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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**DRAFT RESOLUTION ON  
THE POST – COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY: TOURISM  
COOPERATION IN ASEAN**

Since 2019, the world has faced a serious pandemic called Corona Virus Disease or COVID-19 which brought about many significant changes in people's life all over the world. Many businesses had to shut themselves down and a lot of people lost their jobs. Tourism is also one of the business sectors that most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Covid-19 epidemic is causing global travel to a halt that caused severe damage to tourism worldwide especially in ASEAN where the economy is heavily dependent on the tourism sector and transforming tourism to a new normal.

During the pandemic crisis, the United Nations have launched a research pointed out an overview of the socio-economic impacts from the pandemic on tourism but, at the same time, also highlighted that tourism will play an important role in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals, not only rebuilding economic in general but also mentioned its relationship with environment and culture.

In ASEAN, we have thought about the cooperation on tourism in the region towards the post ASEAN Integration goal. At present, we have set up the ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan 2016-2025 and amended it together last February this year by re-prioritizing activities and projects aimed at revitalizing tourism in the region after the situation of COVID-19. Thailand is ready to fully cooperate with our fellow Member Countries to successfully implement the ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan to strengthening the ASEAN Community in the long run.

In the draft Resolution on the Post – COVID-19 Economic Recovery: Tourism Cooperation in ASEAN, Thailand has reviewed that in the past our region has exploited our resources and biodiversity to create economic growth and the result of such development was at the cost of resource degradation, the decline of biodiversity and lots of pollutions which caused environmental problems and health problems. Therefore, it's time for ASEAN tourism over the next decade. We should adopt new and innovative approaches.