



**RESOLUTION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

The Twenty-Ninth General Assembly:

Recognising that the issues of environment, climate change and sustainable development are interrelated and complex, and represent a challenge that must be addressed in a comprehensive manner through individual, regional and concerted international action.

Reiterating AIPA member parliaments' full support to the governments' commitments demonstrated in a number of previous conferences in 2007, such as APEC Leaders' Declaration on Climate Change, Energy Security and Clean Development, the ASEAN Declaration on Environmental Sustainability, the ASEAN Declaration on the 13th Session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the UN Climate Change Conference.

Appreciating the contributions made by AIPA dialogue countries, including China, European Union, Russia, Japan, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the Republic of Korea, to the regional efforts to address the climate change and environment.

Cognisant of mounting global concern over the environment and ASEAN's obligations to its people in fulfilling the aims of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) and to achieve the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), in particular to ensure environmental sustainability in the context of sustainable development;



Affirming that ASEAN region is highly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change on socio - economic development, health and environment that would directly affect the security, livelihood and well-being of the peoples of ASEAN.

Recognising the importance of sustainable forest management in ASEAN, which will contribute significantly to the international efforts to promote environmental sustainability, and to mitigate the effects of climate change as well as transboundary environmental pollution;

Reiterating the need to build an ASEAN Community that is economically vibrant and environmentally friendly, so that the present and future generations can enjoy a clean and sustainable environment;

Resolves to:

1. **Support** the preservation and protection of ASEAN's environment in the areas of Environmental Protection and Management, Climate Change and Conservation of Natural Resources
2. **Encourage** efforts to intensify ASEAN cooperation in promoting, sharing and implementing environmentally sustainable practices, including R&D, information exchange and application of environmentally-sound technologies, best practices in environmental governance and the enhancement of human and institutional capacities, environmental education and harmonizing legal frameworks for environmental objectives and actions towards sustainable development;
3. **Encourage** AIPA member parliaments to support environmental initiatives and programmes which are made possible by commitments and financial resources both from within ASEAN and from external funding agencies.
4. **Urge** the implementation of measures by all relevant ASEAN sectoral bodies to enhance international and regional cooperation to combat transboundary environmental

pollution, including haze pollution, through, among other things, capacity building, enhancing public awareness, strengthening law enforcement, promoting environmentally sustainable practices, as well as combating illegal logging and its associated illegal trade;

5. **Encourage** efforts to reduce by half of the number of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water by 2010 in accordance with the VAP to meet the needs of ASEAN citizens, and significant improvement in the lives of slum dwellers by 2020 in ASEAN Member Countries in accordance with the UN MDGs;
6. **Support** collaboration within ASEAN and with the international community to minimise the adverse impacts of climate change, particularly from flood, drought, landslide and the rise of sea level, and seek to explore measures to improve energy efficiency in key sectors of energy use through capacity building and information sharing of best practices in managing energy use and the adoption of appropriate technologies and practices;
7. **Promote** the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity as a regional centre for biodiversity conservation and management; and work towards achieving an aspirational goal of significantly increasing the cumulative forest cover in the ASEAN region by at least 10 million hectares by 2020;