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RESOLUTION
ON
PROMOTING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
TOWARDS NARROWING DEVELOPMENT GAP IN ASEAN

The Thirty Second General Assembly:

Recalling ASEAN Member States commitment to continue supporting the initiatives for poverty reduction towards narrowing the development gap within ASEAN and promoting self-reliance of families living under poverty line. We recall the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI), which supports the narrowing of the development gap within ASEAN;

Recalling developed countries to ensure that non-tariff measures technical barriers are not imposed on trade and investment under the pretext of environmental management. We encourage the continued contribution of our dialogue and development partners to support the IAI in the implementation of the Second IAI Work Plan;

Recalling further the important role that the reduction of barriers to trade among Member States of ASEAN has played in ensuring ASEAN integration, and that ASEAN dialogue partners are in the process of reducing barriers to trade;

Recognizing the needs to support more balanced growth within and across economies, achieve greater inclusiveness in our societies, sustain our environment, and raise our growth potential through good governance, innovation and a knowledge-based economy. We recognize the contribution of the ASEAN-6 in providing technical assistance and capacity building measures to address the needs of the CLMV;

Realizing ASEAN Member States should refrain from imposing conditions or barriers to trade, investment and socio-economic development. We need to promote sustainable development and environmental sustainability;

Believing that promoting the culture of sharing is paving the way for future growth and reducing the development gap. We also believe that the creative economy, which

Draws on ASEAN's rich cultural heritage combined with creative inputs from people in ASEAN, will add substantial value to its goods and services, and will help minimize the development gap as well as promoting sustainable growth in the region;

Recognizing that sustainable development is closely linked with reasonable and equitable utilization of resources, we welcome further cooperation among ASEAN Member States in the Greater Mekong Sub-region, the Mekong River Commission and other sub-regional economic cooperation, and encourage the contribution of ASEAN's partners to such cooperation in order to promote sustainable development of individual Member State and region-wide.

Hereby resolves to:

Urge the developed countries to recognize more explicitly the development gap between ASEAN Member States and to fulfill their commitment to provide substantial support to CLMV in terms of resources such as financial support, technology transfer, and capacity building;

Advance further the implementation of the ASEAN Free Trade Agreements in order to substantially reduce restrictions to trade, investment and services among member states, and to encourage investments by the public and private sectors in CLMV. In this regard, we commit to take appropriate actions to have ASEAN economic agreements signed by our respective ASEAN governments, to be ratified on a timely basis;

Urge ASEAN development partners to provide special and differential treatments and flexibility to ASEAN member states especially CLMV;

Assist CLMV to realize these goals by providing technical assistance in the areas of capacity building, human resource development and promoting investment;

Urge ASEAN Member States and dialogue partners not to impose any new barriers to trade and to promote trade facilitation;

Encourage the international community and ASEAN-6 to invest in infrastructure to support economic activities in CLMV;

Request developed and developing countries and international agencies to become increasingly involved in funding and supporting the development projects in ASEAN Member States, particularly in ASEAN Least Developed Countries (LDCs), with soft loans and/or grants.

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