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Towards a Resilient and Innovative Community

(*Res 39GA/2018/Soc/03*)

RESOLUTION ON SUPPORT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Thirty-Ninth General Assembly:

Affirming the commitment undertaken by the pillars of the ASEAN Community comprising the ASEAN Political and Security Community (APSC), the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) in the pursuance of priority areas set out in the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 to enhance the well-being and livelihood of the peoples of ASEAN, including persons with disabilities;

Reaffirming one of the purposes of ASEAN as enshrined in the ASEAN Charter, that is, to enhance the well-being of persons with disabilities in ASEAN by providing them with equitable access to opportunities for human development, social welfare and justice;

Recalling the Bali Declaration on the Enhancement of the Role and Participation of the Persons with Disabilities in ASEAN Community and the Mobilisation Framework of the ASEAN Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2011-2020) to promote disability-inclusive development within ASEAN;

Recalling further the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which recognizes the importance of accessibility and inclusivity to the physical, social, economic and cultural environment, to health and education and to information and communication, in enabling persons with disabilities to fully enjoy all human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Looking forward to the ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025: Mainstreaming the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in including persons with disabilities in the political, legal, economic, social and cultural environment and the realisation of their rights;

Recognising that innovations in service delivery and assistive technology enable and promote the inclusion, participation and engagement of persons with disabilities with the family, community and all areas of society;

Cognisant that the focus on ensuring the inclusion of persons with disabilities is one of the key furtherance and articulation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025.

Hereby resolves to:

Call on ASEAN Member States to reaffirm the commitment in the ownership of the Mobilisation Framework of the ASEAN Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2011-2020) and the Decade's priority areas to intensify cooperation, especially in the areas of accessibility to information communication and technology (ICT), assistive technology (AT) and build facilities for all including persons with disabilities;

Urge ASEAN Member States to effectively implement the ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025, in particular priority areas in the adoption and deployment of technology to build an inclusive community and environment for persons with disabilities;

Promote a productive and dynamic ASEAN through the inclusion of persons with disabilities, harnessing potentials in innovation and its reasonable accommodation and adoption of services and the environment;

Support the inclusion of persons with disabilities in an environment of innovation with opportunities to education and training;

Strongly suggest a more comprehensive training programme and school-to-work transition for persons with disabilities by: (a) aligning vocational training programmes with employer involvement; and (b) establishing strong employer partnerships with vocational educational institutions and minimising unemployment for persons with disabilities;

Call on ASEAN Member States to consider the use of information and assistive technology in the area of development of entrepreneurship, job support and skills, employment training to empower persons with disabilities to help develop society;

Call on ASEAN Member States to support persons with disabilities to reap opportunities from the economic growth in the region, globalization, and from the acceleration of technological change;

Recommend ASEAN Member States to support the networking and regional cooperation between national research, innovation and digital centres, and industry players in ASEAN to share experiences and knowledge on technology and innovations to enable and promote the inclusion, participation and engagement of persons with disabilities with the family, community and all areas of society;

Enhance policies on removing barriers and improving access to all services and programmes as well as strengthening and extending of rehabilitation, habitation, assistive technology, assistance and support services and community-based rehabilitation.

Adopted on the Sixth day of September 2018 in Singapore.