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**Thailand Report
on the Implementation of the 32nd AIPA General Assembly
Resolutions**

Thailand has exerted efforts to implement policies and programs in supporting the 32nd AIPA General Assembly resolutions on political, economic, social and WAIPA matters. All resolutions had been circulated to the governmental agencies concerned and the Standing Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate for implementation and further action. So far, there have been some key developments of the implementation as follows :

Political Matters

On Strengthening ASEAN Political Security Community through Intensifying Regional Cooperation and Integration (Res.32GA/2011/Pol/01) and in ensuring ASEAN Political Security Community, Thailand through Ministry of Defence has consistently worked towards effective coordination among sectoral bodies under the political-security pillar and with the other two pillars, especially on cross-cutting issues such as disaster management and drugs matters, so that all actions in the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community will be duly and effectively implemented.

Thailand through Ministry of Defence has also actively participated in ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) and the ADMM Plus in promoting mutual trust and cooperation among ASEAN Member Countries and between ASEAN and its eight Dialogue Partners.

In our efforts to enhance connectivity in the region and beyond, ASEAN Member Countries also need to develop appropriate safeguards against cross-border challenges and transnational crimes. We have therefore worked to expedite the implementation on issues of transnational crimes such as trafficking in persons and drugs trafficking.

Economic Matters

On Promoting Economic Growth and Sustainable Development towards Narrowing Development Gap in ASEAN (Res.32GA/2011/Eco/01), Thailand through the Ministry of Finances actively contributed to the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan II and undertaken the ASEAN Framework for Equitable Economic Development (EED) as the guiding principles for inclusive and sustainable growth for all sectoral bodies under Economic Pillar of the AEC Blueprint.

We have supported both bilateral and multilateral co-operation under sub-regional framework in narrowing the gap among member countries on three major connectivities as follows :

1. Fundamental Structure Connectivity - Thailand has provided both financial and technical supports to develop infrastructure connectivity among Thailand and neighboring countries, supported the sub-region railway development and promoted production base development and economic corridor supply chain with neighboring countries

2. Rules and Regulation Connectivity - Thailand has associated with the Cross Border Transport Agreement (CBTA), accelerated the enforcement of custom and communication laws and developed IT system connectivity in order to serve the process of Single Window Inspection and Single Stop Inspection.

3. People to People Connectivity - Thailand has continuously provided technical support for personnel potential in Mekong River Basin Countries. We have also promoted the Thai and International Institutes for Trade and Development (ITD) to play a role in research and development under Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) plan.

On Climate Change : Challenges and Adaptation for Economic Growth (Res.32GA/2011/Eco/02), Thailand through the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives is drafting a strategic and action plan on *Climate Change and Food Security B.E. 2554-2559 (2011-2016)*, encompassing five strategic issues of an adaptation for climate change, a reducing of green house gases in agricultural sector, a knowledge management, a cultivating awareness and participation in solving problems and an intensifying of international cooperating framework.

Thailand through the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives has placed an importance on increasing agricultural productivity to serve the impact of climate change by implementing the ASEAN Integrated Food Security Framework (AIFS). We also ratified the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) on December 2011. We promoted the exchanging of experts through researches and knowledge transfer via Excellent Center in order to sustain production system.

Social Matters

On Strengthening Law Enforcement to Combat Trafficking in Persons (Res.32GA/2011/Soc/01), Thailand through Ministry of Social Development and Human Security has enforced the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act B.E 2551 (2008) which is the country development in mostly protecting children and women. It imposes more punishment on the offenders of trafficking in persons. The law also helps to protect the safety and welfare of the victims as well as both physical and mental rehabilitation.

During 2008 - 2011, Thailand through Ministry of Social Development and Human Security has provided assistance to 834 foreign victims of trafficking in persons, 108 of whom are from Cambodia, 271 persons are from Myanmar, 416 persons are from Lao PDR, 4 persons are from China, 21 persons are from Vietnam and 14 persons are from other countries.

Thailand through Ministry of Social Development and Human Security has also coordinated with International Labour Organization (ILO) and International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) in establishing Mekong Sub-regional Project to Combat Trafficking in Children and Women, aiming to combat human trafficking in children and women in the Greater Mekong Sub-region through the development, implementation and monitoring of effective and integrated strategies and actions.

WAIPA (Women Parliamentarians of AIPA) Matters

On Increasing Economic Opportunities for Women as Family Income Earners (Res. 32GA/2011/WAIPA/02), Thailand has established Women's Empowerment Fund aiming to enhance women's capacity, develop their occupations, generate their employment and income, promote their welfare, ease their financial problems, and boost their role in the Thai society.

Thailand will do its part in the establishment of a cooperation mechanism and information-exchange among AIPA member countries and will continue to enforce national laws, rules and regulations in order to implement the matters of common concern. However, progress in AIPA' implementations by member countries needs to be monitored, reviewed and reported to all stakeholders continuously to ensure the concrete actions for the benefit of present and future generations.
