



**ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY**  
**32<sup>nd</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**18 – 24 SEPTEMBER 2011, PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA**

---

**Res.32GA/2011/Pol/01**

**Resolution on**  
**Strengthening ASEAN Political-Security Community**  
**through Intensifying Regional Cooperation and Integration**

**The Thirty Second AIPA General Assembly**

***Recognizing that*** the ASEAN Political-Security Community has its genesis in over four decades of close cooperation and solidarity, and further recognizing that the ASEAN Heads of State/Government, at their Summit in Kuala Lumpur in December 1997 envisioned a concert of Southeast Asian nations, outward looking, living in peace, stability and prosperity, bonded together in partnership in dynamic development and in a community of caring societies ;

***Recalling that*** in concretizing the ASEAN Vision by 2020, the ASEAN Heads of State/ Government adopted the Declaration of ASEAN Concord II (Bali Concord II) in 2003, which establishes an ASEAN Community by 2020. The ASEAN Community consists of three pillars, namely the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC), the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) ;

***Recalling further*** that the strengthening of ASEAN integration through accelerated establishment of an ASEAN Community will reinforce ASEAN's centrality and role as the driving force in charting the evolving regional architecture, the ASEAN Leaders at the 12th ASEAN Summit in the Philippines decided to accelerate the establishment of an ASEAN Community by 2015;

***Noting that*** at the 13th ASEAN Summit in Singapore in November 2007, the ASEAN Heads of State/Government signed the ASEAN Charter, which marked ASEAN Member States' commitment in intensifying community building through enhanced regional cooperation and integration ;

**Realizing** the ASEAN Security Community Plan of Action is a principled document, laying out the activities needed to realise the objectives of the ASEAN Political-Security Community, while the Vientiane Action Program (VAP) lays out the measures necessary for 2004-2010. Both documents are important references in continuing political and security cooperation ;

**Recognizing** that since the adoption of the ASC Plan of Action in 2003, ASEAN has achieved progress in different measures of political developments. There was increased participation by organizations, such as academic institutions, think-tanks, and civil society organizations in ASEAN meetings and activities. Such consultations and heightened interactions fostered good relations and resulted in positive outcomes for the region ;

**Being aware that** to promote the sharing of experiences and best practices, to exchange views and analyze issues related to values, ethics and integrity through appropriate avenues and fora and taking into account inputs from various seminars such as the ASEAN Integrity Dialogue and others to comply with the ASEAN Charter;

**Reaffirming** that Res. 31GA/2010/Pol/02, unanimously adopted at the 31<sup>st</sup> GA of AIPA in Hanoi, as well as the compassionate appeal by the current President of AIPA in his statement of May 07, 2011, in Jakarta, during the recent 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit, has encouraged the peaceful settlement of all differences and conflicts which may occur within ASEAN including territorial differences through bilateral and/or multilateral agreements, dialogues, consultations, in conformity with the international laws through the spirit of ASEAN Solidarity in order to safeguard the regional peace, stability and development.

**Hereby Resolves To :**

**Call on AIPA Member Parliaments to** request the ASEAN Member Countries to pursue closer interaction and cooperation to forge shared norms and create common mechanisms to achieve ASEAN's goals and objectives in the political and security fields. In this regard, it promotes a people-oriented ASEAN in which all sectors of society, regardless of gender, race, religion, language, or social and cultural background, are encouraged to participate and thus benefit from the process of ASEAN integration and community building ;

**Request AIPA Member Parliaments** to heighten the interest of preserving and enhancing peace and stability in the region, to encourage the ASEAN Member Countries to strengthen the mutually beneficial relations between ASEAN and its dialogue partners and friends. In doing so, it also maintains the central and proactive role of ASEAN in a regional architecture that is open, transparent and inclusive, while remaining actively engaged, forward-looking and non-discriminatory ;

**Urge AIPA Member Parliaments** to encourage the respective governments of the ASEAN Member Countries to foster and maintain friendly and mutually beneficial relations with external parties to ensure that the peoples and Member Countries of ASEAN live in peace with the world at large in a just, democratic and harmonious environment. ASEAN remains outward-looking and plays a pivotal role

in regional and international fora to advance ASEAN's common interests, particularly in intensifying regional cooperation and integration ;

***Pledge further AIPA Member Parliaments*** to persuade the ASEAN Member Countries to develop further a comprehensive communication plan at the national and regional levels in order to ensure the success of strengthening ASEAN Political-Security Community. This will not only create a greater public awareness of the various initiatives, outcomes and issues of the APSC as well as to enable all stakeholders to be involved in the process.

***Urge AIPA Member Parliaments*** to encourage their Governments to support ASEAN in exercising and maintaining its central and proactive role as the primary driving force in an open, transparent and inclusive regional architecture to support the establishment of the ASEAN Community by 2015 ;

***Support*** continuing efforts of ASEAN Member countries to deepen and broaden cooperation in the political and security field, including defense, maritime security and transnational crimes, both within ASEAN and between ASEAN and external partners, in order to effectively cope with both traditional and non-traditional security issues facing the region.

***Adopted on 23rd September 2011, Phnom Penh, Cambodia***