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**RESOLUTION
ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF SOLIDARITY
AND UNITY IN DIVERSITY IN ASEAN**

The Thirty First AIPA General Assembly:

Reaffirming our commitment to build an ASEAN Community comprising three pillars, namely the ASEAN Political-Security Community, the ASEAN Economic Community and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community by 2015;

Reaffirming the purpose and principles of the ASEAN Charter and ASEAN's goal of building a caring and sharing Community as well as people-oriented ASEAN in which all sectors of society, regardless of gender, race, religion, languages, or social and cultural background, are encouraged to participate in and benefit from, the process of ASEAN integration and community building;

Realizing the goal of the ASEAN Community is the top priority for ASEAN now and in the years to come;

Recognizing the challenges that ASEAN has been facing in economic recovery and sustainable growth such as climate change, epidemics, natural disaster, global financial crisis and economic recession;

Hereby calls upon AIPA to:

Strengthen ASEAN's solidarity, cohesiveness and harmony to overcome differences as well as other difficulties and challenges including the promotion and protection of the rights of migrant workers and respect for laws of the country;

Support the enhancement of ASEAN internal connection especially in spirit of harmonizing national and regional interests that will help improve the quality of "unity in diversity" of ASEAN;

Promote respect and appreciation for the region's diversity and harmony among the peoples of the region;

Support the inclusion of a culture of peace which includes, inter alia, respect for diversity, and promote the tolerance and understanding of faiths, religions and cultures in the lives of the people in the region;

Promote the people to people exchange, sharing experience among AIPA parliamentarians and raising ASEAN awareness and a sense of community among ASEAN Member States in order to consolidate unity in diversity and enhance deeper mutual understanding among ASEAN Member States;

Encourage bilateral consultation on various issues when necessary among ASEAN parliamentarians.