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*The Role of Parliaments in Enhancing Connectivity and
Inclusive Growth of ASEAN*

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**RESOLUTION ON
STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN PROMOTING
ASEAN CONNECTIVITY AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH THROUGH
ASEAN POLITICAL-SECURITY COOPERATION**

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The Forty-fifth AIPA General Assembly:

Recalling the vision of ASEAN Leaders to build an ASEAN Community to achieve a seamlessly and comprehensively connected and integrated ASEAN that will promote competitiveness, inclusiveness, and a greater sense of Community;

Reaffirming the [Kuala Lumpur Declaration on ASEAN 2025: Forging Ahead Together](#), signed by all ASEAN Leaders at the 27th ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in November 2015, which adopted the ASEAN Community Vision 2025: the [ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint 2025](#), the [ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025](#), and the [ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025](#);

Further recalling the [Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 \(MPAC 2025\)](#) adopted by ASEAN Leaders in Vientiane, Lao PDR in 2016, which supports regional integration through physical, institutional, and people-to-people connectivity;

Further reaffirming the importance of the MPAC 2025 in building the ASEAN Community as well as in supporting the implementation of the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint 2025, the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025, the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025, ASEAN sectoral work plans, and the [Initiative for ASEAN Integration \(IAI\) Work Plan IV](#), as well as in enhancing synergies with other sub-regional and inter-regional frameworks;

Acknowledging the progress made in implementing the MPAC 2025, while recognising that challenges remain in addressing development gaps, encouraging private sector involvement, and adapting to emerging trends such as digital transformation and sustainability, which are crucial for achieving a fully integrated ASEAN Community by 2025 and beyond;

Noting the progress made in the development of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 “Resilient, Innovative, Dynamic, and People-Centred ASEAN” and its Strategic Plans to further strengthen ASEAN Community;

Further noting the steady progress made in the implementation of the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Blueprint as the current ASEAN Community Vision nears its completion in 2025;

Recognising the ASEAN Member States' commitment to realising the APSC Blueprint 2025, including promoting the engagements with dialogue partners and external parties, further enhancing ASEAN unity and centrality;

Supporting the continued commitment of ASEAN to maintain peace, security, stability, and prosperity in Southeast Asia and the wider region, and its significant role as the centre of regional economic growth;

Reiterating AIPA Resolutions No. [Res.23GA/2002/Pol/05](#) on Peace and Security in the Region; [Res.33GA/2012/Pol/02](#) on Maintaining Peace and Stability in the Region; [Res.34GA/2013/Pol/01](#) on Supporting the ASEAN Political-Security Community; [Res.43GA/2022/Pol/03](#) on Promoting Peace, Solidarity, and Multilateralism through ASEAN Centrality; [Res.44GA/2023/Pol/06](#) on Parliamentary Cooperation in Contributing Long-Lasting Peace in Myanmar;

Recognising the importance of AIPA Member Parliaments' roles in contributing to the effort of promoting ASEAN's relevance through enhancing ASEAN Centrality and unity in ASEAN-led mechanisms, aiming to maintain and promote peace, security, stability, and prosperity;

Acknowledging the emergence of non-traditional and transnational security challenges including, crime against humanity, terrorism, drug trafficking, wildlife poaching, global health security, climate change, natural disasters, disruption by and abuse of technologies, migration, the energy and food crisis, human trafficking, transnational organized crime, and cybercrime, all of which hinder national and regional development and progress.

Hereby resolves to:

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to encourage their respective governments to complete the implementation of the MPAC 2025 with a view to strengthening physical, institutional, and people-to-people connectivity. This will help enhance competitiveness, stimulate prosperity and inclusivity, and cultivate a stronger sense of community, with the ultimate goal of driving economic growth, narrowing development gaps, advancing sustainability, and enhancing resilience across the three pillars of the ASEAN Community. Ultimately, our collective efforts will play a key role in promoting regional peace, security, and stability, benefiting ASEAN peoples;

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to encourage their respective governments in the development of the ASEAN Connectivity Strategic Plan to ensure the continuity of efforts in enhancing ASEAN Connectivity. This should be done by building up on past achievements and lessons learned from the implementation of MPAC 2025. It is important to consider current and emerging connectivity trends, priorities, activities, and projects at the sub-regional, regional, and global levels when doing so;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to coordinate with their respective governments to continue supporting the implementation of ASEAN connectivity projects, including

private sector involvement and public-private partnership focusing on the 15 Priority Projects of the MPAC 2025 which encompass physical, institutional, and people-to-people connectivity;

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to encourage their respective governments to further enhance ASEAN cooperation, including ASEAN's external cooperation in combating transnational crimes to prevent impediments that would hinder the connectivity development in the region; and to further strengthen cooperation on sectors that will be possibly affected by enhanced connectivity, through intensifying capacity building, promoting good governance, and sharing of best practices on public-private partnerships, transparency, and accountability;

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to support ASEAN efforts to ensure inclusive, equitable, and sustainable growth in the region by promoting synergies, complementarity and alignment between sub-regional cooperation frameworks and the ASEAN Community building process, contributing to narrowing the development gap and the comprehensive development of ASEAN, as well as empowering our micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) through capacity building and promotion of partnerships with large enterprises in areas such as adopting inclusive business models and fostering a dynamic business environment and a robust trade and investment;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to support ASEAN Community building agenda that may unleash the region's growth potential and work together toward sustainability, stronger participation in global supply chains, digital transformation, green economy, blue economy, creative economy, and inclusive economy;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to continue overseeing the implementation of ASEAN connectivity projects at the national level, including public-private partnerships connectivity projects, to ensure the effective implementation of the connectivity projects;

Request AIPA Member Parliaments to support ASEAN's oversight in monitoring the implementation of the MPAC 2025, and the development and execution of the ASEAN Connectivity Strategic Plan, ensuring alignment with the Post-2025 Vision of the ASEAN Community and adhering to the principles of the rule of law;

Encourage regional and international organizations, stakeholders, and external partners to provide support for ASEAN's efforts in implementing MPAC 2025 and upholding ASEAN Connectivity as a key priority, which is essential in realising the goals of the MPAC 2025 toward fostering regional and global connectivity;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to actively participate in the formulation and evaluation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 ASEAN Connectivity Strategic Plan to ensure alignment with the region's long-term integration and connectivity efforts.

Adopted on the twenty-first day of October 2024 in Vientiane, Lao PDR.



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

**RESOLUTION ON STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN
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Connectivity serves as a fundamental cornerstone for cooperation and economic integration, both regionally and globally. It has emerged as a critical priority for countries in the region, particularly as they seek to identify new economic growth drivers and stimulate domestic demand, as well as overall regional demand. This, in turn, aims to maximize the potential of production networks and foster a more interconnected value chain. A comprehensive perspective on connectivity is essential, as it should not be limited to a single sector but rather encompass all relevant connections. The establishment of a development corridor that fosters prosperity through trade, investment, tourism, transportation, information and communication technology, energy, human mobility, and technology networks is paramount.

The ASEAN has recently made noteworthy progress in realizing the objectives outlined in the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 (MPAC 2025). This progress bolsters regional connectivity in accordance with the core principles of openness, transparency, inclusiveness, and the centrality of ASEAN, as specified in the relevant regional initiative document. These collective efforts have significantly contributed to socio-economic development, thereby promoting peace, stability, and prosperity across the region.

It should be noted that the AIPA Member Parliaments have engaged in collaborative efforts to debate, deliberate, and enact new legislation, as well as to amend existing laws to ensure consistency. They have also facilitated the enforcement of laws, policies, guidelines, and regulations aimed at overseeing the implementation of ASEAN integration initiatives, thereby ensuring the successful attainment of the objectives outlined for the ASEAN Community 2025.

Another interesting point to note is that the AIPA Member Parliaments, in conjunction with ASEAN Member States, have, moreover, engaged in active collaboration with international organizations, external stakeholders, and development partners to implement and realize the master plan for the ASEAN Connectivity 2025 initiative, aimed at enhancing connections both within the region and globally.

In light with the evolving and multifaceted international environment that presents challenges that are increasingly difficult to foresee, it is imperative for ASEAN to enhance its institutional and infrastructural capabilities to effectively address forthcoming challenges. Accordingly, the purpose of this resolution is to strengthen the parliamentary role in promoting ASEAN connectivity and inclusive growth through ASEAN political-security cooperation.