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Advancing Together for Sustainable, Inclusive, and Resilient ASEAN

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RESOLUTION ON

**PROMOTING PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION FOR
SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN ASEAN
THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG)
APPROACH**

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The Forty-Third AIPA General Assembly:

Recalling the Implementation Plan of ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework adopted at the 37th ASEAN Summit, key areas of focus for a sustainable and resilient future in ASEAN include Circular Economy, Sustainable Energy, Green Infrastructure, Sustainable Investments, Sustainable Agriculture and Sustainable Financing, the Joint Communiqué of the 55th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting adopted in August 2022 in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, and the United Nations Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development;

Supporting the proposed development of ASEAN Green Deal an initiative of Prime Minister Hun Sen, as ASEAN Chair 2022, for ASEAN in promoting sustainability, resilience, and inclusiveness for regional development and ASEAN Chair's Statement on Addressing Challenges Together, which was adopted on 13 November 2022 in Phnom Penh, the Kingdom of Cambodia;

Recognising the spirit of the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025 and ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the increasingly vital role of the ASEAN Member States (AMS) in promoting corporate social responsibility in environmental, social and governance areas in the ASEAN community to achieve sustainable and inclusive growth for the region;

Acknowledging the increasingly important roles of national parliaments through the enactment of legislation and adoption of budgets to foster sustainable development and post-pandemic socio-economic recovery as well as promoting peacebuilding and people-to-people relations.

Hereby resolves to:

Affirm and reaffirm the deliberate intent of our parliaments to promote sustainable and inclusive development to serve the needs and promote the well-being of the people including

greater use of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) approaches in the public, private and people sector;

Pledge to promote cooperation and partnership among the AMS parliamentary platforms and mechanisms in revitalising sustainable and inclusive growth in ASEAN through parliamentary frameworks and mechanisms to contribute proactively to enhancing ASEAN's competitiveness and realising the sustainable, inclusive and resilient future of ASEAN;

Urge the AIPA Member Parliaments and the ASEAN Member States to support the Implementation Plan of ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework adopted at the 37th ASEAN Summit to achieve an inclusive and resilient future of ASEAN in such areas but not limited to circular and green economy, regional economy integration, regional connectivity, sustainable and clean energy, green infrastructure, sustainable investments, food security and nutrition, sustainable agriculture and sustainable finance;

Call upon the governments of the ASEAN Member States to address the challenges together by developing relevant ESG performance indicators and indexes that promote the safeguarding of environmental, labour and social protections, for example in line with those alluded in the proposed ASEAN Green Deal, in line with the vision and roadmap of the ASEAN Economic Community 2025, and to recommend priority principles encouraging businesses and producers to comply with ESG standards for sustainable and inclusive development;

Further urge the governments of ASEAN Member States to develop a regional action plan, roadmap and/or an implementation framework to review and assess the progress, and take a regional approach that incentivises the activities of the private sector and investment in areas that contribute to the promotion of the ESG practices in businesses and corporate transactions, including financial instruments such as sustainable loans or green bonds;

Encourage the inclusion of standards related to privacy, security including data security, and intellectual property in commercial agreements, along with standards related to environmental protection, risk management calls for wider application of such standards in the future; At the same time, also urging AIPA member parliaments to strengthen the supervision of corporate governance and operation, in which it is necessary to emphasize commitments on human rights, information security and environmental protection; perfecting domestic mechanisms, policies and laws in line with international agreements and commitments;

Further urge the international community, including governments, private sector and civil society organisations in ASEAN to deepen cooperation and strategic partnership in investment and development of clean and renewable energy and in the sharing of expertise as well as technical and financial resources, and through technology transfer and development in global commitments to embrace energy transition and circular economy, reduce carbon footprints and manage climate change adaptations towards low carbon society;

Encourage the AIPA member parliaments and AMS to take active and proactive roles in increasing visibility and awareness of and the discussion and policymaking on ESG approach that signifies the ASEAN's greater attention and acting in unison to constructively promote green (growth, recovery and tourism) through applications of green technologies and practices in corporate governance, environmental governance and sustainable management of scarce natural resources used in both industrial and non-industrial sectors;

Facilitate the use of digital technology in healthcare, where appropriate; promoting financial inclusion including through digital financial services and regional payment connectivity and Improving digital legal framework and institutional capacity;

Further encourage the governments and the private sectors to strengthen access to sustainable and green finance, access to market and internationalisation of goods and services produced under strict compliance with green growth and green recovery frameworks, and environmental policies and in line with the interest of the actors of MSMEs that promote sustainable use and effective governance of natural resources as well as legislation, regulation and taxation and improvement in institutional framework arrangements, and;

Propose that the Parliaments call on the Government to take appropriate measures to encourage the applications of ESG criteria in corporate governance through awareness raising campaign and other platforms to spread the recognition to various business sectors, especially micro, small and medium enterprises. Specifically seek to combine these activities with e-commerce and digital media methods to maximize communication and raise awareness.

Adopted on the Twenty Third day of November 2022 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
