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**Resolution on
Women Leadership in Southeast Asia**

The 35th AIPA General Assembly:

Recalling WAIPA Resolution No.28GA/2007/WAIPA/03 on Women in Power and Decision-Making, adopted during the 28th General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;

Recalling also WAIPA Resolution No.29GA/2008/WAIPA/02 on Women in Power and their Active Participation in Society, adopted during the 29th General Assembly in Singapore;

Reaffirming the role of women in ensuring democratization process, as stated in article 4 of the 1997 Universal Declaration of Democracy that: "*The achievement of democracy presupposes a genuine partnership between men and women in the conduct of the affairs of society in which they work in equality and complementarity, drawing mutual enrichment from their differences;*"

Acknowledging the equal rights of men and women to take part in the government of their country, directly or through freely chosen representatives, as stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

Recognizing the imbalance in the population of women and women representation in politics and in the leadership stage of both public and private institutions;

Recognizing also that women leadership can further promote and encourage the achievements of MDGs, protection of human rights, sustainable development, and peaceful resolutions;

Hereby resolves to:

1. **Recommend** AIPA member countries to create more room for women, including those living in rural areas, to express their aspirations and be involved in the decision making process;
2. **Encourage** corporations to accommodate gender mainstreaming policies into their businesses;
3. **Ensure** the protection of women's rights in all socio-economic and political aspects of life;
4. **Encourage** democracy to be exercised in family-life;
5. **Encourage** men to actively contribute in women empowerment efforts.
6. **Encourage** multiple stakeholders such as women's organizations, governments and private sectors to be involved in enhancing women leadership, training women leaders, and supporting women's skills in order to encourage women to actively participate in public decision-making process.