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RESOLUTION ON BRIDGING THE GENDER GAP IN TECHNOLOGY-BASED DISCIPLINES

The Fortieth General Assembly:

Recalling that the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action confirms that science and technology, information and communication are economic resources; and equal access to these resources is a means to further the advancement and empowerment of women and girls;

Recalling that the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women are consistent priorities of ASEAN and would always be included in the laws, policies and programs of ASEAN Member States;

Reiterating the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 to promote in quality of life, protection of human rights, and provide equitable access to all opportunities;

Acknowledging that the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development complements the ASEAN community building efforts to raise the living standards of our peoples; as well as Goal 5b of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) calls for action by all countries to enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women;

Further acknowledging the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly's Resolution on Empowering Women in ASEAN to Harness the Potential of Industrial Revolution 4.0 that underlines the importance of strengthening joint efforts on harnessing new technology to tackle inequality and achieve inclusive growth in ASEAN Member States and enhancing women's capacity in digital literacy;

Noting that in empowering women in the field of technologies, equality must be addressed by bridging the gender gap;

Aware that promoting gender sensitivity and eliminating gender-stereotyping in schools and societies will motivate women to pursue training and education in the field of science, technology, engineering and math;

Convinced that information and communication technologies are integral tools in which men and women may substantially contribute and interact;

Mindful that greater participation of women in technology-based disciplines will spur innovation and help achieve socio-economic growth and development.

Hereby resolves to:

Urge ASEAN Member States to implement their commitments, goals, targets for equal access to technology, information and communication to promote empowerment of women;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to promote technology-based training, mentoring and education that narrows the skills gap and enhance digital literacy for women especially in remote and marginalized areas;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to formulate legal frameworks to bridge the gender gap and empower women's rights by providing equal access and opportunities in technology-based disciplines;

Call upon ASEAN Member States to share resources and research finding in science and technology, engineering, math, and information and communication technology, and develop strategies in which men and women may participate in the use of technologies for the achievement of socio-economic growth and development.

Adopted on the twenty-ninth day of August 2019 in Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand