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**RESOLUTION  
ON  
ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

**The Twelfth General Assembly:**

Mindful of the importance and significance of environment and development as an interrelated and mutually reinforcing component of global development;

Urging the ASEAN Governments to consider seriously the ratification of the multilateral environmental agreements in the foreseeable future, particularly those dealing with preserving wetlands and natural sites, protecting endangered species, curbing traffic in illegal waste, protecting oceans, reducing marine pollution, containing oil spills, identifying and eradicating the causes of the haze, and protecting the ozone layer;

Urging the ASEAN Governments to take appropriate action to the accession to the existing multilateral environmental agreements;

Urging the ASEAN Governments to:

- (a) Consider the Regional Strategy on Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific in the development of their national strategies for environmentally sound and sustainable development;
- (b) Cooperate in the planning and joint utilization of shared natural resources as well as natural resources within national boundaries which have been hitherto underutilized;
- (c) Cooperate in the joint effort to develop human resources capable of combating accidental oil pollution, and coping with natural disasters;

(d) Cooperate in the development of a new system of Natural resources Accounting, which takes into account the depletion of natural resources and the costs of environmental pollution and to reject any kind of connection of aid and grants given to developing countries with issues of human rights and conservation of environment;

(e) Harmonize laws and regulations concerning natural resources and environmental management;

(f) Cooperate in the preparations for the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, especially with regard to the ongoing negotiations on a framework convention on climate change and convention on biological diversity to convince the international society that ASEAN countries are conscious enough of their responsibility towards their own natural resources and that they should not be punished for the mistakes made by others.