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**RESOLUTION ON ENHANCING COOPERATION IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE
CHANGE IN ASEAN**

The 37th General Assembly of AIPA:

Deeply concerned that climate change is exerting adverse impacts on sustainable development in ASEAN and its members, causing serious losses and damages across the region.

Cognizant that with the rise of frequency and intensity of extreme weather events due to climate change, ASEAN faces huge challenges in implementing the 2025 ASEAN Community Vision.

Taking note of important outcomes of the Climate Change Negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), especially the groundbreaking adoption of the , Paris Agreement at the 21st Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP 21) in December 2015;

Recalling AIPA Resolutions on response to climate change i.e. the 28GA/2007/Soc/ 07: Resolution on Climate Change as a regional challenge; 31GA/2010/Soc/01 Resolution on climate change, disaster management and pandemic prevention;

Welcoming ASEAN's adoption of documents relating to climate change such as ASEAN Declaration on Environmental Sustainability (2007), ASEAN Declaration on COP-13 to the UNFCCC and CMP-3 to the Kyoto Protocol (2007), ASEAN Joint Statement on Climate Change to COP-15 to the UNFCCC and CMP-5 to the Kyoto Protocol (2009), ASEAN Leaders' Statement on Climate Change to COP 17 and CMP 17 (2009); ASEAN Joint Statement on Climate Change to the COP 21 (2015), ASEAN Joint Statement on Climate Change to the COP 22 recently adopted by the 28th and 29th ASEAN Summit (September, 2016);

Appreciating efforts and actions by ASEAN member countries in response to climate change such as announcing targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and transform green growth models to mitigate the impact of climate change .

Reaffirming the important roles played by ASEAN Member Parliaments to adopt laws, approve the budgets and national-level projects and programs to respond to climate change in conformity with requirements for a low-carbon sustainable development .

HEREBY, RESOLVES TO:

Enhance people's awareness and understanding about climate change across the ASEAN Community;

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to expedite the ratification of the Paris Agreement 2015,

Assist the ASEAN Governments to implement the Declaration on ASEAN Post- 2015 Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Agenda; adopt the ASEAN Strategic Plan of Action on the Environment (ASPEN) as soon as possible and stand ready to implement the ASPEN once it is adopted with focus on information and experience sharing to enhance capabilities to adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change, especially the issue of rising water level, draught and soil salinization;

Urge ASEAN Member countries to pursue sustainable development opportunities that can enable mitigation and adaption efforts to be included in their INDCs as appropriate, noting that mitigation and adaption efforts can have strong regional co-benefits which contribute, inter alia, to foods, water, energy security and local culture.

Recommend ASEAN Governments to make reforms in their systems of administrative management to enhance the adaptability to respond to climate change;

Expand cooperation relations within ASEAN and between ASEAN Members and external partners to mobilize at most financial resources to invest in projects relating to clean technology, energy-saving technology, establish Centers for Climate Change Assistance and Research in ASEAN;

Encourage ASEAN member states to institutionalize a coordinating mechanism for the purpose of cooperation and assistance on disaster preparedness, relief and rehabilitation.

Enhance cooperation, dialogue, information and experience-sharing in combating the negative effects of climate change within the framework of ASEAN, ASEAN-led mechanisms and other regional and international forums and frameworks, especially the Paris Agreement;

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