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Responsive Parliaments for a Stable and Prosperous ASEAN

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**RESOLUTION ON
THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS IN ADDRESSING WATER,
ENERGY AND FOOD (WEF) SECURITY NEXUS IN ASEAN**

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The Forty-fourth AIPA General Assembly:

Recalling the commitment of ASEAN Member States to the ASEAN Community Vision 2025, the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint 2025, and other fundamental ASEAN-related documents, including the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025 and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025 which emphasize the importance of cooperative activities that are people-oriented, people-centered, environmentally friendly, and geared towards the promotion of sustainable development and the work of the ASEAN Summit, East Asia Summit (EAS), and other ASEAN-led mechanisms, including, among others, the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) and the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM), which emphasize the importance of maintaining peace, security, stability in the region, and the role of cooperation in addressing transboundary challenges at the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (AMME), the ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM) and the Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF);

Reaffirming the commitment of ASEAN Member States to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation, SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy, and SDG 2: Zero Hunger;

Recalling further, the previous resolutions adopted by AIPA related to Water, Energy, Food and Human Security;

Recognizing the critical interlinkages between the water, energy, food, and human security nexus and the need for an integrated approach to ensure the sustainable management of these resources, to be in line with the principles and objectives of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025;

Considering the vulnerabilities of the ASEAN region to the impacts of climate change and its resulting threats to the water, energy, and food security nexus;

Concerned by the increasing pressures on water, energy, and food resources due to population growth, urbanization, climate change, loss of biodiversity and other factors that pose risks to peace, security, and stability in the region;

Acknowledging the significant role of parliamentarians in crafting policies and legislation, and shaping public opinion on the issue of the water, energy, and food security nexus, and in contributing to the realization of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025;

Emphasizing the theme of *"Responsive Parliaments for A Stable and Prosperous ASEAN"* and the crucial role of parliamentarians in responding to the needs and aspirations of the people of ASEAN, particularly in relation to the water, energy, and food security nexus;

Stressing that the issues on the water, energy and food security nexus are shared responsibilities among ASEAN Member States.

Hereby resolves to:

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to develop, implement, and consider comprehensive national strategies for the framework on the water, energy, and food security nexus in their legislative and budgetary decisions that will lead to comprehensive security principles;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to contribute to the long-term security and sustainability of the water, energy and food sectors by enacting legislation and policies that promote conservation, renewable energy, and secure infrastructure;

Call Upon AIPA Member Parliaments to use their legislative, budgetary and oversight powers, and financial support to promote sustainable and equitable access to water, energy, and food services for all people in ASEAN;

Call Upon AIPA Member Parliaments to address the security implications of the water, energy and food security nexus, by overseeing the implementation of the government's security measures which aim to protect energy infrastructure from potential threats such as terrorist attacks or cyber-attacks, as well as to support legislative measures to enhance the resilience and preparedness of the water and energy sectors in the face of security challenges;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to strengthen regional cooperation in scientific research, technology development and transfer, capacity building as well as experience sharing in the areas of the water, energy, and food security nexus through traditional and parliamentary diplomacy;

Recommend AIPA Member Parliaments to actively promote international cooperation, raise public awareness, and facilitate dialogue among stakeholders on the importance of sustainable and secure management of water, energy and food resources;

Encourage international partners and relevant stakeholders to support ASEAN in its efforts to address the water, energy, and food security nexus, by providing technical assistance, capacity building, and financial support, in line with the ASEAN Community

Vision 2025;

Request the AIPA and ASEAN Secretariats to facilitate the sharing of best practices, lessons learned, experiences, views, and visions in the framework of a water, energy and food security nexus approach, and capacity-building initiatives of parliamentarians in addressing these security nexuses.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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NEXUS IN ASEAN**

The resolution highlights the crucial role of parliamentarians in addressing the interconnected challenges of water, energy, and food security in the ASEAN region. According to the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint 2025, these challenges are fundamental to sustainable development and have significant ramifications for regional peace, security, and stability.

The resolution recognizes ASEAN's potential as a regional food hub in light of its abundant agricultural resources and biodiversity. However, this potential can only be realized through managing water, energy, and food resources sustainably and integrated. As elected representatives, parliamentarians uniquely shape policies and legislation that promote sustainable practices, allocate resources, and encourage innovation in these sectors.

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed vulnerabilities in our global supply chains, including food sector disruptions that have threatened global food security in many regions. This resolution urges parliamentarians to draw lessons from this experience and to take proactive steps to strengthen the resilience of food systems in ASEAN, including through regional cooperation and coordination.

The resolution also recognizes the importance of energy security in the ASEAN region, notably the ASEAN Power Grid (APG) initiative. The APG is a key project to enhance energy connectivity and market integration in ASEAN to achieve energy security, accessibility, affordability, and sustainability for all. The initiative is expected to connect the power infrastructure of all 10 ASEAN countries, enabling the sharing of excess power capacity and promoting the use of renewable energy sources.

Water security is a critical issue in the ASEAN region, with population growth, rapid urbanization, and climate change driving water shortage, scarcity, pollution, and flooding. The challenges also include Infrastructure and Management Issues, Water Tariffs and Pricing and high rates of Non-Revenue Water (NRW). The resolution recognizes the need for ASEAN to address these challenges through integrated water resources management (IWRM), early forecasting and warning systems, and strategic collaboration among regional countries and their partner.

The resolution is also consistent with the endeavors of the United Nations to promote human security, which includes freedom from fear (traditional security) and freedom from want. Access to clean water, reliable energy, and enough sustenance are essential for human security. By addressing these issues, Parliamentarians can contribute to the global agenda of ensuring human security for all.

In accordance with the theme "Responsive Parliaments for a Stable and Prosperous ASEAN," the resolution urges parliamentarians to respond proactively to the water, energy, and food security requirements and aspirations of the people of ASEAN. This is essential not only for the well-being of the people but also for the stability and prosperity of the ASEAN region.

This resolution is a call to action for parliamentarians and ASEAN Member States to take decisive and coordinated action to resolve the nexus between water, energy, and food security. By doing so, AIPA Member Parliaments can help realize ASEAN's potential as a regional water, energy and food hub by developing resilience against future disruptions, and contributing to human security efforts, resulting in a prosperous and stable ASEAN.