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RESOLUTION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Thirty First General Assembly:

Recognizing that disability is an evolving concept and that disability results from the interaction between persons with impairments and attitudinal and environmental barriers that hinders their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others;

Acknowledging the valuable existing and potential contribution made by persons with disabilities to the overall well-being;

Recalling one of the ASEAN's goals set in the ASEAN Charter is to enhance the well-being and livelihood of the peoples of ASEAN by providing them with equitable access to opportunities for human development, social welfare and justice;

Recognizing regional efforts on protecting the rights of persons with disabilities, particularly Declaration on ASEAN Vision 2020 that set up goals on building ASEAN into a Community of caring societies, in which special attention is given to persons with disabilities;

Realizing a majority of persons with disabilities, especially women and children with disabilities face risks and difficulties in their livelihoods and are exposed to discrimination in getting access to social services and employment.

Hereby resolves to:

Call upon AIPA Member Countries to actively improve their legal framework to ensure full recognition of all human rights and basic freedoms of persons with disabilities without discrimination of any kind on the basis of disability nor gender; create favorable conditions for Governments to implement action plans with a view to enhancing the welfare

and quality of life as well as to ensuring the rights of and promoting, education, life-long learning, and social integration for persons with disabilities;

Recommend that AIPA Member Countries and Governments focus on mobilizing resources for programmes to enhance beneficiary capability to basic social services and rehabilitation for persons with disabilities, to establish and develop professional social workers, to raise awareness and attention of the entire society to persons with disabilities.

Encourage AIPA Member Countries and Governments to promote cooperation and share experiences in formulating and implementing legislation and policies concerning persons with disabilities and related issues.