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RESOLUTION

ON

FOSTERING GREEN GROWTH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IN ASEAN

The Thirty Fifth AIPA General Assembly:

Recalling Resolution 32GA/2011/Eco/02 on Climate Change: Challenges and Adaption for Economic Growth in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in 2011 and Resolution 32.GA/2010/Eco.01 on Promoting Economic Growth and Sustainable Development towards Narrowing the Development Gap in ASEAN in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in 2011;

Recalling further Resolution 33GA/2012/ECO/02 on the Creation of a Green Economy to Promote Sustainable Development in Lombok, Indonesia in 2012 and Resolution 34GA/2013/ECO/01 on Fostering the Growth and Sustainable Development of SME in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam in 2013;

Acknowledging that ensuring green growth and sustainable development is one of the crucial challenges in the establishment and development of ASEAN Community;

Referring to the Bangkok Resolution on ASEAN Environmental Cooperation on 12th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Environment, 26th September 2012;

Noting the "Doha Climate Gateway" aimed at advancing the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Kyoto Protocol;

Taking into account the concept of the green economy from the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development 20 years after the landmark summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992;

Acknowledging the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the importance to come to a new legally binding agreement at the Conference of Paris in 2015 and the Aichi targets of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD);

Hereby resolves to:

Call on AIPA Member Parliaments to - develop green growth strategies as a means of achieving sustainable and inclusive development, designing and implementing policies and legal frameworks to support qualitative economic growth, social inclusion, low-carbon emissions and clean and green technologies, green investment, greening sectoral policies such as agriculture, energy, infrastructure as well as the financial sector;

Urge ASEAN Member States to cooperate with each other to enhance energy security, accessibility and sustainability for the ASEAN Region through the implementation of the current "ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation 2010-2015 towards a Cleaner, more Efficient and Sustainable ASEAN Energy Community";

Recommend ASEAN Member States to develop green policies and to enforce laws in the agriculture and the forestry sectors by promoting afforestation and reforestation and sustainable forest management to maintain land fertility and water resources as well as the boosting of sustainable land management protecting the investment rights and land use rights of the holders to ensure food security and forest based livelihood in the region;

Encourage ASEAN Member States to implement sustainable systems of management, exploitation, use, development and protection of natural resources to ensure the balance and sustainability of biodiversity, socio-economic development and environmental protection;

Call on ASEAN Member States to promote a regional partnership on renewable and efficient energy, supporting low-carbon cities, low-carbon emission transport systems and carbon trade schemes;

Urge ASEAN Member States to work towards the reduction of carbon emissions in key sectors, including energy supply, industries, transportation, waste management, construction and building management, township, agriculture and forestry to ensure that natural resources continue providing for our well-being;

Recommend ASEAN Member States to consider the establishment of an ASEAN Green Growth Centre to provide information and joint research, particularly on clean and green technologies and promote the awareness raising of the people in the region;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to create an enabling policy and legal framework to attract private sector participation in the green growth strategy such as investment and fiscal policies;

Call on AIPA Member Parliaments and ASEAN Member States to develop a comprehensive legal framework, enforcement of laws and coordination mechanism on the protection and management of natural resources, particularly on the boundary areas and transboundary issues, to ensure their efficient and sustainable use;

Urge ASEAN Member States to be aware that the green growth strategy requires old ASEAN Member States to assist new ASEAN Member States in sciences and advance climate-friendly technologies to ensure the sustainable, effective and efficient use of the material and natural resources;

Call on ASEAN Member States to strongly promote partnership and knowledgesharing among the diverse group of international and regional organizations to develop green growth strategy.

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.