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Responsive Parliaments for a Stable and Prosperous ASEAN

(Res. 44GA/2023/Pol/03)

**RESOLUTION ON
MAINTAINING REGIONAL PEACE, SECURITY, AND STABILITY
THROUGH DIALOGUE AND COLLABORATION**

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The Forty-fourth AIPA General Assembly:

Reaffirming 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 and an engine of global economic growth;

Acknowledging the unprecedented global and regional challenges faced by ASEAN, including the geopolitical dynamics due to the power rivalry in Asia and the Indo-Pacific, the issue of the South China Sea, concerns on the risks of an intra-regional arms race triggered by major power competition, and the situation in Myanmar, of which impact the region's peace and stability;

Considering the emergence of non-traditional and transnational security challenges, including, among others, terrorism, drug trafficking, wildlife poaching, global health security, climate change, natural disaster, disruption by and abuse of technologies, migration, the energy and food crisis, human trafficking, transnational organized crime and cybercrime, of which hinder regional development and progress;

Noting the importance of AIPA Member Parliaments' roles in contributing to the effort of strengthening ASEAN's relevance through enhancing ASEAN centrality and unity, through ASEAN-led mechanisms aiming to promote peace, security, stability and prosperity, and shape ASEAN-centred regional architecture, which is open, transparent, inclusive, and upholds international law;

Emphasizing the relevance of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC), the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Mainstreaming Four Priority Areas of the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP) within ASEAN-Led Mechanisms and the Message of the President of the 44th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly at the ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface at the 42nd ASEAN Summit in Labuan Bajo, Indonesia, as a shared perspective and framework in maintaining dialogue and collaboration to maintain regional peace, security, and stability;

Recalling AIPA Resolutions No. RES.23GA/2002/Pol/05 on Peace and Security in the Region; No. RES.33GA/2012/Pol/02 on Maintaining Peace and Stability in the Region; No. RES.34GA/2013/Pol/01 on Supporting the ASEAN Political-Security Community; No. RES.43GA/2022/Pol/03 on Promoting Peace, Solidarity and Multilateralism through ASEAN Centrality; RES.43GA/2022/Pol/04 on Enhancing Parliamentary Diplomacy on Maritime Security to Foster Regional Stability in Southeast Asia; No. RES.43GA/2022/Pol/05 on Parliamentary Diplomacy for the Implementation of ASEAN Five-Point Consensus, as well as No. RES 43GA/2022/WAIPA/03 on Promoting the Role of Women Parliamentarians in Advancing Women, Peace, and Security Agenda;

Emphasizing the importance of maintaining regional peace, security, and stability as a pre-condition for ASEAN growth and development, as well as the critical role of parliaments in representing the people and contributing to the government's efforts in addressing challenges in the ASEAN region;

Recognizing the potential of AIPA Member Parliaments to be more responsive and adaptive to the challenges facing ASEAN, particularly those that urgently need concerted efforts;

Highlighting the importance of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda and women's participation in, and contribution to ASEAN's peace, security, and stability.

Hereby resolves to:

Reaffirm the commitment of AIPA Member Parliaments to enhance their roles and contributions to maintain regional peace, security, and stability through dialogue and collaboration, upholding ASEAN centrality and unity, adhering to key principles, shared values, and norms enshrined in the United Nations (UN) Charter, the ASEAN Charter, the Declaration on the Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality (ZOPFAN), the 1976 Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC), the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ), the 2011 Declaration on the East Asia Summit on the Principles for Mutually Beneficial Relations and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP);

Reaffirm the shared determination by AIPA Member Parliaments to be more proactive in addressing challenges, including non-traditional security challenges, especially those that urgently need solutions through the adoption of best practices implemented by governments which will enhance ASEAN's relevance in driving regional economic growth;

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to contribute to the efforts in maintaining and promoting peace, security, stability, safety and freedom of navigation and overflight across the South China Sea, in pursuing peaceful resolutions of disputes in accordance with the universally recognised principles of international law, including the 1982 UNCLOS, ensuring the full and effective implementation of the 2002 Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) in its entirety and maintaining and promoting an environment conducive to the early conclusion of an effective and substantive Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC) that is in accordance with international law, including the 1982 UNCLOS;

Re-emphasize the commitment of AIPA Member Parliaments to uphold the spirit of ASEAN unity and collaboration, as well as contribute to the full and effective implementation of the ASEAN Five Point Consensus (5PC) and the ASEAN Leaders' Review and Decision on the Implementation of the 5PC in order to facilitate a durable, feasible and peaceful solution in the interest of the people of Myanmar, with due regard to the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of the country;

Recommend AIPA Member Parliaments to consider the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific, and the Message of the President of the 44th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly on ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface at the 42nd ASEAN Summit as a shared perspective and framework in building dialogue and collaboration to maintain peace, security, stability and prosperity in the region and beyond;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to advocate for the needs, aspirations, and interests of all ASEAN citizens, including, *inter alia*, women and the vulnerable, including strengthening the role of women in ensuring the region's peace, security, and stability;

Support ASEAN's advancement of women, peace, and security interests, in the areas of preventing and combating violent extremism, disaster management and climate change, whilst promoting women in peace processes and post-conflict rehabilitation to strengthen women's engagement for long-term peace;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to engage in constructive dialogue with relevant parties, including ASEAN External Partners and AIPA's Observer Parliaments in maintaining Southeast Asia's peace, security, and stability, and encourage them to support and undertake substantive, practical, and tangible cooperation with ASEAN, in accordance with the objectives and principles contained in the ASEAN Charter, the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC), and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP), particularly, on its four key priority areas of: maritime, cooperation, connectivity, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Adopted on the ninth day of August 2023 in Jakarta, Indonesia.



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

**RESOLUTION ON MAINTAINING REGIONAL PEACE, SECURITY,
AND STABILITY THROUGH DIALOGUE AND COLLABORATION**

Since its inception in 1967, ASEAN has made significant advances in regional integration and cooperation. With plans for social and economic integration are still in the works, regional cooperation is expected to evolve. ASEAN now occupies a unique position in promoting Indo-Pacific stability. As a result, what is now largely viewed as a significant engine of global economic growth has experienced rapid economic expansion. ASEAN has an excellent reason to assume that it will be the center of global growth with its economy grows at a modest rate of 4.8% in 2023 compared to the global economy, which is predicted to grow only 2.8%.

However, with the current unprecedented global and regional challenges, ASEAN needs to step up its collective efforts as a region, in addressing such challenges. Traditionally, the challenges faced by ASEAN could be classified into several broad categories: geopolitical dynamics due to the shifting balance of power in the Asia Pacific, the issue of the South China Sea as well as concerns over the prospects for an intra-regional arms race triggered by competition among power blocs. ASEAN is also facing non-traditional challenges posed by transnational security threats ranging from terrorism, drug trafficking, wildlife poaching, global health security, climate disaster, rapid development of destabilizing technologies, migration, energy and food crisis, human trafficking, and transnational organized crime. In addition, the crisis in Myanmar that, if remains unresolved, would potentially have a broader impact on the region and hinder progress.

As a result, while each ASEAN member state can tap into the region's economic growth potential, the risks to regional stability, security, and peace are increasing. To address that, much work remains to be done to ensure the region's stability as a prerequisite for development, and ASEAN parliaments, as the people's representation, should play an important role. AIPA member parliaments are expected to be more responsive and adaptive to any regional challenges, particularly those that are pressing and urgently need the best resolution. This is in line with the theme of this year's AIPA General Assembly, Responsive Parliament for a Stable and Prosperous ASEAN.

Through this year's AIPA General Assembly theme of Responsive Parliament for a Stable and Prosperous ASEAN, AIPA member parliaments are expected to be able to contribute to government's effort in ensuring that ASEAN will remains capable and relevant in responding to global and regional challenges, while reaping diverse benefits from its potential economic growth. Supporting the endeavor to strengthen ASEAN

centrality in the ASEAN-led mechanisms in promoting peace, security, and prosperity, and shaping an open, transparent, inclusive, and rules-based regional architecture. Encourage external partners to support and undertake substantive, practical, and tangible cooperation on the agreed areas of cooperation with ASEAN, in accordance with the principles contained in the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific, particularly on four key priority areas of maritime cooperation, connectivity, Sustainable Development Goals, economic and other possible areas of cooperation.

In doing so, the draft resolution on Maintaining Regional Peace, Security, and Stability Through Dialogue and Collaboration also aims to address a wide range of issues in the ASEAN region's political and security challenges, emphasizing the importance of dialogue and collaboration in the spirit of ASEAN centrality and unity. It is also suggested that AIPA member parliaments considers the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Mainstreaming Four Priority Areas of The ASEAN Outlook on The Indo-Pacific within ASEAN-Led Mechanisms, the ASEAN Five Point Consensus, and the Message of the President of the 44th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly on ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface at the 42nd ASEAN Summit as a shared perspective and foundation in maintaining dialogue and collaboration to maintain regional peace, security, and stability.

Furthermore, in accordance with the AIPA President's Message delivered during the ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface at the 42nd ASEAN Summit in Labuan Bajo, AIPA shall advocate for the needs, aspirations, and interests of all ASEAN citizens, particularly women, young people and the vulnerable society. ASEAN has also taken a comprehensive approach to women, peace, and security, as regional priority item, ranging from the perspectives of preventing and combating violent extremism, disaster management, climate change, women in peace processes, and post-conflict rehabilitation in order to strengthen women's engagement for long-term peace. In addition, AIPA, as the people's representative in ASEAN, has pledged to incorporate the role of women in ensuring the region's peace, security, and stability.