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**RESOLUTION ON STRENGTHENING THE GROWTH OF MICRO,  
SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs) IN ENTERING AND  
OPTIMIZING THE GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS BY IMPROVING  
ACCESS TO FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND ENHANCING  
PRODUCTIVITY AND INNOVATION**

*The Thirty-Seventh AIPA General Assembly:*

**Recognizing** the crucial role of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), as main drivers of the ASEAN economy, in job creation, poverty reduction, delivering technology and innovation and social progress promotion in the ASEAN Member States (AMS);

**Welcoming** the efforts and substantial progress of AMS in encouraging the development of MSMEs in the region through the implementation of related frameworks and documents such as ASEAN Strategic Action Plan for SME Development 2016-2025 (SAPSMED 2025); Chairman's Statement of the 28<sup>th</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 6-8 September, 2016 appreciating the proposals from the private sectors combining the objectives of SAPSMED 2025 to create synergy and drive MSMEs development in ASEAN; the adoption of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan III at the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summits.

**Recalling** AIPA Resolution No. 34GA/2013/EC0/01 on Fostering the Growth and Sustainable Development of SME, adopted in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam in 2013 and AIPA Resolution No. 36GA/2015/ECO/01 on enhancing inter-regional cooperation and intra-regional integration in trade and industry adopted in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2015, which urged AMS to strengthen MSMEs development;

**Further recalling** AIPA Resolution No. 32GA/2011/Eco/01 on Promoting Economic Growth and Sustainable Development Towards Narrowing Development Gap in ASEAN;

**Noting** with satisfaction the Joint Media Statement of the 48<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Economic Ministers'(AEM) Meeting, issued in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 3 August, which encouraged the relevant agencies and parties involved to intensify their efforts towards delivering the SAPSMED 2025 strategic goals;

**Affirming** that global value chains exert forceful impacts on international labor division, bring about economic structural changes, promote economic growth and cooperation scale in many developing countries as well as emerging economies;

**Emphasizing** that against today's integration background, MSMEs entering global value chains shall create opportunities for market access, promoting technology transfer and modernization, enhancing understanding about international quality standards, market trend and knowledge, strengthening human resource development and improving competitiveness of MSMEs, contributing to the regional economic growth;

**Affirming** the role of AIPA in promoting the development of MSMEs in the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) as well as effectively taking part in the global value chains;

*Hereby resolves to:*

**Raise the awareness** of the participation of ASEAN MSMEs in the global value chains, that helps promote the formation of a network for MSMEs in the region to jointly develop MSMEs and optimize the global value chains;



**Promote** the role of AIPA and its Member Parliaments in forming the legal frameworks, strengthening domestic legislations in line with the ASEAN legal documents and agreements to improve productivity, innovation, decent work conditions, fair competition and to enhance the development and participation of MSMEs into the global value chains;

**Strengthen** support for ASEAN Governments to implement fully and effectively SAPSMED 2016-2025, especially the five key strategies namely (1) promote productivity, technology and innovation; (2) increase access to finance; (3) enhance market access and “internationalization”; (4) enhance policy and regulatory environment; and (5) promote entrepreneurship and human capital development.

**Urge** Governments of AMS to issue policies facilitating and supporting the MSMEs to form and take part in industrial clusters, get full access to information, reviews, in-depth analysis of the ASEAN's international economic integration commitments, implications for the economic sectors to grasp the mechanisms and rules of the global economic market, taking advantages of opportunities brought about by the FTAs between ASEAN and its dialogue partners;

**Encourage** MSMEs to apply information technology, innovate to actively participate in the global production network and value chains; enhance the added value of the national and regional economies and also for the long term planning, the ASEAN Member States should emphasize the importance of the implementation of ASEAN Single Window in supporting and equitable development and a long term beneficial economic cooperation;

**Promote** entrepreneurship and human capital development with respect to women and youth entering into the MSMEs workforce;

**Support** various forms of economic cooperation regionally and internationally which helps expand market access and business opportunities for MSMEs as well as many efforts to optimize the global value chains;

**Encourage** and support MSMEs associations to participate effectively in national and regional dialogues that help set the strategic frameworks for sustainable development.

**Adopted** on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 during the 37<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.