well as call upon all nuclear-weapon states to accede to the Protocol to the Treaty in order to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons in the region;

Strengthen inter-parliamentary dialogue with other regional and international organizations such as the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the European Parliament (EP) on all areas of mutual concerns and interests;

Encourage ASEAN to further deepen institutional collaboration with sub-regional cooperation mechanisms such as the ACMECS, Mekong River Commission, Brunei Darussalam–Indonesia–Malaysia–Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA), and Indonesia–Malaysia–Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT);

Reaffirm our commitment to strengthen the East Asia Summit (EAS) and other related ASEAN mechanisms as a Leaders-led forum for dialogue on broad strategic, political, and economic issues, and the development of innovative solutions to these common issues and challenges;

Call upon ASEAN and ASEAN's dialogue partners to further enhance rules-based multilateralism for peace and security;

Urge all parties concerned in Myanmar to fully implement the ASEAN's Five-Point Consensus and the ASEAN Leaders' Review and Decision on the Implementation of the Five-Point Consensus at the 40th and 41st ASEAN Summits to restore peace, stability and democracy in the country as well as to facilitate the works of the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar, Secretary General of ASEAN, and ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) in delivering humanitarian assistance in Myanmar to all in need without discrimination;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to invest more efforts and resources in strengthening and managing regional water-energy-food security, ecological security, and health security;

Further encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to embrace a universal peace architecture, whereby an open and inclusive multi-stakeholder collaboration and partnership are strengthened, based on peaceful approach and international law.

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