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**RESOLUTION ON
PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS AND ENHANCING THEIR
QUALITY OF LIFE**

The thirty-sixth AIPA General Assembly:

Recalling the United Nations' Resolution 37/51 of 3rd December 1982 on the Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing, Resolution 46/91 of 16 December 1991 on Principles for Older Persons, Resolution 47/5 of 16 December 1992 on Proclamation on Ageing and the 2002 Political Declaration and Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);

Recalling also the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits and their respective follow-up reviews, in particular those that pertain to the promotion of the rights and well-being of older persons on an equal and participatory basis;

Emphasizing the resolution WHA65/2012/REC/1 on active ageing that ensures the highest attainable standard of health well-being for the older persons;

Reaffirming the programme of action adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo in 1994 and its annexes and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action +20;

Alluding to the report for the 52nd Session of the Commission for Social Development and adopted in February 2014;

Appreciating the contributions of older persons to national and regional development;

Recognizing that older persons face human rights challenges relating to civil, cultural, economic, political and social as well as age, and access and challenges in relation to long-term care, violence and abuse, social protection, adequate food and housing, decent work, productive resources, legal aid and health support, which require in-depth analysis on normative and operational protection gaps;

Being deeply concerned that the population over 65 years is growing at a faster rate than that of the population as a whole;

Affirming ASEAN's regional cooperation in ASEAN Aging Profile and Policies 2011 to strengthen the Protection of the Rights of Older Persons and the 2013 ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection adopted in the 23rd ASEAN Summit in October 2013;

Acknowledging that members of parliament can play the important role in defining and supervising the implementation of national goals through legislative and political means and at the national and regional parliamentary level;

Hereby resolves to:

Address gaps in the existing framework for the promotion and protection of the rights of older persons;

Incorporate the rights of older persons in national-development plans and social-policy processes to alleviate issues that directly affect their well-being, such as maintaining financial sustainability and health;

Encourage Member States to ensure that older persons receive information about their rights to live in dignity and security, to be valued independently of their economic contributions, and free of exploitation, physical or mental abuse as well as the area of legal development and harmonization of laws and strengthening joint efforts and cooperation;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to strongly adopt social policies that promote the development of community services, facilities and the capacity of human resources dedicated to ageing issues, regardless of gender, racial or ethnic background, disability or other status and strengthen the supervision of these policies implementation;

Develop a comprehensive program for older persons to remain integrated in society and participate actively in the formulation of policy by sharing their experience, knowledge and skills;

Implore Member States to ensure the full realization of all human rights for older persons, including by addressing age discrimination, neglect, abuse and violence against older persons and by providing social integration, provision of health and geriatric medical care, residence and nursing homes and material needs for the maintenance of an acceptable quality of life and social development;

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to promote the exchange of good practices, experiences and information regarding legal measures and means on the promotion and protection of the rights of older persons especially in the area of legal development and harmonization of laws and strengthening joint efforts and cooperation.

Adopted on the 11th day of September 2015 at the 36th AIPA General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.