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*The Role of Parliaments in Enhancing Connectivity and  
Inclusive Growth of ASEAN*

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**RESOLUTION ON**  
**STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF AIPA YOUNG  
PARLIAMENTARIANS IN IMPLEMENTING THE 9<sup>th</sup> IPU GLOBAL  
CONFERENCE STATEMENT OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS**

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***The Forty-fifth AIPA General Assembly:***

**Recalling** United Nations Resolution No. [A/RES/70/1](#) of September 25, 2015, titled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development," which sets forth the global blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet; United Nations Resolution No. [A/RES/77/320](#) of July 25, 2023, regarding the significant role of technological advances in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); United Nations Resolution No. [A/RES/78/132](#) of December 19, 2023, emphasising the importance of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in fostering sustainable development; and United Nations Resolution No. [A/RES/78/160](#) of December 19, 2023, on Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development, which highlights the critical role of science, technology, and innovation in sustainable development;

**Reaffirming** our ongoing commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including [the Global Digital Compact](#), adopted at the UN Summit of the Future on 24 September 2024, aiming to set our goal on an inclusive, open, sustainable, fair, safe and secure digital future for all;

**Recalling** the [ASEAN Community Vision 2025](#), which emphasises the integration of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development into ASEAN's community-building efforts, aiming to improve the quality of life for all ASEAN citizens; the [ASEAN Plan of Action on Science, Technology, and Innovation](#) (APASTI) 2016-2025, which serves as a strategic framework for promoting regional cooperation in science and technology; and the [Bandar Seri Begawan Roadmap for Digital Transformation](#) (BSBR), which provides a strategic plan to enhance ASEAN's digital infrastructure and ecosystem;

**Recalling** AIPA Resolution No. [Res.44GA/2023/Eco/04](#), on Promoting Innovation, Transfer, Application and Development of Science and Technology for Sustainable Growth and Development;

**Recalling** the successful outcome of the 9<sup>th</sup> IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians which produced recommendations to harness the power of technology and innovation to further the implementation of the SDGs in a responsible manner as outlined in the Conference Statement on “The Role of Youth in Promoting the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals through Digital Transformation and Innovation”;

**Welcoming** the successful establishment of AIPALync - Digital Law Library, in accordance with the Resolution No. [Res.43GA/2022/Org/13](#) on the Establishment of Digital Law Library, to systematically document, store and share information and knowledge relating to rules and regulations of the ASEAN and its Member States with the aim to make legal knowledge more accessible to the public. The new library hosted by the AIPA Secretariat is in line with the Conference Statement’s call for digital library for legal documents;

**Affirming** that rapid technological advancements, such as cloud computing, artificial intelligence (AI), and mobile devices, continue to drive innovation and accelerate digital transformation and innovation which represent inevitable and irreversible trends, and that the research and application of scientific and technological breakthroughs are essential to address the global challenges that humanity faces, and the critical role of youth, especially young parliamentarians, in achieving the SDGs by enhancing youth participation and overcoming institutional barriers, resource constraints, and limited access to decision-making while promoting the implementation of the Conference Statement from the 9th IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians;

**Hereby resolves to:**

**Call upon** ASEAN Member States to develop national digital transformation programs, including digital capacity building for young leaders, aimed at gradually digitising parliaments and governments, emphasising the use of online platforms, while ensuring cybersecurity and data privacy as well as the ethical use of technology to enhance engagement with youth and encouraging their active participation in the decision-making and legislative processes, particularly on matters related to sustainable development;

**Encourage** ASEAN Member States to formulate appropriate legal frameworks, socio-economic agenda and mechanisms that promote innovation and entrepreneurship, that are the solutions to address social, economic, and environmental challenges especially on youth-led micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to establish innovation support centres at universities, high-tech zones, and localities, and to connect startup investment networks in order to gradually develop a national startup ecosystem;

**Encourage** ASEAN Member States to take the lead in building an environment that promotes digital transformation innovation, for all, including promoting innovation in tech startups and small enterprises, particularly in youth tech startups, as well as ensuring market access through digital technologies and enacting cybersecurity legislation that protects vulnerable users. Beyond that, we must advocate for the responsible and

ethical use of science and technology to foster inclusive and sustainable scientific advancement and digital cooperation to bridge regional digital divides;

**Encourage** ASEAN Member States to prioritise investment in digital literacy and skills training program for youth, enabling them to gain the necessary technical expertise to engage in and lead digital transformation efforts, with particular attention to marginalised communities to close the digital divide and encourage inclusive development;

**Encourage** ASEAN Member States to promote digital literacy and skills development for youth, who will drive digital transformation, includes training in information technology, programming, and data analysis, which are essential for participating in the digital economy and contributing to various sectors aligned with the SDGs;

**Encourage** ASEAN Member States to promote the development of cultural industries, as well as to organise and foster interreligious and intercultural exchanges among ASEAN youth, bridging cultural differences, enhancing mutual understanding, and promoting a unified approach to addressing common challenges;

**Encourage** ASEAN Member States to actively collaborate with international organisations, non-governmental organisations, and other relevant stakeholders in establishing monitoring, evaluation, and reporting systems for the implementation of the SDGs, particularly in collecting and synthesising data that provides evidence-based insights for developing indicators for sustainable development, tailored to the unique conditions of each member state;

**Call upon** ASEAN Member States to engage in continuous cooperation and exchange of best practices in achieving the SDGs, particularly emphasising implementation of the Conference Statement from the 9th IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians;

**Encourage** ASEAN Member States to foster ASEAN awareness, values and identity through youth exchange or internship programs for young people to learn new, modern, advanced and appropriate technologies from other countries, mainstream media, and to forge international cooperation and exchange of knowledge among youth through regional conference on ASEAN youth rights and welfare issues.

Adopted on the twenty-first day of October 2024 in Vientiane, Lao PDR.



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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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Nearly a decade has passed since the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda, which includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As we reach the midpoint in the timeline for achieving these goals, the path toward realizing the SDGs has encountered substantial challenges. According to the [United Nations' 2023 Special Edition of "The Sustainable Development Goals Report"](#), an evaluation of approximately 140 targets for which trend data is available reveals that around half of these targets are either moderately or severely off track. Furthermore, over 30% of these targets have witnessed stagnation or regression below the baseline established in 2015.

It is widely recognized that achieving the SDGs within the prescribed timeframe has become increasingly challenging, given the compounded effects of unprecedented global challenges. These include the escalating impacts of climate change, intensifying geopolitical tensions, persistent global economic downturns, and the long-term repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the context of the ASEAN region, despite the concerted efforts made to advance the implementation of the SDGs through digital transformation and innovation, member states continue to face a range of obstacles. These include: (i) a deficiency in information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure, particularly in less-developed member states; (ii) a significant digital capacity gap between businesses and the workforce across different sectors and geographic regions, with a pronounced digital divide particularly evident in rural areas of Southeast Asia; and (iii) the slow pace of reforms in institutional and regulatory frameworks related to digital transformation in many ASEAN countries, resulting in the absence of a comprehensive legal structure for the piloting and application of new business models and digital services.

According [UN DESA 2022](#), the youth population within ASEAN constitutes over 34% of the region's total demographic composition. Given the vibrancy and dynamism of this youthful workforce, leveraging their expertise in science and technology, alongside the promotion of youth-led initiatives in digital transformation and innovation, holds the potential for substantial breakthroughs in the pursuit of the SDGs. Nevertheless, youth participation remains hindered by institutional and resource-related obstacles, including limited opportunities for engagement in decision-making processes and a lack of adequate representation.

In light of the successful outcomes of the 9th Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians, particularly the Hanoi Declaration on “The Role of Youth in Accelerating the Achievement of the SDGs through Digital Transformation and Innovation,” Viet Nam underscores the critical role of ASEAN Young Parliamentarians in the operationalization of the Hanoi Declaration. Their contributions are essential in accelerating progress toward the SDGs, contributing not only to the sustainable development of their respective nations, but also to the broader development of the ASEAN region as a whole.

In view of these considerations, Viet Nam formally proposes the adoption of a Resolution on “Strengthening the Role of ASEAN Young Parliamentarians in Implementing the Hanoi Declaration at the 9th Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians on accelerating the achievement of the SDGs through digital transformation and innovation” at the 45<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly. This Resolution is believed to be timely and aligns with the strategic priorities and current contexts of ASEAN member states. The proposed Resolution seeks to motivate member states to undertake concrete and practical actions that will strengthen the role of ASEAN youth and young parliamentarians in exploring innovative approaches to the implementation of the SDGs. The Resolution emphasizes three core areas of focus, such as digital transformation, innovation and entrepreneurship, as well as promotion of respect for cultural diversity.

Furthermore, the Resolution advocates for enhanced international and regional cooperation, with particular attention to the exchange of best practices among ASEAN member states in relation to both the implementation of the SDGs and the Hanoi Declaration.