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RESOLUTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND PANDEMIC PREVENTION

The Thirty First AIPA General Assembly:

Reaffirming that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Kyoto Protocol constitute the current legal framework and instrument for the international community to fight global climate change;

Recalling the commitments contained in the ASEAN Joint Statement on Climate Change to the 15th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the 5th Session of the Conference of Parties serving as the Meeting of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (2009); the ASEAN Declaration on Environmental Sustainability (2007) and the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (2005);

Welcoming the ASEAN Leaders' Statement on Joint Response to Climate Change adopted at the 16th ASEAN Summit and the ASEAN Climate Change Initiative (ACCI);

Recognising that climate change will seriously affect ASEAN member states and stall their efforts toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

Affirming that regional and global cooperation to respond to climate change is based on the principle of equity in accordance with their common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities as well as national circumstances;

Aware that ASEAN is facing increasing threats of natural disasters and pandemic diseases caused by climate change;

Hereby resolves to:

Call upon AIPA Member Countries to be aware of and integrate climate change related issues into legislation and socio-economic development policies, including social welfare.

Call upon AIPA Member Countries to support and contribute actively to regional and global efforts to reach a legally binding international agreement on climate change with commitments providing appropriate support and assistance for developing countries to respond to climate change;

Call upon ASEAN, the international community and institutions to explicitly support least developing countries (LDC)'s efforts to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of Climate Change by the provision of environmental friendly technology such as renewable energy supply, forestry and marine preservation as well as sufficient trainings and know - how transfer;

Support the development and implementation of ASEAN's initiatives to respond to climate change, natural disaster management and pandemic prevention, including the ASEAN Action Plan to Respond to Climate Change and the implementation of the ASEAN Climate Change Initiative (ACCI), the ASEAN Co-ordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management and the ASEAN Risk Communication Resource Centre;

Recommend that ASEAN Governments to establish a common mechanism to share information and resources to prevent and control pandemic diseases, particularly emerging diseases related to climate change.