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**RESOLUTION ON
ADOPTING STRATEGIES FOR POVERTY ERADICATION
AND AN INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

The 33rd AIPA General Assembly:

Taking note of the contemporary global financial and economic situation where Asia Pacific countries, including ASEAN countries, increasingly gain strength and prominence;

Recalling the ASEAN Charter which stipulates ASEAN's purposes, among others, to alleviate poverty and narrow the development gap within ASEAN through mutual assistance and cooperation;

Noting Resolution 32GA/2011/Eco/01 on the Promoting Economic Growth and Sustainable Development towards Narrowing Development Gap in ASEAN adopted in the 32nd AIPA General Assembly in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in 2011, which put emphasis, among others, on the sharing of financial support, technology transfer, and capacity building; and to ensure that the benefits of ASEAN economic integration can be enjoyed by all segments of societies;

Noting further the adoption of the ASEAN Framework Action Plan on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (2011-2015), which aims at supporting the sustainable development of rural areas and contributing to the eradication of rural poverty and food insecurity in the ASEAN region;

Taking into account the ASEAN Framework for Equitable Economic Development which puts emphasis on narrowing the development gap, providing better access of opportunities for human development, and a more inclusive participation in the process of ASEAN integration and community building;

Stressing the urgency of empowering low-income member of the society in AIPA Member States through coordinated development programs towards the establishment of an ASEAN Economic Community in 2015;

Being concerned about the inadequate quality of human resources and skills development in less developed ASEAN Member Countries that subsequently impedes productivity in ASEAN Member Countries;

Recalling the ASEAN Commitment to achieve the Millennium Development Goals that include, among others, eradicating extreme poverty and hunger and promoting gender equality and empowering women by 2015;

Hereby resolves to:

Call on ASEAN Member States to expedite the comprehensive implementation of ASEAN Framework Action Plan on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (2011-2015), to help eradicate poverty and encourage the creation of self-reliant rural communities, in order to stimulate economic empowerment of poor peoples;

Call on all AIPA Member Countries to revive the spirit of ASEAN Help ASEAN by providing supports to development projects in ASEAN Less Developed Countries (LDCs) with soft loans and/or grants, transfer of related knowledge, skills and technology on poverty eradication, and including financing for sustainable development;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to be involved in adopting necessary legislation, formulating policies, providing appropriate budget and supervising the implementation of poverty eradication programs, as well as requesting respective government's reports on budget use and progress made in achieving poverty eradication;

Call on ASEAN Member States to strengthen their respective national and regional statistics collection capacities and improve comprehensive and accurate evaluation system so as to measure results and achievements in relation to poverty eradication;

Call on ASEAN Member States to expedite the comprehensive implementation of the ASEAN Framework for Equitable Economic Development, particularly on ensuring equal opportunities for all segments of societies to get involved in the development process, fostering human development, promoting SMEs development and capacity building, and in facilitating technology transfers and financial services to encourage entrepreneurship;

Call on ASEAN Member States to make use of the ASEAN Free Trade Agreements with its partners for the well-being and livelihood of the peoples of ASEAN by ensuring the development aspect of each Free Trade Agreement and providing the peoples with equitable access to opportunities for human development, social welfare and justice;

Call on ASEAN to expedite achievement in gender mainstreaming to eliminate all forms of violence against women and to empower and protect women through policies and programs under the framework of the 1988 Declaration on the Advancement of Women in ASEAN, the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women in the ASEAN region, and the 2000 Millennium Development Goals;

Urge ASEAN to accelerate integration of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV) through the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) and other sub-regional cooperation;

Urge AIPA Member Countries to develop effective sharing model on lessons learned and best practices with regard to poverty eradication issues;

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