

## ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

# 31<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY HA NOI, VIET NAM, 19 – 25 SEPTEMBER 2010,

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# RESOLUTION ON THE REPORT OF THE WOMEN OF ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY (WAIPA) MEETING ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS IN THE LAW-MAKING PROCESS

## The Thirty First General Assembly:

**Recalling** Resolution Res 29GA/2008/WAIPA/03, on Cooperation Among Women in Politics and Socio-Economic Activities, adopted at the 29th General Assembly in Singapore from 19 to 24 August, 2008;

Acknowledging the initiative of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to promote women's leadership and partnership in various areas of the society;

**Noting** that the Meeting of women parliamentarians of AIPA Member Parliaments, was successfully hosted by Viet Nam in Ho Chi Minh City from 29 November to 3 December, 2009;

Appreciating the participation and contribution to the Seminar by experts on women issues from UNDP-Ha Noi;

**Noting** the recommendations made during the Seminar to the 31st General Assembly;

### Hereby resolves to:

**Adopt** the report and recommendations of the Seminar on the Role of Women Parliamentarians in the Law-Making Process, which Viet Nam hosted from 29 November to 3 December, 2009;

Urge all AIPA Member Parliaments to issue a Resolution on Enhancing Cooperation on Gender Mainstreaming in the Law-making Process and Cooperation among Parliamentarians;

Urge Member Parliaments to organize fora, seminars, and activities for women parliamentarians to better perform representative, legislative and oversight roles;

Urge Member Parliaments to earmark resources for the abovementioned activities;

Urge Member Parliaments to mainstream gender in all of their activities, particularly by increasing the proportion of women members, institutionalizing gender equality, and establishing or strengthening Women Parliamentarians Caucuses;

Further urge ASEAN Member Parliaments to adopt a law on gender equality, include gender mainstreaming in law-making, and harmonize their national legal systems with international conventions on gender equality.