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

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**DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
STRENGTHENING COOPERATION AND ENHANCING DIGITAL
INCLUSION TO REDUCE CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS**

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The Forty-Second AIPA General Assembly:

PP 1. *Recalling* AIPA Resolution 28GA/2007/SOC/07 on Climate Change as a Regional Challenge; AIPA Resolution 31GA/2010/SOC/01 on Climate Change, Disaster Management and Pandemic Prevention; AIPA Resolution 37GA/2016/SOC/03 on Enhancing Cooperation in Response to Climate Change in ASEAN; and AIPA Resolution 40GA/2019/SOC/05 on Regional Parliamentary Initiative for Enhancing Climate Change in ASEAN;

PP 2. *Noting* the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Paris Agreement) adopted in 2015, which aims to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change, committed to limit the rise of global temperature to well below 2 degree Celsius whilst also, limit temperature increase to 1.5 degree Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels and committed to increase the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions development;

PP 3. *Acknowledging* ASEAN's commitment to advancing climate action towards achieving our respective Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), based on the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities (CBDR-RC), in implementing the Paris Agreement;

PP 4. *Reiterating* the ASEAN Joint Statement on Climate Change to the 25th Session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP25) adopted in Bangkok on 2 November 2019;

PP 5. *Recognising* the ASEAN Plan of Action on Climate Change (2019 – 2025) and ASEAN Plan of Action on Energy Cooperation Phase II (2021 – 2025);

PP 6. *Shared* a deep concern over the increasing vulnerability and exposure of climate change threats to the region, including sea level rise, warmer temperature and extreme weather, exacerbating climate-induced disasters such as flood, flash floods, landslides, forest fires and transboundary haze pollution. The impacts of climate-induced disasters will

increase the likelihood of people displaced by climate change. Economic activity along the region's coastlines where approximately 640 million residents live, in particular, remains at risk;

PP 7. *Acknowledging* the importance of regional cooperation in which ASEAN can enhance its capability to cope and adapt to the changing climate in the effort to reducing the risks associated with climate change. ASEAN's high dependence on natural resources, agriculture, and forestry calls for regional readiness and preparedness through collaboration towards projected impacts from climate-induced disasters especially in terms of the community, natural environment, built environment, food security, public health, biodiversity, and the economy;

PP 8. *Recognising* that vital disaster management systems and mechanisms are needed to support national response to public health emergencies, thereby highlighting the importance of disaster management sector to continuously adapt to enhance response and preparedness for emerging multi-hazard and large-scale disasters; and

PP 9. *Welcoming* the role of digital technology in advancing climate action and reducing the risks of climate change in the region.

Hereby resolves to:

OP 1. *Welcome* ASEAN Member States to align strategies, policies, action plans and roadmaps particularly on climate resilience and adaptation, while considering utilising digital technology as an effective enabling tool;

OP 2. *Encourage* AIPA Member Parliaments to collaborate and provide guidance within ASEAN in utilising available resources towards integrating digital technology for climate resilience and adaptation;

OP 3. *Call upon* ASEAN to establish cooperation and a network of information exchanges in climate science, research and systematic observation and data sharing between ASEAN Member States. In addition to setting up a harmonised regional data centre to coordinate the sharing of information between ASEAN Member States with a close link towards Disaster Risk Management, it may also be set up to carry out climate assessments, introduce Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a monitoring and tracking tool, generate an online hazard mapping and early warning system, as well as a real-time online greenhouse gas emissions inventory system;

OP 4. *Urge* ASEAN Member States to explore, enable and strengthen climate financing and enhance opportunities for technical assistance; capacity building and technology transfer among one another to facilitate relevant climate actions towards resilience and adaptation;

OP 5. *Emphasise* the importance of enhancing digital inclusion in tackling climate change, as technology and innovation will be keys to improving the adoption of green technologies;

OP 6. *Enhance* public preparedness against climate-induced disasters through the promotion of Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction (CCA and DRR) programmes to build more disaster-resilient communities at all levels of society;

OP 7. *Strengthen* public and private partnerships at local and regional levels to enhance community resilience and increase their capacity to adapt and cope with the impacts of changing climate.

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