



**DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE OF  
THE MEETING OF YOUNG  
PARLIAMENTARIANS OF AIPA**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The youth is an important and instrumental human resource in the various phases of socio-economic development and growth of any country.

Equally important is the role of young parliamentarians in translating the ideas and experiences of the youth into crucial pieces of legislations that will redound to the benefit of the young generation.

During the 41<sup>st</sup> AIPA General Assembly virtually hosted by Vietnam in 2020, the young parliamentarians of AIPA unofficially met and exchanged experiences, novel ideas, and insights concerning the youth. The unofficial meeting of the young parliamentarians concluded with the drafting of a resolution calling for the active participation of young parliamentarians of AIPA in building a stronger ASEAN Community in the context of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and with in-depth consideration of the impacts of the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic on all spheres of the socio-economic programs and activities of the ASEAN Member States.

The 41<sup>st</sup> AIPA General Assembly approved the draft resolution of the young parliamentarians of AIPA which was adopted as “*Resolution on the Engagement of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA in the ASEAN Community Building.*”

As resolved in the adopted AIPA resolution, presented hereunder is the draft Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA for consideration and adoption in the 42<sup>nd</sup> AIPA General Assembly:

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# RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE MEETING OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS OF AIPA

## RULE I

### Objective

**Section 1.** The meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA is a forum for young parliamentarians of AIPA Member Parliaments with objectives:

- a. To facilitate personal contacts between its members;
- b. To exchange views and in-depth discussion on youth-related issues faced by the ASEAN countries;
- c. To forge engagement of parliamentarians in contributing youth perspectives on AIPA Agenda;
- d. To share best practices on strengthening public awareness of AIPA to youth;
- e. To promote the engagement and contributions by the youth in the ASEAN Community building

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## RULE II

### Composition

**Section 2.** The Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA is composed of parliamentarians under ~~forty five (45)~~ ~~forty five (45)~~ ~~fifty (50)~~ years of age from AIPA Member Parliaments.

**Section 3.** Any parliamentarians of AIPA interested in youth-related issues are encouraged to participate in the work of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA.

**Section 4.** Each AIPA Member Parliament shall appoint at least one (1) young parliamentarian to represent the Member Parliament to the meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA.

**Section 5.** ~~Observers or guests~~ may be invited to attend the meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA with the consent of AIPA Executive Committee.

**Section 6.** The definition of "Observer" and "Guest" under Section 4 refers to the Article 8 of AIPA Statutes.

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Based on the context of AIPA, the number of MPs who are under 45 years of age is limited. Thus, Cambodia proposes that the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA shall be MPs under 50 years of age from AIPA Member Parliaments.

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**Commented [a8]:** Additional section to section 5 by the AIPA Secretariat

## RULE III

### The Chairperson

**Section 7.** The President of AIPA, who is the head of the Parliament hosting the AIPA General Assembly, shall appoint the chairperson of the meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA from among the Members of the Host Parliament.

**Section 8.** The chairperson of the meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA shall preside the conduct of the meeting and appoint the vice chairperson and rapporteurs from other Member Parliaments.]

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**Section 9.** The term of office of the chairperson of the meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA shall commence upon the conclusion of the current General Assembly and shall continue until the conclusion of the following General Assembly.

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With regards to the appointment of the chairperson and rapporteurs, the AIPA Secretariat proposes to follow the practice of AIPA meetings. Vice Chairperson shall be an MP of the next Chair of AYP, meanwhile the rapporteurs appointed by the ongoing Chairperson.

## RULE IV

### Agenda and Meetings

~~**Section 10.** The AIPA Executive Committee shall prepare the agenda of the meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA.~~ The Young Parliamentarians of AIPA may meet once a year after the Executive Committee has prepared the agenda for the meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA.]

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The new ROP does not seem to give the Host Parliament flexibility to decide whether to have such a committee meeting or not. We have conveyed our comments previously on this. The GA is packed with many meetings including dialogue with observers. Any delay in meetings will have consequential impact on other meetings and host – for instance the ExCo meeting in 2017 and the Organisational Committee meeting in 2018 affecting the delegates and posing logistical challenges to the host. The current number of the meetings is about right. Additionally, the GA may propose more formation of Committees, maybe a Committee on Sustainability and the Environment or a Committee on Ageing and Health. So where will that lead us? Let's be flexible to accommodate what may come – at least allow the host to have choices or room to play around.

~~**Section 11.** The agenda of the meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA shall be communicated to the AIPA Member Parliaments by the AIPA Secretary General. The draft resolutions based on the agenda shall likewise be communicated at least six weeks before the opening of the General Assembly.~~

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**Section 11.** The agenda of the meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA shall be communicated to the AIPA Member parliaments by the AIPA Secretary General. Draft resolutions on youth-related issues proposed by AIPA Member parliaments shall be submitted to the AIPA Secretariat at least six weeks before the opening of the General Assembly.]

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~~**Section 12.** The Young Parliamentarians of AIPA may meet once a year before the preparation of the agenda by the AIPA Executive Committee to formulate and recommend the inclusion of youth-related matters in the agenda.~~

This is to cater to situation like the current pandemic where even the ExCo is not meeting and going via emails. It may also be more appropriate and time efficient to go via email correspondences since Section 9 is about proposing youth-related topics to the ExCo to be included in its Committee agenda for discussion at the General Assembly.

**Section 12.** Draft resolution(s) on youth-related issues which are endorsed by the AIPA Young Parliamentarians meeting shall be brought to the relevant Standing Committee for approval before they are adopted by the General Assembly.]

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**Section 13.** A brief opening ceremony may precede the meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA that may be opened by the President of AIPA and attended by delegates of each AIPA Member Parliament, AIPA Observers and Guests invited by the chairperson of the meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA.]

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**Section 14.** The meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA shall discuss in detail the topics specified on the agenda prepared by the AIPA Executive Committee.

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**Section 15.** The meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA shall study, deliberate on, and act upon the resolutions referred to them, and shall recommend its adoption to the AIPA General Assembly.]

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**Section 16.** During the meeting, other matters, including amendments to these Rules, may be discussed if the members of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA unanimously agree to consider them after hearing a brief explanation from their proponents.

**Section 17.** Decisions by the meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA on any subject shall be made by consensus. Only matters on which consensus cannot be attained shall be dropped. When consensus cannot be achieved, the meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA may decide on how a specific decision can be made.

**Section 18.** The proceedings and minutes of the meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA shall be in English.

**Section 19.** The outcome of the meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA shall be recorded in the report and may be presented by the Chairperson to the President of AIPA and the General Assembly.

## RULE V

### Secretariat

**Section 20.** The Secretary General of AIPA or any authorized AIPA Secretariat officer shall assist the chairperson of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA during the meeting.

**Section 21.** The Secretary General of AIPA or any authorized AIPA Secretariat officer may be invited by the chairperson of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA as a resource person during the meeting.

**Section 22.** The AIPA National Secretariat of the Host Parliament shall, in coordination with the AIPA Secretariat, provide the administrative and service requirements for the meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA.

**Section 23.** The AIPA National Secretariat of each AIPA Member Parliament may assist their respective Members of Parliament during the meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA.

**Section 24.** The AIPA Secretariat shall assist the Host Parliament in the preparation of the reports of the meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA and the distribution of the same to all AIPA National Secretariat and AIPA Observers and guests.

**Section 25.** The rapporteur shall ensure that the proceedings and outcome of the meeting of the Young Parliamentarians of AIPA are recorded and provide an objective account of the manifestations of the young parliamentarians, taking into consideration the views of the majority and minority.

## RULE VI

### Amendments

**Commented [a19]:** Proposal by Thailand

**Commented [a20]:** Indonesia proposes to remove the final part of the paragraph “only matters on which Consensus cannot be attained shall be dropped...” Because it is still under further deliberation and would be decided at the next General Assembly.

**Commented [a21]:** AIPA Secretariat supports the proposal made by Thailand to follow the text as written in the proposal on the amendment to the AIPA Statutes. However, this section is still subject to change following the decision made to the proposal on the amendment to the AIPA Statutes at the upcoming AIPA GA.

**Commented [a22]:** Myanmar proposes to add the following at the end of the paragraph:

*, except on matters relating to country specific issues.*

**Commented [a23]:** Indonesia proposes to replace the word “must” with “shall”

**Commented [a24]:** New section proposed by the Philippines. The proposal by the Philippines, and has been incorporated with the inputs from the AIPA Secretariat.

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**Section 26.** Any proposal to amend or revise these Rules of Procedure shall be made in writing and submitted to the AIPA Secretary General at least three (3) months prior to the commencement of the next AIPA General Assembly.

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**Section 27.** The AIPA Secretary General shall immediately communicate such proposals as well as any counter-proposal to Member Parliaments at least one (1) month prior to the commencement of the next AIPA General Assembly.

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**Section 28.** The proposed amendment or revision to these Rules of Procedure shall take effect upon approval by the General Assembly.

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## **RULE VII**

### **Effectivity**

**Section 29.** These Rules of Procedure shall take effect on the date of adoption.

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