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Parliament at the Forefront for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable ASEAN

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RESOLUTION ON

STRENGTHENING ASEAN PARLIAMENTS' ROLE IN ENSURING SUSTAINABLE AND FAIR ENERGY SECURITY

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The Forty-sixth General Assembly:

Recalling AIPA's continuous commitment to addressing energy-related challenges and fostering sustainable development, as articulated in previous Resolutions such as Res.44GA/2023/Eco/05 on Driving Energy Transition and Developing Green Economy in ASEAN (2023) and Res.44GA/2023/Pol/05 on the Role of Parliamentarians in Addressing Water, Energy and Food (WEF) Security Nexus in ASEAN, all of which underscore the vital importance of a resilient, sustainable and fair energy sector for shared prosperity and stability in the ASEAN Community;

Recognising that sustainable and fair energy security is fundamental for fostering economic growth, promoting social equity, ensuring environmental protection, and realising the ASEAN Community Vision 2045;

Acknowledging the increasing volatility of global energy markets, the accelerating impacts of climate change, and the urgent need for a just and equitable energy transition;

Emphasising the strategic importance of diversifying energy sources, enhancing energy efficiency, and accelerating the deployment of renewable energy technologies as well as exploring emerging innovations such as green hydrogen, advantaged energy storage systems, and smart grid systems to achieve greater energy self-reliance and environmental sustainability in ASEAN;

Concerned by the disproportionate impact of energy poverty and price volatility on vulnerable communities and the potential for these factors to exacerbate socio-economic disparities within and among ASEAN Member States;

Reaffirming ASEAN's commitment to regional energy cooperation through initiatives such as the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) and the ASEAN Power Grid, which aims for a more resilient and integrated energy sector;

Highlighting the indispensable role of parliaments in scrutinising energy policies, enacting robust legislation, allocating adequate resources, and ensuring accountability in the pursuit of energy security goals.

Hereby resolves to:

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to review and strengthen their national legislative frameworks to promote sustainable and fair energy development, enhance energy efficiency, and ensure fair access to reliable and affordable energy for all people;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to advocate policies that accelerate investment in and adoption of renewable energy technologies, including solar, wind, hydro, geothermal power and other renewable technologies, together with emerging technologies such as green hydrogen, advanced energy storage, and smart grid systems as key components of a diversified energy mix;

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to facilitate cross-border cooperation and regional energy connectivity initiatives, such as the ASEAN Power Grid and the Trans-ASEAN Gas Pipeline (TAGP), to enhance regional energy resilience and mutual support;

Recommend the promotion of parliamentary oversight mechanisms to ensure transparency, good governance, and accountability in national and regional energy projects and resource management;

Urge ASEAN Member States to develop and implement sustainable and inclusive energy strategies that address the needs of remote and underserved communities, ensuring equitable access to clean, affordable, and reliable energy services;

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to actively support and monitor the implementation of ASEAN's ongoing initiatives, particularly those under the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) 2016-2025 Phase I (2016-2020) and Phase II (2021-2025), and its successor documents, the ASEAN Power Grid, as well as emerging ones focused on energy affordability, rural electrification, and a just energy transition, ensuring no one is left behind;

Encourage the exchange of best practices and knowledge sharing among AIPA Member Parliaments on energy policies, regulatory frameworks, and technological advancements, as well as the review and coordination of possible cross-border energy initiatives to support a sustainable and effective energy transition, including innovative approaches such as energy subsidy reforms, carbon pricing mechanisms, and other market-based instruments, to strengthen regional cooperation and sustainability;

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to foster closer and continuous dialogue and collaboration with relevant ASEAN stakeholders to harness collective expertise and resources for sustainable energy solutions;

Promote parliamentary advocacy for increased public awareness and participation in energy conservation, renewable energy adoption, and sustainable consumption practices;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to periodically oversee and monitor the progress of these efforts, and through regular engagement with relevant ASEAN bodies, including the ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM), to ensure parliamentary engagement in achieving sustainable and fair energy security across the ASEAN region.

Adopted in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the Twentieth Day of September, in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Original Version

This Resolution addresses the critical and interconnected issues of sustainable and fair energy security within the ASEAN region. Its timing is particularly pertinent, aligning with the pressing need for a robust and coordinated parliamentary response to evolving regional energy challenges that ASEAN need to address in realising the ASEAN Community Vision 2045.

The core of this resolution lies in its recognition that reliable, equitable, and environmentally sound energy access is not merely an economic concern, but a foundational pillar for comprehensive regional development. It explains that current challenges stem from the inherent volatility of international energy markets, the escalating impacts of climate change, and the fundamental shift towards a just energy transition.

A key rationale for AIPA's intervention is the observed disproportionate burden of energy poverty and price instability on vulnerable communities, which risks exacerbating socio-economic disparities across Member States. By reiterating principles from prior AIPA resolutions on energy and sustainable development, it solidifies the Assembly's continuous, strategic commitment to these vital areas.

This Resolution aligns seamlessly with ASEAN Member States' national priorities, particularly their intensified focus on renewable energy cooperation, the imperative for transparent legal frameworks, and the promotion of regional collaboration to mobilise essential resources, especially financial support. This alignment gains heightened urgency against a global backdrop where international financial commitments from developed countries, earmarked for development, climate change mitigation, and clean energy initiatives, are declining and/or insufficiently implemented. Such a global context underscores the necessity for more robust internal and regional efforts within ASEAN.

Ultimately, this resolution articulates that ensuring energy security is a shared concern for all ASEAN Member States, directly reflecting the "inclusivity and sustainability" theme of ASEAN 2025 and AIPA-46. It details how stronger parliamentary engagement

serves as the vital mechanism to translate high-level policy commitments into tangible, on-the-ground actions. This emphasis on the legislative, oversight, and resource allocation roles of parliaments is designed to foster greater energy resilience, affordability, and equity across the diverse ASEAN community, ensuring that the vision for a sustainable and fair energy future is collectively realised.