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Resolution on Promoting and Building a Trust-Oriented Community through Consolidating and Strengthening of ASEAN's Solidarity for Prosperity in the Region

The Thirty Second AIPA General Assembly

Acknowledging that the ASEAN Community shall be established aspiring to three pillars, namely the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC), the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC), that are closely intertwined and mutually reinforcing for the purpose of ensuring durable peace, stability and shared prosperity in the region;

Acknowledging further that ASEAN legislative bodies are now playing a more important role in creating a favourable framework for the implementation of agreements to successfully build a trust and people-oriented community through enhancing close cooperation and coordination between executive and legislative branches;

Noting that ASEAN Member Countries share primary responsibility of strengthening security on the economic and social-culture affairs stability in the region and ensuring their peaceful and progressive national development and that they are determined to avoid any form or manner of interferences in order to preserve the ideals and aspirations of their peoples;

Noting further that the interdependence of the ASEAN political development and the need to strengthen ASEAN Member Countries on their efforts to ensure closer and mutually beneficial integration among member countries and their peoples to promote regional peace and stability, security, development and prosperity with a view to realizing a dynamic, open and resilient ASEAN Community;

Mindful that ASEAN shall nurture common values such as continued consultations to discuss political issues and the willingness to share information on matters of common concern emphasizing Defence and Security Cooperation,

Coastal and Maritime protection, and Environmental Degradation among ASEAN Countries in order to resolve disputes through peaceful means including developing a set of socio-political values;

Bearing in mind that the ASEAN Political-Security Community is envisaged to raise its level of cooperation to a higher plane to ensure that countries in the region live in harmony with one another and with the world at large in a just, democratic and harmonious environment. The ASEAN Political-Security Community shall rely exclusively on peaceful processes in the settlement of intra-regional differences and regard their security as fundamentally linked to one another and bound by geographic location, common vision and objectives;

Further bearing in mind current geopolitical developments in the region and in the world, AIPA recognizes the need for ASEAN to enhance its capacity to ensure greater peace, security and stability in the region, including conflict management and resolution;

Consistent with the ASEAN Vision 2020, and coinciding with the theme of the 32nd General Assembly of AIPA which is entitled "Role of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) in Building a Prosperous ASEAN Community". In these efforts, AIPA has a vital role of coming up with the commitment to action for promoting and building a trust-oriented community through consolidating and strengthening ASEAN's Solidarity for the prosperity in the region.

Hereby Resolves To:

Support the shaping and sharing of norms in order to achieve a standard of common adherence to good conduct among members of the ASEAN Community, consolidating and strengthening ASEAN's solidarity, cohesiveness and harmony "The We feeling", and contributing to the building of a democratic, tolerant, deliberating as well as transparent participatory community in Southeast Asia;

Continue to support the efforts of ASEAN member countries to bring into full play the existing important instruments to promote peace, stability, and security in the region such as the TAC, SEANWFZ and DOC, with the view to building a trust-oriented community while settling all disputes, in a peaceful and amicable manner, in the spirit of the ASEAN Charter, the UN Charter, and international laws;

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to support ASEAN Member countries to further promote political development in working towards their ASEAN Leaders' shared vision and common values in order to achieve peace, stability, democracy and prosperity in the region. This is the highest political commitment that will serve as the basis for the ASEAN Political-Security Community;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to convince their respective governments that the strength of ASEAN emanates from the roots of societies and that closer cooperation among the respective legislatures will result in strengthening ASEAN's solidarity;

Urge further the AIPA Member Parliaments to recognize that the world's problems are becoming larger in scope and more complicated in nature. Hence, to further enhance friendship and mutual cooperation on matters affecting Southeast Asia in promoting regional peace, stability and prosperity.

Adopted on 23rd September 2011, Phnom Penh, Cambodia