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*Advancing Together for Sustainable, Inclusive and
Resilient ASEAN*

(Res 43GA/2022/YPA/01)

**RESOLUTION ON
FOSTERING ENGAGEMENT WITH YOUNG PEOPLE FOR A
SUSTAINABLE, RESILIENT, AND PROSPEROUS ASEAN COMMUNITY**
(Proposed by the Kingdom of Cambodia)

The Forty-Third AIPA General Assembly:

Noting Resolution No. Res 41GA/2020/Org/06 of the 41st AIPA General Assembly in 2020 on “*The Engagement of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA in the ASEAN Community Building*”, which welcomed the initiative to establish the Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA to be held in AIPA General Assembly, & Resolution No. Res 42GA/2021/Org/10 on “*The Adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA*” on the occasion of the 42nd AIPA General Assembly, which recommended the Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA to take place once a year in the AIPA General Assembly;

Recalling Resolution No. GA 9-83 of the 6th AIPO General Assembly in 1983 on “*ASEAN Program on Youth and Young Political Leaders*”, and Resolution No. RES. 34GA/2013/SOC/01 of the 34th AIPA General Assembly in 2013 on “*Nurturing and Enhancing the Role of Young People to Meet the Future Challenges of ASEAN*”, which recognised the significant role of young people and the need to engage them in the ASEAN Community Building;

Reaffirming the support for the ASEAN Declaration on the Adoption of the ASEAN Youth Development Index at the 31st ASEAN Summit in 2017, ASEAN Work Plan on Youth 2021-2025, Declaration on “*ASEAN Youth Statement 2020*” adopted in ASEAN 36th Summit, and Yangon Youth Declaration on “*ASEAN Youth Statement 2014*”, and Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on “*Youth Entrepreneurship and Employment*” adopted in ASEAN 23rd Summit;

Acknowledging continued efforts and the foundations laid by the former generations of ASEAN Leaders in prioritising the investments that benefit the young people of ASEAN as upheld in the ASEAN Political-Security/Economic/Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025 and its preceding frameworks;

Recognising the indispensable role of the young people of ASEAN as being a great asset in the pursuit of long-lasting peace, cohesive solidarity, and shared prosperity in the region, as young people make up around 30 percent of ASEAN's total population; thus, making them the key actors in building, preserving, and leading the rule-based, peaceful, secure, stable, forward-looking, and outward-looking ASEAN Political-Security Community of shared values and norms;

Emphasising the commitment to achieving a borderless ASEAN Economic Community – with free flow of goods, services, investment, capital, and skilled labour – that is highly competitive, innovative, connected, prosperous, equitable, inclusive, and progressive towards a more sustainable and resilient regional economy, shared prosperity, inclusive growth, and sustainable development for the future generations of ASEAN;

Embracing the vast cultural resources and diversity of the ASEAN Member States as anchored in the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, and upholding the ASEAN tradition of peaceful co-existence and the spirit of unity in diversity and inclusivity which promotes people-to-people connectivity, and sustains social harmony through a deeper and greater intra-ASEAN social and cultural understanding;

Underscoring the need to promote public understanding of ASEAN as a region that provides abundant opportunities mutually beneficial for over 660 million of our people, and acknowledging that ASEAN together as a community is even more stable, peaceful, integrated, prosperous, responsible and cohesive than ever before through collective commitments and efforts;

Reiterating the importance of fostering engagement between young parliamentarians and young people to deepen the understanding of the ASEAN Community and harness opportunities in order to better themselves as responsible citizens and future leaders;

Recognising the need to empower the young people by providing quality and accessible education and developing relevant competencies to pursue their life's aspirations, and providing necessary mechanisms to enable them to acquire it in any country of the ASEAN region;

Noting with great interest that the Year 2022 is proclaimed as the Year of ASEAN Youth, under Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship;

Having considered the results of the first and second consultative meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA (YPA), in which the Delegates attending the meetings not only acknowledged the importance of YPA, but also expressed their support to the notion of elevating the status of YPA to become a standing committee whose meetings are held annually during the AIPA General Assembly.

Hereby Resolves to:

Further promote the participation and aspirations of young people in the policy or law formulation process, and enhance dialogues and consultations between young people and young parliamentarians of ASEAN through knowledge and experience-sharing to ensure that the young people have a better understanding of the strengths and opportunities of ASEAN as a means towards a more sustainable, stable, peaceful, and secured ASEAN Community in an evolving global security landscape;

Encourage more initiatives that empower young people, including adopting and implement more laws and/or other measures that target the youth, to unleash their potentials and take on entrepreneurial and digital leadership roles in a more extensive and inclusive way, and equip them with the 21st century skills by establishing partnership and collaboration with all relevant stakeholders, as well as promoting youth entrepreneurship, start-ups and involvement in the digital, green and circular economy to ensure a high level of economic dynamism and integrated ASEAN Economic Community, especially one that is resilient to shocks, optimised for growth, and mutually beneficial;

Further promote the involvement of young people in parliament by supporting policies and efforts to institutionalise youth engagement initiatives towards realising a participative, inclusive, interactive, holistic, harmonious, understanding, and socially responsible ASEAN Community founded on the ASEAN tradition of peaceful co-existence, culture of resilience, adherence to shared values and norms, spirit of cooperation, and strong sense of togetherness and common identity;

Pursue a whole-of-Community approach and an inter-pillar coordination across the three pillars of the ASEAN Community with a central focus on the young population by strengthening their capacity to harness opportunities and respond to challenges, in alignment with the ASEAN Community 2025 Vision and Post-2025 Vision, and support initiatives for young people's development on important matters such as ASEAN awareness, education, health and well-being, employment and opportunities, and participation and engagement through well-coordinated national and regional frameworks;

Urge AIPA member of Parliaments to address social issues facing the people in the region, particularly educational, social and economic barriers that may hinder young people's access to employment and skills development;

Further strengthen a shared commitment, collective leadership, and responsibility of all stakeholders to optimise the ASEAN-led initiatives on youth and other relevant frameworks as the integral driving force behind ASEAN's deeper integration and closer cooperation for an interconnected, united, dynamic, prosperous, people-centred and people-oriented community;

Avail the Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA as a legislative initiative to encourage the establishment and activities of young parliamentarians group in each respective ASEAN parliaments, and bring the AIPA parliamentarians, our young people and constituencies closer through sharing of best practices and experiences, collective efforts, and supports to achieve ASEAN Community that is politically cohesive, economically integrated and socially responsible for the benefits of present and future generations;

Agree to transform the Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA into a standing committee with its own Rules of Procedure that governs their conduct, whose meetings are organized annually during the AIPA General Assembly;

Mandate the AIPA Secretariat to process the above transformation procedurally, in accordance with applicable AIPA regulations, including but not limited to proposing the amendments of the “Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA” to the 44th AIPA General Assembly;

Continue to commit to fostering engagement with young people, by making use of the foundations that have been well established to realise the ideal ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and beyond.

Adopted on the Twenty First Day of November 2022 in the Kingdom of Cambodia at the 43rd General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly.
