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Advancing Together for Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient ASEAN

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RESOLUTION ON

PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ASEAN FIVE-POINT CONSENSUS

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The Forty-Third AIPA General Assembly:

Recalling UN GA Resolution A/RES/75/287 on the Situation in Myanmar adopted during the 75th UN General Assembly;

Affirming the importance of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus, including the establishment of the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair to facilitate the dialogue among different parties in Myanmar, adopted at the ASEAN Leaders' Meeting on 24 April 2021 at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia, which shall remain ASEAN's valid reference to be implemented in its entirety;

Recalling ASEAN Leaders' Review and Decision on the Implementation of the Five-Point Consensus during the 40th and 41st ASEAN Summits on 11 November 2022 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia;

Acknowledging the Statement of the Special Envoy of the Chair of ASEAN on the recent mass release of 5,774 prisoners/detainees in Myanmar on 17 November 2022, which included opposition politicians and activists, a former British ambassador, a Japanese filmmaker, and an Australian economist;

Expressing appreciation of the efforts to help address the situation in Myanmar including the visits to Myanmar by Samdech Prime Minister HUN SEN of the Kingdom of Cambodia in January 2022, as well as by H.E. Mr. PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia as the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar during the 2022 ASEAN Chairmanship of the Kingdom of Cambodia;

Recalling ASEAN Political Security Community Blueprint 2025 that envisages ASEAN to build a rules-based, people-oriented, people-centered community that strengthens democracy, the rule of law, and promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms; and to build a peaceful, secure and stable region that responds to crisis situations in an effective and timely manner;

Recalling relevant regional human rights instruments, including ASEAN Declaration for Human Rights that establishes a framework to promote human rights cooperation in the region that contributes to the ASEAN Community building process;

Noting with concern the continuing and escalating violence, human rights violations, civilian casualties and fatalities in Myanmar which affect not only Myanmar but also ASEAN's Community building efforts and the regional economic recovery;

Noting with disappointment the little progress and commitment from the Myanmar Armed Forces in the implementation of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus;

Expressing deep concern over the prolonged political crisis and exacerbated situation on the ground in Myanmar, including the execution of four opposition activists;

Underscoring the crucial role of ASEAN as a Community to protect the people of ASEAN, including refugees and asylum seekers, and the importance of addressing humanitarian situation in Myanmar.

Hereby resolves to:

Urge the Myanmar Armed Forces and all parties concerned to adhere to and fulfil the implementation of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to promote the implementation of the principles of fundamental human rights, freedom and democracy as enshrined in the United Nations and ASEAN Charters;

Support the endorsement of the ASEAN Leaders' Review and Decision on the Implementation of the Five-Point Consensus at the 41st ASEAN Summit on November 11, 2022 in Phnom Penh;

Further support the Statement of the Special Envoy of the Chair of ASEAN on the release of prisoners/detainees, issued on November 17, 2022, which not only shows a constructive gesture in the right direction to create a conducive environment for a dialogue process among all concerned parties in Myanmar, but also a sign of good will in pursuing peaceful solution to the current crisis, and is a positive development in line with the spirit of the Five-Point Consensus;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments and ASEAN Member States to enhance efforts in assisting Myanmar to find a strategic solution to addressing the conflict and its consequences on the people in Myanmar, and engage with all relevant stakeholders in Myanmar in a flexible and informal manner, primarily undertaken by the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar due to the neutrality that is inherent in his/her mandate, with the sole objective of restoring peace and stability in the country in accordance with the Five-Point Consensus;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments and ASEAN Member States to further uphold the principle of *nonrefoulment* and prevent actions that may put people, particularly refugees and migrants lives at risks;

Support future visits of the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar which would bring positive progress to the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus, especially the delivery of humanitarian assistance to those in need in Myanmar without discrimination and widen the window of opportunity for political dialogue in Myanmar;

Commit to assisting the people of Myanmar in finding a peaceful and durable solution to the current situation.

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