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Resolution on

Increasing Economic Opportunities for Women as Family Income Earners

Recalling resolution 31GA/2010/WAIPA/02 on the Roles of Women in Economic Recovery after the Financial Crisis under the ASEAN economic community pillar;

Noting that women also play an important role either as co-earning partners in the double earning family, or as single earners and providers for their families entitled to political, economic and social cultural recognition.

Aware of the difficulties and complicated circumstances endured by women in carrying out tasks as a single provider for the family, including the lack of support systems and policies to enable women's access to economic opportunities and resources;

Mindful that poverty which affects women and children ought to be properly addressed through the implementation of laws and policies aimed at enabling and empowering women to develop abilities and economic skills in the fight to eradicate poverty;

Acknowledging women as important family earners and significant economic players entitled to political, economic and socio-cultural recognition;

Reaffirming the United Nations Resolution A/Res/55/2 on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) originated from the Millennium Declaration adopted by the United Nations at the General Assembly in September 2000. The Declaration asserts that every individual has the right to dignity, freedom,

equality, a basic standard of living, and respect for nature includes the management of all living species and natural resources, in accordance with the precepts of sustainable development;

Affirming also economic and social development are at the core of should be shared, as well as threats to international peace and security, must be shared among the nations of the world and should be exercised multilaterally;

Noting the General Assembly resolution 58/206, February 2004, on Women in Development and recalling the report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization; "A Fair Globalization: creating opportunities for all", states that millions of women and girls, worldwide, live in poverty, the majority live in rural areas and their livelihoods are dependent on subsistence agriculture, and employment in the informal sector;

Emphasizing that the empowerment of women is critical in the eradication of poverty and that the implementation of programs and strategies aimed at empowering women can help to achieve this;

Recognizing that women's social and economic marginalization, and all forms of discrimination hinders their ability to fully and effectively participate in economic activities in society, further, increasing women's vulnerability to exploitation.

Hereby Resolves to,

Call on AIPA member countries to strengthen their efforts to implement national commitments that will advance women's equality and empowerment;

Urge AIPA member countries to promote the implementation and provision of financial and legal services, access to resources and business opportunities for women to improve their livelihoods and earning capacity, especially for women headed households;

Call on AIPA member countries to improve, promote and build capacity for the collection, dissemination and analysis of gender-sensitive data that are disaggregated by sex and other relevant factors in order to facilitate better policy development, monitoring, and evaluation of the economic and social advancement of women;

Urge AIPA member countries to eliminate discrimination, ensure equal rights and access, and actively enable participation by women and girls in education and training at all levels including by developing programmes with the aim of equipping women with business, trade, ICT, and entrepreneurship skills, in particular women heads of household;

Call on AIPA member countries to enhance women's income-generating potential, noting the importance of the agricultural sector, particularly in developing countries, and the importance of land tenure and property ownership for resource mobilization and environmental management, and consider special temporary measures to empower women to meet challenges;

Call on AIPA member countries to review the financial sector to determine the impact on economic development with the purpose of increasing women's access to and control over savings, credit, and other financial services;

Urge donors, international financial institutions and regional development banks in AIPA member countries, to support the provision of national efforts to increase resources to women for enhancing economic opportunities as family income earners.

Adopted on the 23rd day of September 2011 at the 32nd General Assembly, in Phnom Penh, the Kingdom of Cambodia.