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**RESOLUTION ON  
THE ROLE OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS  
IN ENHANCING PRO-WOMEN POLICIES IN THE SECTORS  
OF ECONOMICS, HEALTH AND EDUCATION**

**The 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly:**

*Recalling* United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) that is considered as women's bill of rights that was signed by more than 185 countries;

*Further recalling* Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted at the 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women that sets forth action-oriented recommendations to facilitate the implementation of the governments' commitments to enhance women's rights;

*Underlining* the commitments of ASEAN Member States to achieve Millennium Development Goals that are measurable goals and targets to promote gender equality and to combat poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy and environmental degradation by 2015;

*Reaffirming* the supportive efforts of ASEAN to promote the status of women and to advance their role as clearly reflected in the Declaration on the Advancement of Women in ASEAN adopted by the ASEAN Foreign Ministers in 1988 and the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women in the ASEAN region adopted in 2004;

*Being aware* that economic pressures often become the cause of violence against women and therefore, women have to be given equal opportunity in building state economic security;

*Being conscious* that in some remote, rural and mountainous areas in the ASEAN region, improving maternal health particularly reproductive health, remains a difficult target to achieve, and disadvantaged mothers tend to be incapable of the most favorable conditions to their children;

***Further confirming*** that economy, health and education are substantial sectors in the development of countries and pro-women policies must be ensured in each sector to improve the quality of life of women;

**Hereby resolves to:**

***Call upon*** AIPA Member Parliaments to give continued support to their respective governments, by optimizing their legislative, budgetary and oversight functions on pro-women policies, which promote gender mainstreaming and equality in all sectors, particularly in respective parliaments and in the public administration such as economy, health and education;

***Urge*** women parliamentarians of ASEAN Member States to play active role in their respective political party to increase women representatives in parliament by allowing affirmative actions and the spirit of quota laws in order to give female candidate a realistic opportunity;

***Encourage*** ASEAN Member Countries to create a women capacity building program in their respective parliaments and to organize joint program between and among AIPA Member Parliaments in order to share views, experiences and best practices;

***Urge*** AIPA Women Parliamentarians to continue raising public awareness in their respective constituencies to develop their potentials, to pursue higher education as well as skills or vocational trainings and to be capable in building family economy;

***Call upon*** AIPA Women Parliamentarians to inspire, develop and mentor the young women in their respective countries and to encourage them to participate in political activities, in the pursuit of the goals of this Resolution as well as to include young women development programs in their campaigns.

Adopted on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2012 during the 33<sup>rd</sup> AIPA General Assembly in Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia.