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*Forging Parliamentary Cooperation in Digital Inclusion  
Towards ASEAN Community 2025*

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**RESOLUTION ON  
FOSTERING HUMAN SECURITY TO ACHIEVE DIGITAL  
INCLUSION IN ASEAN**

*Sponsored by Malaysia*

***The Forty-Second General Assembly:***

***Recalling*** the ASEAN Charter, ASEAN Community Vision 2025: Forging Ahead Together, ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025 adopted during the ASEAN Summit, East Asia Summit (EAS), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM), and ASEAN Plus Three to promote a rules-based, people-oriented and people-centered ASEAN community;

***Recalling further*** the 1994 Human Development Report published by the United Nations Development Programme, United Nations General Assembly A/RES/60/1 or the 2005 World Summit Outcome adopted on 16 September 2005, particularly paragraph 143 thereof, A/RES/64/291 adopted on 16 July 2010 and A/RES/66/290 adopted on 10 September 2012; and the Reports of the Secretary-General A/59/2005 dated 21 March 2005, A/64/701 dated 8 March 2010, A/66/763 dated 5 April 2012 and A/68/685 dated 23 December 2013 on a common understanding on the notion of human security, which is based on the right of people to live in freedom and dignity, free from poverty and despair, and entitled to freedom from fear and freedom from want;

***Reaffirming*** support for the 37<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit 2020 held virtually on 12 November 2020 chaired by Viet Nam; the ASEAN Leaders' Vision Statement on A Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN: Rising Above Challenges and Sustaining Growth adopted on 26 June 2020; the Joint Media Statement of the 1st ASEAN Digital Ministers' Meeting and Related Meetings adopted on 22 January 2021, and the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework (ACRF) and its Implementation Plan;

***Noting*** the outcomes of the virtual segment of 142<sup>nd</sup> Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Virtual Assembly held on 24-27 May 2021; Annual Inter-Parliamentary Union Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations held on 17 February 2021; and the virtual segment of the Fifth World Conferences of Speakers of Parliament held on 20 August 2020; which reaffirmed the commitment of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Member Parliaments in supporting the continuing efforts in digital inclusion;

**Highlighting** that there is a significant progress in ASEAN Member States in realising the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, particularly in fostering human security and promoting innovations geared towards bridging the digital divide;

**Reiterating** that digital inclusion as one of the key pillars of COVID-19 recovery and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

**Acknowledging** the importance of human security approach and the value of open, unrestricted dialogue and trust among parliamentarians in identifying and addressing widespread and cross-cutting challenges to the survival, livelihood and dignity of the people in the region;

**Further Acknowledging** that a lack of information and digital technology negatively impacts personal, political and economic capabilities;

**Reaffirming** that human security must be implemented with full respect of the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the ASEAN Charter, the ASEAN Declaration on Human Rights, including full respect of the sovereignty of ASEAN Member States, territorial integrity and non-interference in internal affairs; and that human security does not entail additional legal obligations on the part of ASEAN Member States.

**Hereby resolves to:**

**Recognise** AIPA as an essential platform to explore and promote the common understanding on the concept and approach of human security through meaningful dialogues and exchange of best practices to achieve digital inclusion in the region;

**Urge** AIPA Member Parliaments to reinforce parliamentary diplomacy in supporting and complementing diplomatic efforts by States/Governments;

**Call** upon AIPA Parliamentarians to consider the needs of their respective communities in enhancing human securities of freedom from want, fear and indignity through cohesive and responsive measures in accordance with the ASEAN Charter, the ASEAN Declaration on Human Rights and relevant ASEAN instruments;

**Support** the embodiment of human security ethos of freedom from want, freedom from fear and freedom from indignity as part of AIPA's common commitment and aspiration;

**Encourage** the AIPA Member Parliaments to actively collaborate on potential human security approach, including but not limited to ACRF and its Implementation Plan, that address social, political and economic matters at the regional and national levels;

**Recommend** the AIPA Member Parliaments to provide their stronger national legal instruments and other necessary strides aimed at accelerating the digital inclusion particularly in support of pandemic recovery and the SDGs by 2030;

**Urge** the AIPA Member Parliaments to support efforts by ASEAN Member States to effectively implement the Broad Strategy 4-Accelerating Inclusive Digital transformation of the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework, the ASEAN Digital Master Plan 2025, adoption and realisation of the ASEAN 4IR Strategy, taking into account the human security approach;

***Emphasise*** the importance of engagement between parliamentarians and their respective communities in raising awareness on digital inclusion and human security approach;

***Request*** the AIPA Secretariat to work with the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS) to explore potential areas of cooperation.

Adopted on the Twenty Fifth Day of August Two Thousand Twenty One in Brunei Darussalam at the 42<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly held virtually.

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