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

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**RESOLUTION ON
PROMOTING PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN ADVANCING REGIONAL
PEACE, STABILITY, AND DEVELOPMENT**

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The Forty-fifth AIPA General Assembly:

Reiterating the [United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), which sets out a vision of sustainable, economic, environmental, and social development, and places people and the planet at the centre of a new era of sustainable development;

Acknowledging ASEAN's commitment to strengthen existing bonds of regional solidarity to realise an ASEAN Community that is politically cohesive, economically integrated, and socially responsible in order to effectively respond to current and future challenges and opportunities;

Acknowledging further the [ASEAN Community Vision 2025](#) and ASEAN's commitment to build a united, inclusive, and resilient community where ASEAN peoples shall live in a safe, harmonious, and secure environment, embrace the values of respect, tolerance and moderation, as well as ASEAN fundamental principles, shared values, and norms enshrined in the [Charter of the United Nations](#), the [ASEAN Charter](#), the [Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia \(TAC\)](#), and other fundamental documents;

Recalling the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 to consolidate our Community, building upon and deepening the integration process to realise a people-oriented, people-centred, and rules-based ASEAN Community, where our people enjoy human rights and fundamental freedoms, a higher quality of life, and the benefits of community building, and reinforce our sense of togetherness and common identity, guided by the purpose and principles of the [ASEAN Charter](#);

Recognising that building a rules-based, people-oriented, and people-centred ASEAN Community is essential in improving the well-being of ASEAN peoples through enhancing socio-economic development cooperation, maintaining regional peace and stability, and boosting the prosperity of societies across Southeast Asia;

Supporting ASEAN's commitment to care for its people and prepare for future opportunities and challenges in order to advance sustainable development for shared prosperity in the region;

Noting that ASEAN's Community Vision 2025 is a bold, visionary, progressive, and forward-looking document reflecting the aspirations of the next generation of ASEAN nationals. and help realise a politically cohesive, socially responsible, and truly people-oriented, people-centred and rules-based ASEAN Community where our peoples continue to participate in and benefit fully from the ongoing process of ASEAN integration and community-building;

Acknowledging that ASEAN aims to build a people-oriented, people-centred, and socially-responsible ASEAN Community to achieve solidarity and long-lasting unity among ASEAN Member States and their peoples by creating a common identity from diverse cultures and beliefs towards a sharing, caring, harmonious, and open society where the lives, living standards, and welfare of people are improved.

Hereby resolves to:

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to support their respective governments in promoting a people-oriented, people-centred, and rules-based ASEAN Community where all people, and stakeholders, and sectors of society can contribute to and enjoy the benefits of a more integrated, connected, and resilient Community encompassing enhanced cooperation in the political-security, economic, and socio-cultural pillars for sustainable, equitable, and inclusive development;

Call on AIPA Member Parliaments to support their respective governments to consolidate ASEAN Community, building upon and deepening the integration process to further promote human rights and fundamental freedom, a higher quality of life, and the benefits of community building, reinforcing our sense of togetherness and common identity, guided by the purposes and principles of the ASEAN Charter;

Further request AIPA Member Parliaments to inspire their respective governments to continue enhancing their efforts in building a greater sense of a common identity that reflects the Member States' shared objective in enhancing the well-being of ASEAN peoples through the implementation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to support their respective judicial systems and legal infrastructure of ASEAN Member States to maintain a peaceful and harmonious environment, as well as engagement between legislative and executive branches in the process of the establishment of a rules-based ASEAN Community;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments and ASEAN Member States to further enhance promoting the principles of democracy, rule of law, good governance, and social justice, to promote and protect human rights and respect for fundamental freedoms, as well as to consolidate the ASEAN Community in achieving the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 of building a people-oriented and people-centred ASEAN Community;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to develop and promote mechanisms that enhance direct public engagement, such as through public consultations, digital platforms, and community outreach programmes, ensuring that all sectors of society are heard and included in ASEAN's decision-making processes;

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments, ASEAN Member States and all relevant stakeholders and partners to foster solidarity and synergy between governments and civil society organizations in regional and global peace efforts and support any new development and implementation of international peace architectures that complement and bolster the principles espoused in the Charter of the United Nations, ASEAN Charter, Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) in Southeast Asia, and other prevailing international treaties and conventions that promote peace, security, stability, and international development in an inclusive and harmonious manner;

Work with AIPA Member Parliaments, ASEAN Member States and all relevant stakeholders and partners to identify and address existing social, economic and political injustices through people-centred approaches, cooperative working mechanisms, social solidarity, civil engagement, and peaceful mediation efforts to ensure the win-win peace outcomes among all parties;

Promote cultural connectivity and inter-faith harmony between AIPA Member Parliaments, ASEAN Member States, and all relevant stakeholders and partners beyond ASEAN through people-to-people interactions, knowledge exchanges and information-sharing;

Encourage international organisations, external partners, and dialogue partners to continue supporting ASEAN efforts in promoting a people-oriented, people-centred, and rules-based ASEAN Community where all people, stakeholders, and sectors of society can contribute to and enjoy the benefits of a more integrated and connected Community.

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



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

**RESOLUTION ON PROMOTING PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN
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The ASEAN Community Vision 2025 advocates for a "people-oriented" or "people-centered" approach, as articulated in multiple key ASEAN documents. This aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and embodies the principle that "no one is left behind." This principle highlights the importance of inclusive participation from individuals and all segments of society in the formulation of policies and strategic directions for socio-economic development across the region, aiming to fortify peace, stability, and security within the region.

It should be noted that regulations have recently been established by ASEAN with the objective of promoting a people-centered approach, thereby cultivating a society defined by unity, harmony, empathy, and mutual understanding, thereby enhancing the value of coexistence among the peoples of ASEAN in an effective and satisfactory manner.

The AIPA, similarly, has significantly contributed to the establishment of a society governed by the rule of law by enhancing the legal framework to foster greater harmony. It has fostered cooperation between the legislative and the administrative bodies in the development of the ASEAN community, thereby promoting principles of good governance, justice, the protection of human rights, and respect for fundamental freedoms. These efforts are crucial in creating an environment that supports the maintenance of peace, stability, and security.

The AIPA Parliaments Member, in conjunction with ASEAN Member States, have furthermore engaged in active collaboration with international organizations, external partners, and a range of development partners to promote greater participation of individuals from all sectors of society in the peace-building process.

The purpose of this resolution is to promote people's participation in maintaining regional peace, stability, and development. In the session, the delegation will engage in further discussion on the realization of "a people-oriented, people-centered, and rules-based ASEAN Community."