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**Report of**

**The Meeting of Women Parliamentarians of the AIPA**

**Your Excellency, Mme Pany YATHOTOU, President of the 35<sup>th</sup> AIPA, President of the Lao National Assembly**

**Excellencies Speakers/Vice Speakers of ASEAN Members States;**

**Honorable Parliamentarians;**

**Ladies and gentlemen.**

I have the honor to submit the report of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians of AIPA (WAIPA) which was convened on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 before the 35<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly.

As nominated by Her Excellency Pany YATHOTOU, President of the 35<sup>th</sup> AIPA, Prof. Dr. Bounnong BOUPHA presided over the meeting, and having Honorable Suansavanh VIGNAKET as a rapporteur.

The meeting attended by WAIPA delegates from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, their names presented as an annex.

The meeting was also observed by Hon. Bronwyn BISHOP, MP, Speaker of the House representatives of Australia, and Hon Diyana YAHANA with her team from Asia-Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development as guests of the host.

The meeting considered and adopted three draft resolutions as follows:

1. Resolution on Strengthening efforts in the prevention of all forms of discrimination and violence against women and children in ASEAN.

The WAIPA encouraged ASEAN and AIPA member countries to advocate the readiness to cope with secondary and tertiary prevention responses such as pre-hospital care, emergency and rehabilitation services, and treatment for sexually transmitted infections following a rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment as well

as other longer term approaches to prevent domestic violence against women and children.

The WAIPA called upon ASEAN and AIPA member countries to review and amend all laws related to the protection of women and children's health and their welfare, and to undertake measures to enable cross border enforcement of laws against the trafficking of women and children, and protection of the women migrant workers and their families, women and children in conflict areas, and to provide mutual assistance to one another in the enforcement of such laws;

2. Resolution on Strengthening Women Parliamentarians' roles in ASEAN Community Building.

The WAIPA meeting acknowledged that the role of women parliamentarians is place under three pillars, and that they have been actively participating within AIPA framework through various programs and activities, which is not merely gender mainstreaming in the political, legislative and administrative processes.

The WAIPA meeting urge all ASEAN member states to increase the percentage of women in legislative, judiciary and executive branches of their respective governments in order to contribute significantly to the advances in social well-being for women and children in ASEAN, among others.

3. Resolution on Women Leadership in Southeast Asia

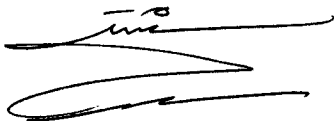
The WAIPA meeting recognized the imbalance in the population of women and women representation in politics and in the leadership stage of both public and private institutions and that women leadership could be further promoted and encouraged towards the achievements of MDGs, protection of human rights, sustainable development and peaceful solutions.

The WAIPA meeting recommended 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, and men to actively contribute in women empowerment efforts, among others.

In the ASEAN spirit and solidarity, WAIPA delegates conducted lively discussions, thus substantively contributing to three resolutions as well.

With this note, your Excellency, the President, I submit the report of the women parliamentarians of AIPA along with three resolutions to the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly for consideration and adoption.

**Rapporteur**



**Hon. Mrs. Suanesavanh VIGNAKET**

**Chairperson**



**Hon. Prof. Dr. Boungnong BOUPHA**