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**Resolution on Parliamentary Cooperation
in the ASEAN Political-Security Community**

The Thirty fifth AIPA General Assembly;

Recognizing that regional peace and stability was a precondition for growth and an important factor in ASEAN's future;

Being mindful of ASEAN's continued commitment for the realization of a politically cohesive, economically integrated and socially responsible ASEAN Community by 2015 and beyond;

Welcoming the progress made in the implementation of the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community (2009-2015), in particular, the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Blueprint and noting the need to expedite efforts in implementing the remaining action lines;

Being encouraged by the adoption of the Nay Pyi Taw Declaration on Realization of the ASEAN Community by 2015 at the 24th ASEAN Summit in May 2014, which provided policy guidance to ensure the successful establishment of the ASEAN Community by 2015;

Acknowledging the progress made in the implementation of the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision adopted at the 23rd ASEAN Summit in 2013 in Brunei Darussalam;

Reaffirming our commitment to the purposes and principles enshrined in, among others, the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (Bali, 1976), the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok, 1995) and the ASEAN Charter (Singapore, 2007);

Taking note of the AIPA's efforts and Resolutions on supporting the APSC Building which adopted by the previous AIPA General Assemblies;

Hereby Resolves to:

Support ASEAN's commitment to enhance its efforts in political and security cooperation to contribute to the peace and security of individual ASEAN Member States as well as for the whole ASEAN Community;

Support ASEAN Sectoral Bodies concerned to implement the remaining action lines under the APSC Blueprint to ensure the realization of the ASEAN Political-Security Community by 2015;

Promote AIPA Member Parliaments' roles in fostering greater awareness in maintaining and enhancing peace, security and stability and further strengthening peace-oriented values in the region in order to ensure that the peoples and Member States of ASEAN live in peace with one another and with the world at large in a just, democratic and harmonious environment, as enshrined in the ASEAN Charter;

Call on all AIPA Member Parliaments to further underscore the importance of the strengthening of ASEAN's unity and cohesiveness in advancing our collective regional interests in order to preserve ASEAN's centrality in the evolving regional architecture;

Stress the importance of maintenance of peace, stability, maritime security and free navigation in the South China Sea. In this context, urge all parties concerned to exercise self-restraint, settle disputes by peaceful means, without resorting to the use of force, respect international law including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), implement fully and effectively the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) and work towards early conclusion of the Code of Conduct (COC), as stipulated in the Chairman's Statement of the 24th ASEAN Summit;

Support, in line with AIPA's roles and functions, the development of the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision with a view to ensure that the ASEAN Political-Security Community be further strengthened beyond 2015;

Task AIPA Secretariat to concretize the common goals as enshrined in this Resolution and turns them into actions where appropriate;

Adopted on the 19th day of September Two Thousand and Fourteen at the 35th AIPA General Assembly, in Vientiane Capital, Lao People's Democratic Republic.