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*Parliament at the Forefront for Inclusive Growth
and Sustainable ASEAN*

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RESOLUTION ON

**STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN ACHIEVING
THE ASEAN COMMUNITY VISION 2045 THROUGH ENHANCED
PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY, MULTILATERALISM, AND
INCLUSIVE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

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The Forty-sixth General Assembly:

Recalling the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 “Resilient, Innovative, Dynamic and People-Centred ASEAN” as set forth in the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future adopted at the 46th ASEAN Summit on 26 May 2025, together with the ASEAN Political-Security Community Strategic Plan, the ASEAN Economic Community Strategic Plan, the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Strategic Plan, and the ASEAN Connectivity Strategic Plan;

Reaffirming our collective commitment to realising a resilient, dynamic, and ASEAN Community that upholds a rules-based multilateral system and international law, and places the peoples of ASEAN at the heart of our efforts and ensures meaningful and inclusive participation of all stakeholders in our ASEAN Community-building process;

Reaffirming the complementarities between ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and recognising the role of parliaments in aligning national implementation with both regional and global commitments;

Recognising that the effective implementation of ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and its four Strategic Plans is fundamentally dependent on the strength of ASEAN’s institutional capacity and the effectiveness of ASEAN organs, bodies and mechanisms, such as AIPA;

Recognising that promoting inclusive public engagement, understanding of, and adherence to the principles and norms of ASEAN is vital to achieving the ASEAN Community Vision 2045;

Recognising that Parliamentary Diplomacy provides a vital, dynamic and complementary channel to state-to-state diplomacy for building trust, fostering mutual understanding, managing differences and facilitating peaceful resolution of disputes through dialogue and cooperation in accordance with international law to fully support the ASEAN Political-Security Community's goals;

Emphasising that Multilateralism, as demonstrated through the collective efforts of AIPA Member Parliaments to address emerging challenges, strengthens ASEAN Unity and Centrality, as well as ASEAN's efforts to maintain peace, security and stability in the region;

Acknowledging the successful implementation of the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint, the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint, the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint and the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 which have contributed to ASEAN Community Building to realise a resilient, united, and inclusive community that narrows economic and development gaps, and improves lives of the peoples of ASEAN;

Recognising the importance of cross-pillar coordination and institutional strengthening among ASEAN's Political-Security, Economic, Socio-Cultural, and Connectivity pillars, to ensure coherent and effective implementation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045;

Acknowledging the efforts of both AIPA and ASEAN in promoting greater people's participation awareness through outreach initiatives, youth exchanges, and the inclusion of ASEAN studies in education to strengthen ASEAN Centrality, people's participation and regional connectivity towards maintaining peace, security and stability;

Underscoring the vital role of youth, women, ethnic groups, customary law communities, and marginalised communities in shaping a resilient and inclusive ASEAN, and the importance of empowering their participation in parliamentary and regional decision-making processes;

Reaffirming the need to address emerging issues in Southeast Asia, including climate change, biodiversity loss, migration, digital transformation, cybersecurity, and maintaining peace and security.

Hereby resolves to:

Affirm Parliamentary Diplomacy, Multilateralism and Inclusive Public Engagement as the primary principles and modalities through which the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly and its Member Parliaments shall contribute to the realisation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045, in accordance with national laws, constitutional processes, the principle of non-interference, and international law;

Call on AIPA Member Parliaments to support their governments, where applicable, in building a rules-based and people-centred ASEAN Community by strengthening parliamentary mechanisms to review and support the Vision 2045 and its Strategic Plans of the ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future, harmonising national laws with ASEAN commitments, and enhancing public engagement through consultations, digital platforms, and outreach adapted to national contexts, capacities and priorities, to ensure all sectors of society are heard and included in ASEAN's decision-making processes of the ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to prioritise their legislative agenda and strengthen their legislative role in implementing the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 by aligning national laws with ASEAN agreements, facilitating timely treaty ratification, and promoting good governance and the rule of law, while engaging peoples through policies, platforms and initiatives that encourage their active contribution to ASEAN's integration;

Request AIPA Member Parliaments to encourage their respective governments to intensify effort to enhance the understanding of and respect for the common identity and diversity of ASEAN, and improve the well-being of the people of ASEAN, in line with the ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future and ASEAN Community Vision 2045;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments and ASEAN Member States to promote the principles of democracy, rule of law, and good governance, and to identify and address existing social and economic disparity through people-centred approaches, cooperative working mechanisms, social solidarity, public engagement, and peaceful resolution efforts to ensure that the Southeast Asia is a region of peace, stability, prosperity, and sustainability for all its peoples;

Enhance the constructive use of parliamentary exchanges, joint committee meetings, and other parliamentary diplomacy initiatives among AIPA Member Parliaments as key confidence-building measures to create a conducive environment for dialogue and cooperation in addressing emerging challenges of the region;

Encourage AIPA Observer Parliaments and Development Partners to continue supporting AIPA's efforts in achieving the ASEAN Community Vision 2045, through people-centred approaches, cooperative working mechanisms, solidarity, public engagement, people-to-people exchanges and information-sharing, and peaceful resolution efforts through ASEAN-led mechanisms, to ensure Southeast Asia remains a region of peace, stability, prosperity, and sustainability;

Request the AIPA Secretariat to track and report on parliamentary contributions to ASEAN Community Vision 2045 implementation, including legislative harmonisation, treaty ratification, and public engagement, where applicable, to the AIPA General Assembly every two years;

Encourage AIPA Member Parliaments to promote digital inclusion and cybersecurity awareness through legislation and public education, ensuring that ASEAN's digital transformation is equitable, secure, and rights-based;

Call for enhanced parliamentary engagement in addressing climate resilience, disaster risk reduction, and environmental sustainability, including support for ASEAN's transition to a green and blue economy;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to support peaceful resolution of disputes in the region and to adhere to international law, including United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

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 adoption of the ASEAN Community Vision (ACV) 2045 and its four Strategic Plans on the ASEAN Political-Security Community, ASEAN Economic Community, ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, and ASEAN Connectivity at the 46th ASEAN Summit represents a major milestone in ASEAN's integration journey. Anchored in the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on ASEAN 2045: *Our Shared Future*, ACV 2045 envisions a Resilient, Innovative, Dynamic, and People-Centred ASEAN that safeguards peace and stability, promotes sustainable and inclusive growth, and ensures that the peoples of ASEAN remain at the heart of regional cooperation.

Despite notable progress under the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and its Blueprints, challenges persist in raising public awareness and fostering meaningful participation. Limited access to information, uneven levels of digital literacy, and the complexity of ASEAN processes can hinder inclusivity and people's engagement. Addressing these gaps at an early stage will be crucial to ensure that ACV 2045 is effectively communicated, widely supported, and implemented with the active participation of all stakeholders.

Parliaments, by virtue of their legislative, oversight, budgetary, and representative functions, play a critical role in translating ASEAN's regional objectives into national action and citizen engagement. They are uniquely positioned to align national legislation with ASEAN commitments, facilitate treaty ratification, monitor effective implementation, and ensure that public interests are reflected in national policies consistent with ASEAN's vision. In this regard, parliamentary diplomacy, regional multilateralism, and inclusive public engagement serve as the key modalities for strengthening AIPA's contributions to ACV 2045. Parliamentary diplomacy complements state-to-state diplomacy by building trust, fostering understanding, and facilitating peaceful resolution of disputes. Regional multilateralism reinforces ASEAN Centrality through collective action and coordinated responses to common challenges. Inclusive public engagement ensures that ASEAN's principles and benefits are widely understood, appreciated, and supported by its peoples.

Through this resolution, AIPA Member Parliaments are encouraged to establish or strengthen parliamentary mechanisms to review and support the implementation of ASEAN Community Strategic Plans, harmonise national legislation with ASEAN commitments, and promote democracy, good governance, rule of law, and social justice. They are further called upon to deepen people-to-people connections, enhance community outreach, and expand opportunities for youth exchanges, cultural diplomacy, and interfaith dialogue, thereby ensuring that ASEAN's integration remains people-centred and inclusive.

By adopting this resolution, the 46th AIPA General Assembly reaffirms its determination to work in close partnership with ASEAN and all stakeholders to ensure that ACV 2045 becomes not only a shared vision but also a collective achievement, realised with the active participation of the peoples of ASEAN for a peaceful, stable, and prosperous future.