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**Першого Заступника Голови Верховної Ради України О.Корнієнка
на 43-й Генасамблеї Міжпарламентської Асамблеї АСЕАН**

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Dear AIPA President Mr. Heng Samrin,

Dear AIPA Secretary-General Ms Nguyen Tuong Van,

Distinguished AIPA members and guest countries,

Excellencies!

- On behalf of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, I would like to express sincere gratitude to the Cambodian side for inviting Ukraine to the 43rd General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), as well as for the opportunity to address the respected participants and guests of this authoritative parliamentary Forum.
- We highly appreciate the AIPA decision to grant the Ukrainian Parliament with the observer status in this influential international organization in the Southeast Asian region, that has been fruitfully operating for 45 years. Over these years AIPA has become advanced international platform for promoting immense potential of the region, raising awareness to the topical issues as well as contributing to a better future of each citizen of the AIPA Community.
- I would like to express the sincerest gratitude to the AIPA President and the Secretary-General for the efforts on establishing dialogue and developing cooperation between Ukraine and AIPA.
- Ukraine is further aspiring in integrating to the AIPA Family, joining its expanded agenda and building closer ties with AIPA parliamentarians. Intensification of contacts between parliamentarians of Ukraine and the ASEAN member states will contribute to the effective implementation of common tasks, exchanging views and creating solid platform for building up fruitful and reliable partnership in many areas. It opens up a window of opportunity for Ukraine in terms of strengthening interparliamentary and political dialogue, increasing mutual trade, promoting IT cooperation etc.
- Another outstanding event for Ukraine has become the accession of Ukraine to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) on November 10, 2022.

By accessing the TAC, Ukraine aims to become reliable partner of ASEAN in protection of common values, as well as to contribute to sustainable development of Southeast Asia nations.

Ukraine's accession to the Treaty will be an additional confirmation of friendship and cooperation, as well as the common goals and principles that Ukraine shares with ASEAN member states, both individually and collectively.

- Ukraine is a strong supporter of the global order based on rules, peaceful coexistence, inter-ethnic and inter-religious tolerance, which are the main values of ASEAN. As the world faces uncertainty, collapse of the rule of international law and rise of new threats, Ukraine is ready to stand side by side with ASEAN in solving these problems.
- In these challenging times and upheavals, ASEAN has proven to be a catalyst for peace, security and socio-economic development in Southeast Asia. As an important regional organization, ASEAN is attracting new partners from around the world, which is crucial for maintaining regional stability and sustainable economic revival.
- It is very important for Ukraine to further consolidate the efforts of all the international community members, particularly the ASEAN community, in order to stop brutal Russian aggression against Ukraine as soon as possible and restore peace on the long-suffering Ukrainian land.
- One of the positive examples of such parliamentary diplomacy is the First Parliamentary Summit of the International Crimean Platform held in Croatia on 25 October 2022, where representatives of the parliaments of 42 countries and heads of 5 parliamentary assemblies of international organizations and associations took part.

We hope that the parliamentarians of the ASEAN countries will also participate in the activities of this Platform, which will contribute to the development of common positions within the framework of international organizations on liberation of Crimea from Russian occupation.

- For our part, despite the exhausting and cruel war, Ukraine is still making significant contribution to strengthening international security, in particular to overcoming global food crisis. We make every effort to ensure that Ukrainian agricultural products are well received, primarily by the countries in urgent need.
- Joining our efforts, including at the parliamentary level, we will strengthen and expand political and economic opportunities in overcoming global challenges and threats, ensuring peace, stability, economic growth and well-being of all nations globally.

Thank you