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*Forging Parliamentary Cooperation in Digital Inclusion
Towards ASEAN Community 2025*

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**DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
PROMOTING PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY
TO MOVE FORWARD THE ASEAN COMMUNITY**

Proposed by Thailand

The Forty-Second AIPA General Assembly:

Referring the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Resolution on 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 which states clearly that parliamentary diplomacy plays an important role in strengthening UN to achieve its goals;

Also referring the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) Resolution on Promoting Parliamentary Diplomacy that parliamentary diplomacy is a complementary tool which has a potential to achieve results that might appear to be difficult for traditional diplomacy or for conventional diplomatic channel;

Welcoming the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) Resolution on Promoting Parliamentary Diplomacy for Peace, Security and Prosperity in the Region and The World on the crucial role of parliament at the international stage for solving problems in all aspects, including political, economic and social issues;

Recognizing the Pattaya Declaration of the General Assembly of Association of Asian Parliaments for Peace (AAPP) on encouraging parliamentarians to implement the concept of parliamentary diplomacy by increasing their participation in international affairs as well as working more closely with their governments on such area;

Emphasizing the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint 2025, which aims to intensify engagement with the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) in promoting a rules-based ASEAN Community, including the implementation of ASEAN declarations and agreements at the national level, to facilitate regional integration in moving forward the ASEAN Political-Security Community;

Reaffirming aims and purposes in the AIPA Statutes to move ASEAN forward by facilitating the achievement of ASEAN goals and also by establishing and maintaining exchange and dissemination of information as well as coordination, interaction and consultations with ASEAN to offer parliamentary contributions to ASEAN integration;

Realizing that since parliamentarians are representatives of people, development of inter-parliamentary relationship through parliamentary diplomacy can serve as a strong foundation for the people-centered ASEAN Community.

Hereby resolves to:

Strengthen parliamentary diplomacy through all levels of AIPA activities to move forward the ASEAN Community in order to achieve regional peace and security, sustainable economic growth, green economy, sustainable development, caring societies and sustainable human security;

Enhance parliamentary diplomacy between AIPA and other international organizations, such as IPU, ASEAN and APPF, and key parliamentary counterparts;

Urge the Governments of ASEAN member states to join AIPA in ensuring that ASEAN-AIPA Interface during the ASEAN Summit will focus on concrete action to address issues of significant concern to all the peoples of ASEAN member countries;

Reinforce cooperation between AIPA and ASEAN through the AIPA framework encompassing AIPA General Assembly, AIPA Caucus as well as AIPA observer countries to push forward harmonization of laws, regulations or practices among member countries;

Request AIPA Member Countries to increase their efforts in facilitating any issue related to laws or international agreements under the ASEAN framework in their national legislation process as well as monitoring and urging their governments to implement such issues;

Instruct the AIPA Secretariat to work closely with the ASEAN Secretariat to identify legislative impediments to the realization of the ASEAN Community especially in political and economic areas of cooperation, these, among others, will form pre-agenda of AIPA and ASEAN-AIPA Interface annually.

Adopted on the twenty fifth day of August two thousand twenty one in Brunei Darussalam.
