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RESOLUTION
ON
DEVELOPING POLICIES AND STRATEGIES TO
ADDRESS PROBLEMS ON REGIONAL FOOD SECURITY

The Thirty-Eighth AIPA General Assembly:

Recalling the UN General Assembly's decision in September 10, 2014, to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture by 2030;

Noting that food security is closely related to poverty, population growth, climate change, food, agricultural and financial policies;

Acknowledging that Southeast Asia has made remarkable progress in reducing hunger based on the Global Hunger Index in 2016, but wary of the projected increase in food requirements due to growing population in ASEAN Member States that is projected to reach 728 million by 2050, considering that sustainable development is threatened because of the depletion of water resources, land degradation, socioeconomic issues, climate change, increased urbanization and conversion of agricultural production areas, natural and man-made calamities, credit and financial constraints, and the migration of labour from rural areas;

Noting that in combating threats to regional food security, ASEAN has established various mechanisms of cooperation notably, the ASEAN Integrated Food Security Framework (AIFS), which was established in 2009 in line with the Strategic Plan of Action on Food Security (SPA-FS);

Highlighting that the ASEAN region has great potential to improve its food security and expedite the implementation of the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through continued and concerted cooperation among its member economies;

Resolves to:

Call on ASEAN Member States to implement effective food security strategies through policies and regulations that address the free flow of inputs, technology, and products in the context of adopting science-based and transparent food and disease control systems;

Encourage ASEAN Member States to actively implement and continually establish the necessary legal framework to implement the ASEAN Integrated Food Security Framework of 2009 and the Matrix of Key Areas of Cooperation on Food Security and Nutrition of 2016, specifically those that address sustainable infrastructure, protection of the environment, and integration of food producers, including small farmers, fisher folk and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) into the domestic and global food supply and value chains, timely and accurate delivery of emergency responses, and increasing investments in agriculture with the application of innovative techniques and technologies to improve productivity and provide support to local and regional food systems; and

Call on the governments of ASEAN Member States to develop and promote financial resilience and credit mechanisms such as innovative disaster risk financing and micro-insurance, and secure transactions to address market volatility and institutionalize financial response to natural and man-made disasters that could otherwise result in income and food production shocks impacting on producers and consumers alike.

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