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*Parliament at the Forefront for Inclusive Growth and
Sustainable ASEAN*

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RESOLUTION ON

**THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN PROMOTING THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (AEC)
BLUEPRINT 2025 AND BEYOND**

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The Forty-sixth General Assembly:

Recalling the [Kuala Lumpur Declaration on ASEAN 2025: Forging Ahead Together](#), adopted by ASEAN Leaders during the 27th ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 22nd November 2015, and the significant progress of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) in setting the roadmap towards a highly integrated, cohesive, competitive, innovative, and resilient ASEAN economy, and noting the ongoing commitment towards further integration through the [AEC Blueprint 2025](#) and beyond;

Further Recalling AIPA Resolutions No. [Res.38GA/2017/Eco/04](#) on Intra-Regional Economic Cooperation for Equitable Development and Inclusive Growth in the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), adopted in Manila, Philippines, in 2017; [Res.43GA/2022/Eco/01](#) on Promoting Parliamentary Cooperation for Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Growth in ASEAN Through Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Approach, adopted in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in 2022; and [Res.45GA/2024/Eco/03](#) on the Role of Parliament in Promoting Capital Mobilisation for Sustainable Infrastructure Development Towards the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 and Beyond, adopted in Vientiane, Lao PDR, in 2024;

Affirming AIPA Resolutions No. [Res.45GA/2024/Eco/04](#) on The Role of Parliament in Promoting ASEAN Digital Technological Integration Towards the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 and Beyond, adopted in Vientiane, Lao PDR, in 2024; and [Res.45 GA/2024/Eco/07](#) on Improving Institutional Capacity to Promote Transport Connectivity in the ASEAN Region, adopted in Vientiane, Lao PDR, in 2024;

Acknowledging the challenges in the implementation of the AEC Blueprint 2025 and beyond, including development gaps, budget allocation, non-tariff barriers, growing geopolitical trade competition and protectionism conflicts, different national interest non-uniform levels of liberalisation, technological divides, and competitive production and skilled labour costs;

Affirming that AIPA Member Parliaments play a critical role in approving legislative frameworks, budgetary support, and policy oversight to facilitate effective implementation of regional economic commitments;

Acknowledging the vital role of the High-Level Task Force on ASEAN Economic Integration (HLTF-EI) in overseeing the implementation and strategic direction of the AEC Blueprint 2025, noting its accessed progress and recommended next steps, which include the important strategic objectives of promoting trade and investment in high-capacity economic sectors, fostering inclusive growth, and advancing sustainable development.

Hereby resolves to:

Urge ASEAN Member States to proactively engage in legislative and policy review to ensure timely and effective implementation of the strategic measures and relevant resolutions required to operationalise the AEC Blueprint 2025 and prepare for the effective and meaningful implementation of its succeeding documents, including but not limited to, the recently launched [AEC Strategic Plan 2026-2030](#);

Encourage ASEAN Member States to facilitate the reduction of tariff and non-tariff barriers, harmonise policy frameworks, and streamline procedures to enhance intra-ASEAN trade, technology transfer, capital mobilisation and investment flows;

Recommend that ASEAN Member States prioritise measures for narrowing development gaps, including promoting equitable development, inclusive economic growth and the empowerment of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), including initiatives to improve their access to finance, enhance digital literacy, and support their integration into regional and global value chains with particular attention to women, youth, and vulnerable groups, in line with ASEAN's inclusive growth agenda;

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to enact laws, to ensure budgetary support that fosters innovation, competitiveness, and productivity growth, particularly through strengthened intellectual property rights protection, enhanced research and development capacities, and technology advancements including support for digital platforms, biotechnology, marine and freshwater-based innovation, and other blue economy technologies as outlined in ASEAN initiatives;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to oversee government policies and programmes relating to the AEC Blueprint 2025 and beyond by improving physical, institutional, and digital connectivity, including through the promotion of sustainable infrastructure and public-private partnerships (PPP) projects;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to support the three pillars of sustainability—economic, social and environmental, by integrating green growth principles and blue economy principles, as affirmed in the ASEAN Leaders’ Declaration on the Blue Economy and ASEAN Blue Economy Framework into national legislation and aligning these with regional sustainability objectives under the AEC Blueprint 2025 and beyond;

Call on AIPA Member Parliaments to facilitate and support the mobility of competitive and fairly skilled labour for decent work across ASEAN by overseeing Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs), streamlining administrative processes and promoting regulatory alignment in accordance with the [ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework \(AQRF\)](#) and commitments under the [ASEAN Agreement on Movement of Natural Persons \(MNP\)](#);

Encourage collaboration among ASEAN Member States for knowledge sharing, capacity building and monitoring progress towards achieving the objectives of the AEC Blueprint 2025 and to implement the [ASEAN Economic Community Strategic Plan 2026-2030](#);

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to enhance collaboration with ASEAN Member States, international organisations, development partners and private sectors to share resources, technical assistance, financial support, and expertise necessary for the effective and efficient implementation of the AEC Blueprint 2025 and beyond;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to hold regular dialogues with government, stakeholders, international organisations, development partners and private sectors and also to raise public awareness to enhance transparency, accountability and community support for the implementation of the AEC Blueprint 2025 and beyond;

Request ASEAN Member States to strengthen institutional coordination and policy coherence, under the recommendation of the HLTF-EI, ensuring alignment between national policies and regional commitments for the effective implementation of the AEC Blueprint 2025 and beyond.

Adopted in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the Twentieth Day of September, in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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The ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint 2025 serves as a critical strategic framework designed to transform ASEAN into a highly integrated, cohesive, competitive, innovative, resilient, equitable development and inclusive economic community by 2025. Building upon the achievements of the AEC Blueprint 2015, this plan underscores the dynamic nature of regional economic integration, continually adapting to emerging global economic trends and challenges and preparation for the post agenda of AEC Blueprint 2025.

The AEC Blueprint 2025 outlines a comprehensive agenda built around five interconnected and mutually reinforcing characteristics:

1. A Highly Integrated and Cohesive Economy;
2. A Competitive, Innovative, and Dynamic ASEAN;
3. Enhanced Connectivity and Sectoral Cooperation;
4. A Resilient, Inclusive, People-Oriented, and People-Centred ASEAN;
5. A Global ASEAN.

The successful implementation of this ambitious agenda requires effective policy and legislative frameworks and ongoing oversight by AIPA Member parliaments. This resolution underscores the indispensable role of parliamentarians in developing and amending laws, frameworks, allocating resources and monitoring policies to realize regional economic commitments.

AIPA Member Parliaments are crucial actors in the realization of the AEC Blueprint 2025 and beyond. Our functions are multi-faceted:

- **Legislative Frameworks**
- **Budgetary Support**
- **Policy Oversight**
- **Representation and Inclusivity**

Parliamentarians in particular play a crucial role in harmonizing national laws and regulations to reduce tariff and non-tariff barriers, streamline intra-ASEAN trade procedures, and encourage regulatory coherence, essential for fostering trade, investment and the mobility of skilled labour. By providing budgetary support for technological innovation, intellectual property rights protection, research and development capacities and digital transformation initiatives. Parliaments can significantly promote the region's economic competitiveness and innovation potential.

Recognizing the importance of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) as vital drivers of economic growth, employment, and innovation, this resolution emphasizes parliamentary actions aimed at promoting MSME integration into regional and global value chains. Legislation fostering financial inclusion, digital literacy, technological innovation, access to finance and sustainable business practices will directly empower MSMEs, contributing to equitable economic development and inclusive growth across ASEAN.

Furthermore, sustainable infrastructure development remains pivotal for enhancing ASEAN connectivity. Parliamentary support for robust physical, institutional, and digital infrastructure through legislative measures and public-private partnerships (PPPs) can significantly accelerate regional integration and economic growth. Legislators are also urged to incorporate green growth principles into national laws and policies to address environmental sustainability and climate resilience in alignment with regional and international sustainability commitments.

In this context, enhanced cooperation among AIPA Member Parliaments, ASEAN Member States, international organizations, development partners and private sectors are vital through sharing of best practices, capacity-building initiatives, and regular monitoring of progress, parliamentary collaboration will ensure effective, timely and inclusive implementation of the AEC Blueprint 2025 and beyond.

By adopting this resolution, AIPA Member Parliaments reaffirm our commitments and pivotal roles in achieving the aspirations of the AEC Blueprint 2025 and beyond, laying the foundation for a prosperous, innovative, inclusive and globally competitive ASEAN Economic Community 2045.