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

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**DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
ENHANCING CYBERSECURITY AND DATA PROTECTION
TOWARDS A RESILIENT CYBERSPACE IN ASEAN**

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The Forty-Second AIPA General Assembly:

PP1. *Recalling* AIPA Resolution Res.37GA/2016/Pol/04 on Strengthening Cooperation to ensure Cybersecurity in ASEAN;

PP2. *Further recalling* the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint 2025 adopted by the ASEAN Leaders at the 27th ASEAN Summit on 22 November 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which called for the establishment of a coherent and comprehensive framework for personal data protection;

PP3. *Reaffirming* the ASEAN Leaders' Statement on Cybersecurity Cooperation on the occasion of the 32nd ASEAN Summit on 27-28 April 2018 in Singapore;

PP4. *Reiterating* the commitment of the Heads of State/Government of ASEAN Member States during the 35th ASEAN Summit on 2-3 November 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand, which called for the need to address cybersecurity challenges in a holistic manner to ensure an open, secure, stable, accessible and resilient cyberspace to support the ASEAN digital economy;

PP5. *Recognising* that cybersecurity is a key enabler for ASEAN Member States to leverage the benefits of digitalization for socio-economic development; and the importance of regional and international cooperation to address the growing threats of cybersecurity;

PP6. *Acknowledging* the work that has been done in fostering greater regional cybersecurity cooperation and capacity building, particularly through the establishment of regional institutions related to cybersecurity namely the ASEAN-Japan Cybersecurity Capacity Building Centre (AJCCBC) and the ASEAN-Singapore Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence (ASCCE);

PP7. *Fully aware of* the vital role that AIPA Member Parliaments play in ensuring cybersecurity in the region, in accordance with the domestic laws, policies and regulations of ASEAN Member States.

Hereby resolves to:

OP1. Call upon AIPA to urge ASEAN Member States to promote further engagement through relevant ASEAN-led mechanisms related to cybersecurity such as the ASEAN Telecommunications Ministers Meeting (TELMIN) and the ASEAN Ministerial Conference on Cybersecurity (AMCC) to further enhance cybersecurity cooperation in ASEAN;

OP2. Encourage ASEAN Member States to leverage on existing regional institutions related to cybersecurity such as the ASEAN-Japan Cybersecurity Capacity Building Centre (AJCCBC) and the ASEAN-Singapore Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence (ASCCE) to implement practical capacity-building and confidence-building measures to enhance cybersecurity;

OP3. Urge ASEAN Member States to strengthen cooperation related to cybersecurity and data protection within the ASEAN region and between ASEAN and its partners through the facilitation of more exchanges, information sharing as well as Information and Technology infrastructure development across strategic, policy and technical spheres;

OP4. Suggest that ASEAN Member States strengthen the capabilities of their respective national Computer Emergency Response Team (CERTs) by undertaking joint regional activities to enhance cooperation and collaboration in the areas of cybersecurity and data protection;

OP5. Recommend that AIPA Member Parliaments strengthen the relevant national policies and legal frameworks related to cybersecurity and data protection where practicable, with a view of safeguarding ASEAN's growing digital economy.

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