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Towards ASEAN Community 2025*

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**RESOLUTION ON
STRENGTHENING COOPERATION AND ENHANCING DIGITAL
INCLUSION TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

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The Forty-Second AIPA General Assembly:

Recalling AIPA Resolution 28GA/2007/SOC/07 on Climate Change as a Regional Challenge; AIPA Resolution 31GA/2010/SOC/01 on Climate Change, Disaster Management and Pandemic Prevention; AIPA Resolution 37GA/2016/SOC/03 on Enhancing Cooperation in Response to Climate Change in ASEAN; and AIPA Resolution 40GA/2019/SOC/05 on Regional Parliamentary Initiative for Enhancing Climate Change in ASEAN;

Noting the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) adopted in 2015, which aims to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change, committed to hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 degree Celsius above pre-industrial levels, and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degree Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels and committed to increase the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions development, in a manner that does not threaten food production;

Acknowledging ASEAN's commitment to the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, in particular the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities (CBDR-RC), in the light of different national circumstances;

Reiterating the ASEAN Joint Statement on Climate Change to the 25th Session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP25) adopted in Bangkok on 2 November 2019;

Recognising the ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change Action Plan (2016-2025), ASEAN Plan of Action on Energy Cooperation Phase II (2021 – 2025) and ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) Work Programme (2021-2025);

Acknowledging with a deep concern the increasing vulnerability and exposure of ASEAN region to climate change threats, and the looming displacement of economically dependent residents living along the region's coastlines due to the rising sea levels, increasing temperature and extreme weather conditions, and exacerbating climate-induced disasters such as flood, flash floods, landslides, forest fires and transboundary haze pollution;

Acknowledging the importance of regional cooperation in the areas of sustainable utilisation of natural resources, enhancement of disaster management capacities and the adoption of capacity-building initiatives for disaster risk reduction, which includes but not limited to the enhancement of the preparedness and response for emerging multi-hazard and large scale disasters, to enhance ASEAN's capability to mitigate and adapt to climate change and reduce the adverse risks and impacts of climate-induced catastrophes to the vital yet vulnerable segments of key economic sectors like agriculture, natural and built environments, biodiversity, food supply and food security, and public health;

Realising the role of digital technology and the achievements of the 4th Industrial Revolution in socio-economic development in advancing climate action and reducing the risks of climate change in the region.

Hereby resolves to:

Encourage ASEAN Member States initiatives to align strategies, policies, action plans and roadmaps particularly on climate change mitigation, resilience and adaptation, while considering utilising digital technology as an effective enabling tool;

Encourage ASEAN Member States to strengthen policy coherence among several critical sectors development through digital technology adaptation;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to collaborate and provide guidance within ASEAN in utilising available resources towards integrating digital technology for the management, monitoring, warning, reporting information on greenhouse gas emissions and climate change mitigation resilience and adaptation as well as encouraging AIPA Member Parliaments to adopt and amend the relevant laws and regulations on climate change and disaster control;

Call upon ASEAN to establish cooperation and a network of information exchanges in climate science, research and systematic observation and data sharing between ASEAN Member States. In addition to setting up a harmonised regional data centre to coordinate the sharing of information between ASEAN Member States with a close link towards Disaster Risk Management, it may also be set up to carry out climate assessments, introduce Artificial Intelligence (AI) and big data as a monitoring and tracking tool, generate an online hazard mapping and early warning system;

Urge ASEAN Member States to explore, enable and strengthen climate financing and enhance opportunities for technical assistance; capacity building and technology transfer among one another to facilitate relevant and timely climate actions towards climate adaptation and resilience;

Emphasise the importance of enhancing digital inclusion in tackling climate change to improve the adoption of green technologies and reducing greenhouse gas emissions;

Enhance public preparedness against climate-induced disasters through the promotion of Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction (CCA and DRR) programmes improve education, awareness-raising, human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning to build more disaster-resilient communities at all levels of society;

Strengthen public and private partnerships at national and regional levels to enhance community resilience and increase capacity to adapt and cope with the impacts of changing climate.

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