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Responsive Parliaments for a Stable and Prosperous ASEAN

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**RESOLUTION ON
THE THREAT OF TERRORISM, VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND
RADICALIZATION**

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The Forty-fourth AIPA General Assembly:

Recalling the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint 2025, which adopts a comprehensive approach to security and aims to ensure that the people and Member States of ASEAN live in peace with one another and with the world at large;

Recalling Further AIPA Resolution No. RES.27GA/2006/Pol/03 on Human Centered Approach to Counter Terrorism: The Role of Interfaith Dialogue; Resolution No. RES.30GA/2009/Pol/04 and RES.31GA/2010/Pol/02 on Global and Regional Security Situation; and Resolution No. RES.26GA/2005/Pol/01 on Regional and International Issues;

Reiterating ASEAN's continuous concerted efforts in combating terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization through the implementation of the ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism, Culture of Prevention for a Peaceful, Inclusive, Resilient, Healthy and Harmonious Society, the Manila Declaration to Counter the Rise of Radicalization and Violent Extremism, the Joint Statement of the ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM) on the Prevention of the Movement of Foreign Terrorist Fighters, the Langkawi Declaration on the Global Movement of Moderates and the ASEAN Joint Declaration on Joint Action to Counter Terrorism;

Recognizing the importance of the ongoing Plan of Action and Work Plans such as the ASEAN Plan of Action to Prevent and Counter the Rise of Radicalization and Violent Extremism (2018-2025), the ASEAN Comprehensive Plan of Action on Counter Terrorism, the Work Plan for the ASEAN Plan of Action to Prevent and Counter the Rise of Radicalization and Violent Extremism (Bali Work Plan) 2019-2025;

Acknowledging the increasing complexity, challenges and threats of terrorism, violent extremism, and radicalization among ASEAN countries as a risk to regional peace, stability and prosperity;

Recognizing that to respond to the threat of terrorism, violent extremism and

radicalization, a balanced approach is required. The approach should consist of law enforcement and prevention efforts in which anticipatory steps need to be taken continuously with respect to human rights and the rule of law. The balanced approach shall be carried out through: national preparedness, counter radicalization and de-radicalization;

Cognizant to the fact that Southeast Asia is prone to the potential threats brought by Foreign Terrorists Fighters (FTF) returning from conflict zones to their origin countries in the region, which may become the new source of extreme ideologies based on the misinterpretation of religion through communication and information technologies, and the internet which would eventually provoke new terrorists' activities or building a new expansive network of sleeper cells;

Recognizing that responsive parliament is key to counter the threats of terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization.

Hereby resolves to:

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to recognize that responsive parliament plays an important role in preventing and countering the threats of terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization;

Strengthen the collaboration and cooperation among AIPA Member Parliaments on potential legal frameworks, especially on the harmonization of respective laws such as Extradition, Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing, and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities in addressing all issues regarding terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization at the regional and bilateral levels;

Call on AIPA Member Parliaments to encourage governments of ASEAN member states to strengthen the regional and international cooperation on counter-terrorism, to actively participate in regional and international forums on counter-terrorism, as well as to work with regional and international partners in the sharing of information, coordinating efforts, and enhancing capacity building in countering terrorism;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to ratify international instruments pertaining to countering terrorism, violent extremism, and radicalization of which ASEAN Member States are parties;

Call upon ASEAN Member States to adopt more advanced methodologies and integrated approaches in combating issues related to the threat of terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization;

Undertake the commitment of the AIPA Member Parliaments to reinforce counter-terrorist narrative efforts as well as engagement in preventing terrorism, violent extremism, radicalization, and at the same time, working on the prevention of the recurrence of the threats of terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization-related crimes;

Encourage ASEAN Member States to implement a balanced approach in combating terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization, of which consists of a combination of a hard approach through the effort of law enforcement, and a soft approach, which focuses on prevention through national preparedness, the promotion of moderation and tolerance as well as through de-radicalization;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to stress the importance of engagement between parliamentarians and their respective communities in raising and fostering awareness of the threats of terrorism, violent extremism, and radicalization;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to ensure that law enforcement agencies of the ASEAN Members are more proactive and resilient in addressing, countering, and combating the threats of terrorism, violent extremism, and radicalization, as well as strengthening law enforcement and actively participating in intelligence sharing and capacity building initiatives with regional and international partners;

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to contribute to countering the threats of terrorism, violent extremism, and radicalization by enacting and reviewing laws, providing oversight, allocating resources, fostering international cooperation, and promoting public awareness, through engagement with communities, civil society organizations, and religious leaders to promote moderation, inclusivity, tolerance and harmony.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

RESOLUTION ON THE THREAT OF TERRORISM, VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND RADICALIZATION

Terrorism, Violent Extremism and Radicalization are crimes against humanity that have threatened all nations. Malaysia condemns all acts, methods and practices of Terrorism, Violent Extremism, and Radicalization regardless of their motives.

As a member of ASEAN, Malaysia sees the preservation of peace as paramount to ensure continued economic growth and political stability.

The resolution is an immediate response to the threat of terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization in the ASEAN region. These ubiquitous threats pose a significant risk to the security, stability, and prosperity of all ASEAN Member States and the global community as a whole.

This resolution clarifies the crucial role of responsive parliaments in addressing these challenges, focusing on the following aspects:

- i. As the primary legislative entities, parliaments are responsible for equipping their respective nations with comprehensive legislation to counter these threats. This includes the creation of strict, well-defined laws that punish terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization. These laws must simultaneously respect and protect fundamental human rights and civil liberties.
- ii. Inclusion in Society and Intercultural Dialogue: This resolution highlights the strategic role of parliaments in fostering societal inclusion and promoting intercultural dialogue, intending to address the root causes of these threats. Parliaments can prevent marginalization and disenfranchisement, frequently leading to terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization, by cultivating an environment that values diversity, equality, and mutual respect.

In a broader context, the resolution emphasizes the importance of inter-parliamentary cooperation between ASEAN Member States. Due to the transnational character of these dangers, a regional cooperative strategy is essential. By exchanging information, coordinating legislative initiatives, and aligning approaches towards societal inclusion, ASEAN parliaments can increase the region's capacity to combat these threats.

The resolution emphasizes the need for ASEAN parliaments to be proactive and responsive in mitigating the threat posed by terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization. To ensure a secure, stable, and prosperous ASEAN region, the resolution emphasizes the significance of preventative legislative measures, the promotion of social inclusion, and the necessity of regional cooperation.

AIPA Member Parliaments must interact with each other as well as their respective communities - in addressing terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization since they are involved in law-making and policy-making prerogatives that include resource-allocation, implementation and accountability across the spectrum of preventive response and sanctioning mechanisms.