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**Resolution on
Strengthening Women Parliamentarians Roles in ASEAN
Community building**

The Thirty Fifth AIPA General Assembly:

Reiterating the ASEAN Charter as the guideline for building the ASEAN Community (AC) which comprises three pillars namely, ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC), ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) by the year 2015;

Recalling the first informal meeting between the ASEAN heads of state/government and the AIPA representatives during the 14th ASEAN Summit in Cha-am, Thailand in 2009, whereby the leaders of ASEAN member states agreed to establish the ASEAN Community by 2015;

Recalling the Resolution 30thGA/2009/WAIPA on Roles of Women in Building an ASEAN Community adopted at the 30th General Assembly in Pattaya city, Chonburi province of Thailand in August 2009;

Recognizing that the role of women parliamentarians is placed under the ASEAN three pillars, and that the women parliamentarians of AIPA have been actively participating within the AIPA framework through various programs and activities, which is not merely gender mainstreaming in the political, legislative and administrative processes;

Acknowledging that the lead role of women parliamentarians should be strongly encouraged and strengthened as an indispensable factor in building an ASEAN identity and promoting the realization of ASEAN Community building

Hereby resolves to:

1. **Encourage** greater women parliamentarians roles in building an ASEAN Community based on the three pillars: political, economic and social by increasing the number of women at higher decision-making positions;
2. **Urge** all ASEAN member states, as appropriate, to increase the percentage of women in legislative, judiciary and executive branches of governance in order to contribute significantly to the advances in social well-being for women and children in ASEAN;
3. **Reiterate** AIPA commitments to ensure that legislation promoting and protecting the rights and welfare of women and children in ASEAN member states are strongly implemented and to work towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in improving maternal and child health, achieving gender equality and empowering women in ASEAN;
4. **Appeal** to ASEAN member states and respective parliaments of AIPA to implement gender-based budgeting and activities that promote gender empowerment, contributing to gender equality in reaching Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), as well as in ASEAN Community building by the year 2015;
5. **Reiterate** strongly the Nay Pyi Taw Declaration on the Realization of the ASEAN Community by 2015 by enhancing efforts to empower women, youth, children, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups, and by encouraging their active participation in and assisting them benefit from the ASEAN community building process;
6. **Enhance and support** effective cooperation among ASEAN member states through related organizations and committees within and between countries such as ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW), ASEAN Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC), the ASEAN Confederation of Women's Organization (ACWO) and the South East Asian Regional Cooperation in Human Development projects (SEARCH), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and other international organizations, to develop agreements and promote concrete plans of action in building an ASEAN Community, to ensure timely formulation of the ASEAN Community's post 2015 vision.

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