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Parliament at the Forefront for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable ASEAN

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RESOLUTION ON ADDRESSING THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN MYANMAR

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The Forty-sixth General Assembly:

Deeply saddened by the devastating earthquake in Central Myanmar in March 2025 and concerned about the deteriorating humanitarian situation caused by both the natural disaster and the ongoing situation in Myanmar, which has disrupted essential public services and disproportionately affected vulnerable groups, including women, children, persons with disabilities, internally displaced persons, and ethnic groups;

Recalling the Charter of the United Nations, the ASEAN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and reaffirming obligations under international law;

Reaffirming the commitment of ASEAN Member States to principles of solidarity and shared responsibility for humanitarian protection, as reflected in the ASEAN Charter, while underscoring that humanitarian assistance in ASEAN shall be carried out in line with the principles of sovereignty, non-interference, and consensus;

Recalling the ASEAN Leaders' Statement on an Extended and Expanded Ceasefire in Myanmar adopted during the 46th ASEAN Summit in May 2025, in Kuala Lumpur, which urged all parties concerned to ensure the safe, timely, effective and transparent delivery of ASEAN humanitarian assistance without discrimination;

Reaffirming AIPA Resolution No. 43GA/2022/Pol/05 on Parliamentary Diplomacy for the Implementation of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus on Myanmar and AIPA Resolution No. 44GA/2023/Pol/06 on Parliamentary Cooperation in Contributing to Long-Lasting Peace in Myanmar, stressing that any solution must be Myanmar-owned and Myanmar-led and uphold ASEAN Centrality and unity;

Recalling the AIPA Message delivered during the 14th ASEAN–AIPA Leaders' Interface at the 46th ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur, which reaffirmed the call for full and effective implementation of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus, and emphasized the need for a peaceful, inclusive, durable, and Myanmar-owned and Myanmar-led solutions to the ongoing political crisis, particularly with regard to Myanmar refugees, while underscoring the importance of ASEAN Centrality and unity in addressing the situation;

Expressing appreciation of the efforts to help address the humanitarian situation in Myanmar by the ASEAN Chair in 2025 through engagements at the level of the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister and the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar, as well as the Joint Humanitarian Mission by the Foreign Ministers of Malaysia and Thailand to Nay Pyi Taw on 5 April 2025 following the earthquake in March 2025;

Expressing deep concern over the ongoing crisis in Myanmar and its impact on ASEAN and the neighbouring countries with the influx of over 1 million stateless Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, and another 280,000 refugees in Malaysia, India, Thailand, and Indonesia as of 2024, as well as refugees and asylum seekers from political reasons among others, and associated irregular maritime movements placing significant socio-economic and security burdens on host communities and potentially undermining regional peace, security and stability;

Expressing concern over the irregular maritime movement of Myanmar refugees who risk their lives in perilous conditions under exploitative traffickers and smugglers, underscoring their desperate situation and the urgent need to address the root causes of their vulnerability;

Recalling the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2015), which pledges to "leave no one behind";

Stressing the urgent need to mobilise adequate resources to meet humanitarian need within Myanmar and in its neighbouring countries, including in refugee camps, to ensure safe and unhindered access for assistance for those in need, and protect humanitarian and medical personnel in line with international law and humanitarian principles;

Highlighting the need for AIPA Member Parliaments to take a proactive and principled role in addressing this crisis through parliamentary diplomacy, legislative functions, humanitarian coordination, and regional cooperation.

Hereby resolves to:

Underscore the critical importance of expanding humanitarian assistance to reach all those in need of assistance and protection in Myanmar, as well as in its neighbouring

countries, without discrimination and of ensuring the security, unhindered access, and operational effectiveness of humanitarian and medical personnel,—impacted by the recent earthquake and ongoing situation in coordination with all relevant stakeholders in Myanmar;

Call upon AIPA Member Parliaments to strengthen collaboration with relevant stakeholders to fully support, facilitate, and help monitor the implementation of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus (2021), by advocating the provision of timely humanitarian assistance, safe and voluntary repatriation to be undertaken in consultation with the authority in Myanmar and host countries in accordance with ASEAN centrality and unity while ensuring support to all populations in need across Myanmar and its neighbouring countries;

Urge all parties to immediately cease all forms of violence against civilians and public facilities, pursue a peaceful and durable solution based on the Five-Point Consensus, and facilitate to timely, safe, and unhindered humanitarian assistance, to reach those in need;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to take on greater roles in supporting Myanmar's efforts to promote peace and reconciliation in Myanmar by leveraging the flexibility and broad reach of parliamentary diplomacy, including the promotion of a conducive environment for elections that are inclusive, free, fair and transparent;

Reaffirm AIPA Member Parliaments to support respective governments' commitment to coordinate relief including multilateral humanitarian assistance, through the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) together with international humanitarian agencies and relevant NGOs;

Call for enhanced regional cooperation, including from neighbouring countries and ASEAN institutions, in ensuring cross-border humanitarian assistance, temporary protection, and essential services for those fleeing in the aftermath of the major earthquake and violence;

Encourage the international community in cooperation with relevant stakeholders in Myanmar and other relevant international organizations including the UN agencies to help address irregular maritime movements of Myanmar refugees;

Recommend ASEAN to consider ensuring continuity in the mandate of the Special Envoy on Myanmar, at the discretion of the ASEAN Chair, so that the role may be exercised until meaningful progress is achieved toward the goal of a peaceful resolution, thereby ensuring consistency and sustained engagement;

Encourage the AIPA Secretariat to explore the possibility of coordinating discussions between AIPA Member Parliaments and relevant stakeholders on the issue of

Myanmar, through existing mechanisms, including, where appropriate, the AIPA-ASEAN Hearing, to facilitate knowledge exchange, share legislative best practices, and support coordinated parliamentary engagement in addressing the humanitarian situation and advancing the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus;

Reaffirm ASEAN unity and reiterate that any complementary approaches in support of the Five-Point Consensus should be undertaken in coordination with ASEAN frameworks and the ASEAN Chair;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to maintain solidarity, respect the principles of the ASEAN Charter, and collaborate with the ASEAN Secretariat, Dialogue Partners, neighbouring countries of Myanmar, and the UN to promote human rights, humanitarian relief, and peaceful crisis resolution in Myanmar, ensuring that external cooperation complements, rather than substitutes, ASEAN-led mechanisms;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to support community-based initiatives and civil society partnerships that promote peace, education, inter-ethnic dialogue, and reconciliation in Myanmar and among refugee populations.

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

The proposed resolution entitled "Resolution on Addressing the Humanitarian Situation in Myanmar", submitted by the Delegation of Indonesia, underscores the urgent need for a coordinated and principled response to the worsening humanitarian crisis in Myanmar. It draws attention to the compounded impact of the devastating 7.7 magnitude earthquake in March 2025 and the ongoing political instability, which have disproportionately affected vulnerable populations, including women, children, persons with disabilities, and ethnic minorities.

This resolution reaffirms ASEAN's long-standing commitment to peace, stability, and humanitarian protection, as outlined in the ASEAN Charter, the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus, and the relevant decisions of the ASEAN Leaders' Summit. By referencing AIPA Resolutions from 2022 and 2023, as well as the AIPA Message delivered during the 14th ASEAN–AIPA Interface Dialogue in May 2025, it emphasizes the essential role of parliamentary diplomacy in advancing inclusive and Myanmar-owned solutions.

The resolution aims to encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to strengthen interparliamentary collaboration, facilitate cross-border humanitarian access, support the timely and voluntary repatriation of Myanmar refugees, and promote burden- and responsibility-sharing in addressing irregular maritime movements. It also mandates the AIPA Secretariat to explore institutional dialogues among relevant stakeholders, thereby operationalizing the Five-Point Consensus in a manner consistent with ASEAN centrality and unity. Above all, this resolution seeks to generate a collective, consensus-based commitment among ASEAN parliaments to protect the most vulnerable, support regional stability, and ensure that humanitarian principles guide ASEAN's response to the evolving situation in Myanmar.