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**RESOLUTION ON
THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF AIPA MEMBER COUNTRIES
IN ACCELERATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT
GOALS/MDGs BY 2015**

The Thirty-Second General Assembly

Reaffirming the United Nations Resolution A/Res/55/2 on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) originated from the Millennium Declaration of the United Nations in 2000. The Declaration asserted that every individual has the right to dignity, freedom, equality, a basic standard of living that includes freedom from hunger and violence, and encourages tolerance and solidarity and bolstering human capital;

Reaffirming further the World Leaders' Commitment to reinforce the international pledge of the 2005 World Summit Outcome, and the 2010 World Summit Outcome: "Keeping the Promise: forward looking review to promote an agreed action agenda to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015";

Welcoming the Brussels Programme of Action: Addressing the Needs of the Least Developed Countries endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 55/279 of 12 July 2001 and the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Programme in Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020, in Istanbul, 9-13 May 2011;

Welcoming further the Joint Declaration on the Attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in ASEAN, Adopted on 01 March 2009 in Cha-am, Thailand;

Encouraging ASEAN's commitment to fully address socio-economic disparities and poverty that persist across ASEAN Member States by developing and implementing an ASEAN Roadmap toward realizing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

Noting that overall, ASEAN Member States have made good progress toward the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), including primary education, gender equality, as well as combating serious infectious diseases. Also, some ASEAN Member States have provided additional and specific goals and targets in their respective national strategic development plans;

Recognizing that policies and actions must focus on the poor and those living in the most vulnerable situations, including persons with disabilities, so that they benefit from the progress in achieving the Millennium Development Goals;

Acknowledging that the least developed countries and landlocked countries face significant constraints and structural impediments in their development efforts;

Hereby resolves to:

Engage AIPA Member Countries to ask their respective government to accelerate the implementation of their national strategic development plans towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

Urge AIPA Member Countries to play a crucial role in raising public awareness, as well as conducting oversight of the implementation of their government's programmes, policies and budgets and in adopting legislative measures to speed up the achievement of MDGs by 2015;

Call on AIPA Member Countries to establish the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Task Force within their respective parliaments. This Task Force is comprised of parliamentarians, development partners, related institutes, and United Nations agencies, who play a central role in overseeing whether the targets are being met in their countries, and facilitating an acceleration of the progress toward the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), such as exchange experiences or best practices among Member States;

Call for continued international partnership to address the special needs of AIPA Member Countries towards the Millennium Development Goals by 2015;

Further call for continuing the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020, Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Istanbul, 9-13 May 2011, in order to further invigorate international partnerships in addressing the special needs of those countries.

Adopted this 23rd day of September 2011, during the 32nd General Assembly in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, 18-24 September 2011