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Advancing Parliamentary Partnership for Sustainable Community

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RESOLUTION ON REGIONAL PARLIAMENTARY INITIATIVE FOR ENHANCING CLIMATE ACTION IN ASEAN

The Fortieth AIPA General Assembly:

Recalling Resolution RES.37GA/2016/SOC/03 on Enhancing Cooperation in Response to Climate Change in ASEAN and Resolution RES.35GA/2014/ECO/01 on Fostering Green Growth Development Strategy in ASEAN;

Emphasizing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG) in taking actions to address climate change and its impacts under Goal 13 - Climate Action and other climate change related goals and decisions made under multilateral fora such as the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);

Welcoming the scientific findings on climate change outlined in the Assessment Reports (AR) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and other IPCC Special Reports on global impacts of climate change.

Referring to the Strategic Paper on ASEAN Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Strategic Consideration in 2014 as stated in ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) 2016-2025 concerning carbon levels in the ASEAN member states;

Noting that the ASEAN cooperation on the environment is currently guided by the ASEAN Socio Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint 2025 to support the establishment of concrete actions towards the promotion of sustainable development;

Noting further that climate actions should be anchored on the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities according to respective capabilities;

Aware of the importance in sustaining the implementation of forest conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks within ASEAN;

Aware that the role of Parliamentarians is crucial in building the political will to advance and enhance the implementation of climate change mitigation and adaptation actions and climate action solutions including carbon pricing policies, to ensure the fulfilment of national obligations and contribution towards the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC and the UN SDG ; and

Realising that of late, there has been a significant increase in profound climate change related activities that is negatively affecting the people, the environment and the economies of ASEAN.

Hereby resolves to:

Promote more public awareness of the need for climate actions and to prepare measures on adaptation, mitigation and resilience towards climate change, in view of recent increase in profound climate change activities;

Encourage Member States to strengthen cooperation in addressing challenges posed by climate change and to build a mechanism for inter - parliamentary cooperation for the purpose of responding to climate change;

Urge Parliamentarians to better and continuously encourage and monitor the implementation of emission-reduction projects in ASEAN to achieve the emission reduction targets pledged by countries in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) to the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC;

Emphasise upon ASEAN of the need for better climate actions by increasing knowledge share and encouraging greater green technology transfers within ASEAN;

Call upon ASEAN to strive towards a common measurement, reporting and verification platform of greenhouse gases (GHG) inventory so that reports on ASEAN are better defined and more uniform;

Call upon AIPA to encourage ASEAN to expedite the implementation of clean energy policies to reduce GHG emissions into the atmosphere;

Encourage ASEAN to scale-up economic and financial efforts towards zero-emission industries and ensure climate friendly investments;

Recommend AIPA as a platform for the exploration and promotion of carbon pricing initiatives;

Recommend impactful global warming reduction efforts to be accelerated, encouraging more renewable energy development and harmonising better climate actions within ASEAN.