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**RESOLUTION
ON
STRENGTHENING SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT
FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

The Thirty First AIPA General Assembly:

Recalling Resolution No.30GA/2009/WAIPA/03 on strengthening gender equality and protection of the rights of women and children which encourages the implementation of laws and programmes on the advancement of women and children based on CEDAW, the Conventions on the Rights of the Child and other related agreements.

Recalling Resolution No.30GA/2009/WAIPA/01 on women in economic development and poverty reduction which commits to making all efforts to achieve objectives beyond the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Acknowledging that in recent years, women and children in the world are the most vulnerable group to global challenges such as economic crisis, climate change, migration, epidemics, crime, war, energy and food insufficiency.

Realizing that there remain obstacles in the world of profound changes to ensuring gender equality, social welfare and development for women and children.

Highly appreciating the establishment of the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) on 7 April 2010 at the 3rd Meeting of the ASEAN Socio – Cultural Council held back- to- back with the 16th ASEAN Summit.

Hereby resolves to:

Call on AIPA member countries and governments of ASEAN to continue to build and improve legal system with the view to ensuring social welfare and rights for women and children.

Call on AIPA member countries to allocate more resources and to strengthen supervision of the implementation of all national policies and regional agreements on social welfare and development for women and children, especially to ensure education, childcare services, healthcare for women and children, as well as employment, capacity building, skills training and legal support for women, especially for the poor, disadvantaged and migrant people.

Encourage ASEAN to consider and integrate AIPA recommendations on strengthening social welfare and development for women and children into the agenda and programme of activities of ACWC and to report to the next AIPA General Assembly to follow up on our work.

Encourage AIPA member countries to enhance cooperation and exchange of information and experience in formulation and implementation of laws and policies on social welfare and development for women and children.

Review resolutions adopted and commitments made by member countries in previous AIPA General Assembly and call upon AIPA member countries to honour them.

Support ASEAN to adopt Ha Noi Declaration on the Enhancement of Welfare and Development of ASEAN Women and Children.