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Parliament at the Forefront for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable ASEAN

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RESOLUTION ON

EMPOWERING ASEAN COMMUNITIES THROUGH INTER-PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION ON GREEN AND BLUE ECONOMIES IN ASEAN

Sponsored by Indonesia and Malaysia Co-Sponsored by Cambodia

The Forty-sixth General Assembly:

Guided by the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 on "Resilient, Innovative, Dynamic, and People-Centred ASEAN", which embraces the green and blue economies in the regional context and outlines strategic measures to unlock the potential of the green economy and advance the blue economy as the new engine of economic growth, as well as to promote sustainable development;

Recalling AIPA Resolutions No. Res.33GA/2012/Eco/02 on the Creation of a Green Economy to Promote Sustainable Development; Res.41GA/2020/Org/10 on Establishing Joint Programs Between AIPA and the International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF) on Blue Economy, Economic Development and Conservation; and Res.44GA/2023/Eco/05 on Driving Energy Transition and Developing Green Economy in ASEAN and other relevant resolutions;

Recalling also the <u>United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</u>, particularly Goals 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), 13 (Climate Action), 14 (Life Below Water), and 15 (Life on Land); the <u>ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on the Blue Economy</u> and the <u>ASEAN Blue Economy</u> Framework;

Acknowledging the adoption of the <u>Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity</u> <u>Framework</u>, which reinforces the importance of integrated action to conserve ecosystems and sustainably manage natural resources, and lays the foundation for effective implementation of the ASEAN Biodiversity Plan 2024-2030;

Recognising that the sustainable management of natural ecosystems is essential to achieving the objectives of green and blue economy growth strategies, and to ensuring long-term regional economic resilience, food security, and sustainable growth;

Acknowledging that the green and blue economy approaches contribute to climate resilience, just energy transition, biodiversity conservation and long-term environmental sustainability across ASEAN Member States;

Noting the positive contributions of inter-parliamentary platforms in enhancing collaboration, knowledge sharing, and the alignment of national policies with regional and global sustainable development frameworks;

Emphasising the need to strengthen parliamentary cooperation in support of a resilient, innovative, dynamic, and people-centred ASEAN by 2045;

Recognising the need for ASEAN Member States to enact legislations that supports the transition to green and blue economies.

Hereby resolves to:

Support the promotion of the green and blue economy principles as critical drivers of sustainable, inclusive growth across ASEAN Member States;

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to explore parliamentary initiatives, where applicable, essential to build a supportive ecosystem to unlock green and blue economies potential and to facilitate the inclusive and sustainable use, governance, management, and conservation of oceans, seas, freshwater, inland waterways, as well as marine and coastal resources for advancing the growth in blue economy, in line with the ASEAN's Blue Economy Framework and national priorities;

Strengthen parliamentary measures to explore ways and means of creating incentives and favourable conditions for financing green and blue economies, leveraging sustainable and innovative finance and investment in the region;

Ensure that the development of green and blue economies promotes inclusive participation and equitable distribution of benefits for all, particularly for local communities, women, youth, and other groups, in accordance with the principles of a just and fair transition;

Promote scientific and technical cooperation, digitalisation, technology transfer, know-how, capacity building for civil servants, local governments, MSMEs, coastal, and farming communities as well as all relevant stakeholders in the context of green and

blue economies to unlock their full potential, ensure inclusive participation, and build long-term resilience;

Strengthen inter-parliamentary cooperation on green and blue economies by harmonising policies and laws, sharing good practices, and promoting, whenever possible, parliamentary networks and dialogues, and by engaging with civil society, MSMEs, private sector, scientific community, and international organisations to foster public awareness, accelerate the transition to a sustainable future and align policies with ASEAN and global sustainability goals;

Task the AIPA Secretariat to explore potential collaboration with relevant stakeholders in developing a Legislative Handbook on Promoting Green and Blue Economies serving as an issue and knowledge reference, providing evidence-based policy support on issues such as collective action in climate change, mutual recognition of carbon and biodiversity credits, as well as standards on ecosystem protection for parliaments and parliamentarians of AIPA in the exercise of their parliamentary mandates;

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to advocate for the sustainable use of material resources, knowledge sharing in research, harmonisation of standards, and addressing regulatory gaps through inter-parliamentary cooperation;

Commit to strengthening parliamentary cooperation guided by the principles of green and blue economies, to support ASEAN's collective efforts towards building a resilient, inclusive, and people-centred ASEAN Community by 2045, in synergy with ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on the Blue Economy and the ASEAN Blue Economy Framework

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Original Version

The proposed Resolution aims to strengthen inter-parliamentary dialogue and collaboration on green and blue economy priorities.

Recognising the critical role of natural ecosystems in supporting regional economic resilience, food security, and sustainable growth, the resolution suggests some measures essential to promote and advocate the issues of green and blue economies. The resolution also proposes an important transformation for the AIPA with respect to the standing committee matters coverage. Such transformation is proposed with a rationale that the ASEAN 2045 Vision has recognised in numerous paragraph the cross-cutting issues of the economic and sustainable development matters. AIPA could be the pioneer at the regional level to acknowledge that economic and sustainable development is connected and thus needs to be discussed in an integral and cohesive manner.

The resolution would complement ASEAN's existing efforts to promote sustainable development and align with global frameworks such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. It would also build upon past initiatives supported by AIPA to advance sustainable economic development through conservation and the responsible management of natural resources.

A proposal to engage in a parliamentary network is included in the resolution as a way of parliamentarians to have a deeper exchange of knowledge and best practices and networking on the specific matters. It would operate in a flexible, member-driven manner, without imposing new obligations on Member Parliaments, subject to the support of relevant stakeholders.

This Resolution is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Forty-sixth General Assembly of AIPA.