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RESOLUTION ON ROLES OF WOMEN IN ECONOMIC RECOVERY AFTER THE FINANCIAL CRISIS

The Thirty First AIPA General Assembly:

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).

Affirming that the role of women is placed under the ASEAN Economic Community pillar and that women shall contribute constructively and actively to building the ASEAN Community.

Acknowledging the vital roles of women in economic development and the importance of large, medium and small women businesses and those managed by women.

Realizing the need for closer and more effective cooperation among ASEAN member states to empower women in economic recovery.

Welcoming the outcome of the 16th ASEAN Summit in Hanoi, Viet Nam in April 2010 on measures for early and sustainable economic recovery as well as guidelines for economic development after the global financial crisis.

Hereby resolves to:

Call upon AIPA member countries and governments of ASEAN to adopt policies and programmes to support women workers, businesses that employ many women; and to support women entrepreneurs in developing business administrative skills as well as access to financial services and markets in order to be able to actively contribute to economic recovery and to adapt themselves to economic challenges.

Call upon AIPA member countries and governments of ASEAN to adopt policies and programmes to help women in the informal sector and households gain better access to financial services, job training, and ensure social security.

Encourage ASEAN to consider and incorporate AIPA recommendations on this matter into the agenda and programme of activities of ACWC.

Call upon AIPA member countries to create a forum for women MPs to exchange views, experiences and good practices on roles of women in economic recovery in post-financial crisis.