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**Resolution on
Strengthening Parliamentary Roles in Developing Vocational Education and
Skilled Labour for the Integration of ASEAN Labour Market**

The 35th AIPA General Assembly,

Recalling Resolution Res28GA/2007/Soc/04 on Educational Cooperation in Human Resources Development among AIPA Member Parliaments at the 28th General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and Resolution Res31/GA/2010/Soc/02 on Human Resources Development at the 31st General Assembly in Hanoi, Vietnam;

Recalling further the ASEAN Charter, Article 1 Paragraph 10 which declares that one of the purposes of ASEAN is “to develop human resources through closer cooperation in education and lifelong learning, and in science and technology, for the empowerment of the peoples of ASEAN and for the strengthening of the ASEAN community”;

Realizing that the success of ASEAN Community Building and sustainable regional socio-economic development depends on narrowing the existing gaps among ASEAN Member States in human resources development in general and particularly vocational training and education, allowing for equal opportunities and ensuring that youth and young people have access to good quality Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET), thereby empowering the ASEAN market with skilled labour;

Noting the wide disparity of quality and quantity regarding vocational and skilled labour market development among ASEAN Member States will hinder the process of ASEAN Community Building.

Hereby resolves to:

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to initiate a harmonization of laws to promote and facilitate cooperation and the exchange of best practices between the

respective members states to narrow the existing gaps, stepping forward to develop a strong skilled labour market and labour market information for the future ASEAN single market;

Enhance the role of AIPA Member Parliaments in overseeing, prioritizing, requesting common standards of TVET, common accreditation systems and urging ASEAN governments to adopt those regional standards into enforceable national standards and regulations to narrow the gaps, aiming to provide equal opportunities for the labourers, in particular for young labourers of ASEAN within the ASEAN single market;

Urge the governments of ASEAN Member States to strengthen the strategic partnership and collaboration with the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) for the development of education, based on the need of labour force, in particular the development of harmonized education standards and accreditation systems on Vocational Education and Skilled Labour Development;

Urge the respective governments to allocate the necessary resources including budget and personnel for the provision of funds in implementing technical vocational education and development of skilled labour for their labour market;

Support joint initiatives among public, private sectors, business communities and institutions to develop education and vocational training to produce skilled labour effectively in line with market demand.

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