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Advancing Parliamentary Partnership for Sustainable Community

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RESOLUTION ON ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF OLDER PERSONS

The Fortieth AIPA General Assembly:

Welcoming UN General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, in which the General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and stressing the need to ensure that issues of relevance to older persons are taken into account in its implementation in order to ensure that no one is left behind, including older persons;

Recognizing the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 3 on Good Health and Well-Being which calls for healthy lives and promotion of well-being at all ages, which is essential to sustainable development;

Recalling UN General Assembly resolution 57/167 of 18 December 2002, which endorsed the Political Declaration and the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, and subsequent resolutions on the Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing;

Recalling the Global Strategy and Action Plan on Ageing and Health 2016 - 2020 adopted at the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly in 2016 of the World Health Organization (WHO), which focuses on the commitment to take action on Active ageing in every country; and development of age-friendly environments, including sustainable and equitable systems for long-term care and improvement in measurement, monitoring, and research on Active ageing;

Also recalling in ASEAN's collective commitment in the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Ageing: Empowerment Older Persons in ASEAN (2015); and the Brunei Darussalam Declaration on Strengthening Family Institution : Caring for the Elderly (2010); including ASEAN Plus Three Statement on Active Ageing (2016), which focus on elderly care, health, social inclusion, economic empowerment and supportive environment for older persons;

Further recalling the AIPA RES.36GA/2015/SOC/01 on Protecting the Rights of Older Persons and Enhancing Their Quality of Life, which aims for integrated social development and provision of health and material needs for the acceptable quality of life for older persons;

Acknowledging that population aging is an achievement of the development process but also creates social, economic and cultural challenges for nations. Therefore, older person is one of the priority issues of the ASEAN Cultural and Social Community.

Hereby resolves to:

Call upon AIPA Member Countries to support social protection measures that provide assistance for older persons and promote greater inclusion for active ageing and older persons' needs in national policy-making and action plans especially in such areas as financial support,

insurance, retirement age expansion, employment opportunities and universal health coverage particularly through the development and support of concrete deliverables such as the Center for Active Ageing and Innovation (ACAI) in Thailand;

Encourage Member States to enhance law and regulations that protect the right of older persons to live with dignity and security, the right to reach proper medical treatment and cares, the right to receive proper aids if needed and the right to have opportunities in learning and developing skills; as well as prevent discrimination against older persons;

Urge AIPA Member Countries to develop their laws and regulations relating to universal design, construction and instrument for achieving the best health outcomes and ensuring high quality of life of older persons;

Encourage Member States to promote the culture of respect for the rights of older persons, changing social perceptions and attitudes towards aging and older persons, recognizing that older persons are active contributors in society.

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to facilitate intergenerational dialogue so as to function as a platform for constructive exchange of experience, knowledge and practices between the older and the younger generations;

Encourage ASEAN Parliament Member to strengthen cooperation and exchange of information and experience in taking advantage of the demographic bonus and adapting to population aging.