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#### I. INTRODUCTION

- 1. We, the Heads of Delegations of the Members of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), gathered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2025, for the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly under the Presidency of H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul, President of AIPA and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia, and convened in accordance with the AIPA Statutes.
- 2. We, AIPA Member Parliaments, reaffirmed our shared determination to harmonise national laws with regional frameworks, translating ASEAN's aspirations into tangible outcomes for the people. By advancing trade, sustainable finance, green technologies, food security, climate action, and social protection, while strengthening AIPA's institutional capacity and upholding a rules-based order, we underscored vital roles as a partner to ASEAN's executive agenda. We further emphasised the need to place youth and women at the heart of inclusive and future-ready governance, making parliamentary diplomacy a catalyst for sustainable growth and regional resilience.
- 3. The 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly, held under the theme "Parliament at the Forefront for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable ASEAN," successfully convened meetings of its six (6) Standing Committees: Political, Economic, Social, WAIPA, YPA, and Organisational. These sessions were pivotal in advancing parliamentary cooperation and addressing regional priorities. The 46th AIPA General Assembly also hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> AIPA-ASEAN Hearing, 2<sup>nd</sup> WAIPA Women Political Leaders Forum, the 1<sup>st</sup> YPA Roundtable Discussion, and conducted 14 Dialogues with Observers.

#### **II. DELEGATIONS**

4. The 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly received the presence of 9 AIPA Member Parliaments from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam.







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- 5. There is no parliamentary delegation from Myanmar to the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly. The Director General of International Relations of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw attended the General Assembly as a guest of the host, at the invitation of the AIPA President.
- 6. The 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly had the honour of welcoming delegates from the ASEAN Secretariat and 16 Observer Parliaments: Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Canada, China, Cuba, European Parliament, Georgia, India, Japan, Morocco, Norway, Russian Federation, Timor-Leste, Türkiye, and Ukraine. Additionally, the General Assembly was attended by representatives from two (2) National Parliaments Algeria and Spain as Guests of AIPA, ISC as the Guest of the Host, along with six (6) AIPA Development Partners: ERIA, IPTP, ICAPP, PCAsia, UNOCT and UN Women. This reflects the growing recognition of AIPA and its expanding partnerships with the broader international community.

#### III. MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 7. We took note of the draft resolution entitled "Upholding ASEAN Solidarity and Principles to Ensure Regional Stability Amidst Challenges," submitted by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia under the Emergency Item within the prescribed submission period. The Cambodian delegation explained that the proposal was intended to reaffirm ASEAN solidarity, emphasise peace and stability, and encourage coordinated responses to humanitarian and security concerns, and to restore peace and normalcy with particular reference to the situation between Cambodia and Thailand.
- 8. We recorded a response from the delegation of Thailand who acknowledged the shared goal of peace and prosperity while underlining that these issues are being addressed through existing bilateral and ASEAN-led mechanisms. Thailand stressed that further parliamentary action could risk complicating these ongoing processes and therefore they are in the position to respectfully oppose the draft resolution on "Upholding ASEAN Solidarity and Principles to Ensure Regional Stability Amidst Challenges." Following this intervention, it was acknowledged that the discussion concluded without further exchanges. In the absence of consensus, the Executive Committee agreed that the draft resolution would not proceed further.
- We considered the formal application of the National Parliament of Timor-Leste for admission as a permanent member of AIPA, conveyed through an official







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letter dated 8 August 2025. We took note that Timor-Leste has served as an Observer Parliament since 2013, has been actively engaged in AIPA activities, and more recently participated as a special observer in the 46th AIPA General Assembly in line with ASEAN's ongoing accession process. The Secretary General of AIPA recalled that, in accordance with Article 4 of the AIPA Statutes, admission as a permanent member will follow Timor-Leste's formal accession to ASEAN, expected at the upcoming 47th ASEAN Summit, with the possibility of its admission to AIPA at the 47th General Assembly in the Philippines. Indonesia, in this regard, expressed strong support for Timor-Leste's application and encouraged other Member Parliaments to extend the same support.

- 10. We welcomed in principle the application of the National People's Assembly of Algeria for accreditation as an Observer Parliament and agreed to place the matter under the Committee on Organisational Matters. We took note that Observer Parliaments are subject to a mandatory contribution, while also stressed the importance of carefully assessing the implications of AIPA's growing number of Observers, and requested the Secretariat to prepare a strategic brief on this matter.
- 11. We expressed appreciation for the video presentation by the AIPA Secretariat, and accordingly approved the AIPA Annual Report 2024-2025.
- 12. We took note of the draft Terms of Reference of the proposed Study Committee on the transformation of AIPACODD to engage broader areas of transnational crime, tabled under the Committee on Organisational Matters. While recognising its relevance in addressing increasingly complex and interconnected challenges, we emphasised that drug-related matters must remain central, given their impact on the economy and social cohesion. We also noted urgent threats such as online scams linked to human trafficking and other crimes. In this context, it was underscored that addressing root causes and upholding ASEAN solidarity should remain the focus, instead of engaging in a blame-game. It further highlighted the importance of avoiding overlaps with existing mechanisms to better manage scarce resources. In this regard, we agreed that the Committee on Organisational Matters will discuss the matter further.
- 13. We acknowledged the update presented by the AIPA Secretary General on the proposal to establish a Task Force on a suitable mechanism to address the issue of Myanmar, including consultations with the ASEAN Secretariat and







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the participation of a representative from the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM), also serving on the AHA Centre Governing Board, at the 4<sup>th</sup> AIPA–ASEAN Hearing to share operational work on the ground, especially in Myanmar. We expressed appreciation for these efforts, underscored the importance of supporting the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus through existing ASEAN mechanisms, and stressed the need to avoid creating new mechanisms that may risk overlap. We recommended that the Secretary-General continue coordination with the ASEAN Secretariat and relevant agencies, with updates provided to the Executive Committee, while also ensuring a consistent platform for dialogue with ASEAN on the issue of Myanmar.

- 14. We appreciated the presentation of the results of the capacity-needs assessment survey on the National Secretariats of AIPA Member Parliaments, and welcomed the proposed three recommendations: (i) establishing a Working Group on Capacity Development at the working level, involving Secretaries General and/or Deputy Secretaries General, to guide implementation and ensure ownership; (ii) using the survey findings as a baseline for the Secretariat's engagement with knowledge partners and the design of tailored initiatives; and (iii) encouraging partners to adopt these findings as a baseline to ensure alignment and impact.
- 15. We considered the follow-up to the proposal on the establishment of an AIPA Speakers Summit, which has been advanced by Cambodia as the AIPA Leaders' Forum. As briefed by the President of the National Assembly of Cambodia, the proposal aims to promote inclusive dialogue, trust, and cooperation, with the inaugural forum to be hosted on a voluntary and rotational basis. In this context, Cambodia expressed its willingness to host the first AIPA Leaders' Forum in early 2026.
- 16. While the initiative was welcomed in principle, we took note of the concerns raised regarding its structure, substance, and potential overlap with existing platforms, as well as the need to avoid additional burdens on host countries in terms of resources and budget. Suggestion was made that if established, the forum should be convened back-to-back with the ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface or during the General Assembly to maximise efficiency and reduce costs. In this regard, the proposal will be further deliberated by the Committee on Organisational Matters.







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#### IV. KEY DELIVERABLES

17. The Standing Committees proceeded with their meetings to consider the agenda assigned by the General Assembly.

#### **Political Matters**

- 18. We adopted the Resolution on the Adoption of Report of the 14<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface at the 46<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Meetings. The Resolution expresses appreciation to Malaysia, as ASEAN Chair in 2025, for hosting the 14<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-AIPA Leaders' Interface under the theme "Inclusivity and Sustainability" on 26 May 2025 in Kuala Lumpur. The Committee tasks the AIPA Secretariat to follow up on the outcomes of the Interface, compile feedback from ASEAN Leaders on the AIPA Message, and report back to the AIPA General Assembly.
- 19. We adopted the **Resolution on the Adoption of Report of the 16**<sup>th</sup> **AIPA Caucus.** The Resolution expresses appreciation to the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia for hosting the Caucus in Phnom Penh from 14–17 July 2025 under the theme "Peace Through Dialogue: The Parliamentary Path Forward," and for its initiatives in convening Parliamentary Dialogues and Partnership Building.
- 20. We adopted the Resolution on Advancing the Peace Initiatives for People and the Planet. The Resolution takes note of the Universal Peace Charter as a complementary, voluntary, and non-binding document that may serve as a reference and be utilised through existing AIPA mechanisms. The Resolution encourages AIPA Member Parliaments to support legislation and initiatives that empower local communities, to participate meaningfully in peacebuilding processes through education, dialogue platforms, and inclusive governance mechanisms, and to integrate climate resilience and environmental sustainability into peace initiatives, including parliamentary cooperation on disaster risk reduction, green recovery, and climate justice frameworks. The Resolution also encourages the AIPA Secretariat to facilitate the sharing of information on the Universal Peace Charter among Member Parliaments and, where appropriate, cooperate with relevant partners to organise support for initiatives that advance its principles. It highlights the importance of engaging local governments, all sectors of society in community-level peacebuilding, and encourages continued engagement with ASEAN, UN institutions, civil society organisations, and public-private partnerships.









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- 21. We adopted the Resolution on Strengthening the Role of Parliaments in Achieving the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 through Enhanced **Parliamentary** Diplomacy, Multilateralism, and Inclusive **Engagement.** The Resolution reaffirms the role of parliaments in achieving the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 (ACV 2045) through enhanced Parliamentary Diplomacy, Multilateralism, and Inclusive Public Engagement, highlights the importance of ASEAN's institutional capacity and cross-pillar coordination, and the role of AIPA in bridging ASEAN commitments with the voices of the peoples of ASEAN. The Resolution calls on AIPA Member Parliaments to strengthen parliamentary mechanisms to review and support ACV 2045 and its Strategic Plans, harmonise national laws with ASEAN commitments, enhance public engagement through consultations, digital platforms, and outreach, and empower all sectors of society to actively contribute to ASEAN integration. The Resolution requests the AIPA Secretariat to track and report on parliamentary contributions to ACV 2045 implementation, including legislative harmonisation, treaty ratification, and public engagement, where applicable, to the AIPA General Assembly every two years, and, where appropriate, cooperate with relevant partners to support initiatives that advance ACV 2045.
- 22. We adopted the Resolution on Strengthening Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation to Combat Transnational Cybercrime. The Resolution recognises the interconnection between cybercrime and other transnational crimes, particularly human trafficking, organised crimes and terrorism, and money laundering, which exacerbate challenges to regional security, stability, the rule of law and international law, and notes with concern disparities in cybersecurity preparedness and legal frameworks among Member States. It calls upon and encourages AIPA Member Parliaments to support the timely ratification of the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime, review and harmonise national legal frameworks, strengthen information sharing, legal cooperation, and judicial coordination, and promote parliamentary diplomacy and regional cyber capacity-building. The Resolution also supports transforming the AIPACODD to cover broader transnational crime, encourages monitoring ASEAN's joint efforts, supports community-level cybercrime awareness, integrates digital literacy into public education and local initiatives, reaffirms human rights-based approaches, and proposes developing voluntary legislative benchmarks to assess progress in legislation, enforcement, and victim support.









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- 23. We adopted the Resolution on the Role of Parliaments in Promoting and Protecting Human Rights in ASEAN. The Resolution reaffirms the commitment of AIPA Member Parliaments to the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with the ASEAN Charter, AIPA Statutes, international human rights instruments, and relevant ASEAN frameworks. The Resolution encourages Member Parliaments to support the implementation of international human rights treaties to which their respective ASEAN Member States are signatories, enact or amend legislation to comply with these commitments, regularly monitor and provide recommendations on government policies, and allocate adequate budgetary resources to relevant institutions and agencies. It further encourages public engagement in inclusive law-making strengthening cooperation with stakeholders, conducting capacity-building programmes, raising public awareness, and mainstreaming human rights into parliamentary processes to ensure an inclusive, sustainable, rules-based, and people-centred ASEAN Community that upholds human dignity and fosters a higher quality of life for all ASEAN peoples.
- 24. We adopted the Resolution Strengthening AIPA-ASEAN on Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights Partnership in Advancing Inclusive Growth, Sustainable Development and Human Rights Regional Cooperation. The Resolution notes cross-cutting challenges in ASEAN that require alignment between regional priorities and national parliamentary action, and recognises the value of a closer parliamentary interface with AICHR. It highlights the importance of strengthening AIPA-AICHR partnerships, and acknowledges the role of AICHR. its Five-Year Work Plan 2026-2030. and **Priority** Programmes/Activities 2026, including consultations on the right to development, conflict prevention and peace pathways, and a safe, clean, and sustainable environment. The Resolution encourages engagement between AIPA and AICHR on human rights, including climate justice, digital rights, and humanitarian issues, and requests the AIPA Secretariat, in collaboration with AICHR, to track partnership progress, report to future General Assemblies, and promote community-based consultations and participatory mechanisms to ensure all sectors of society are informed of regional human rights priorities.
- 25. We adopted the **Resolution on Enhancing Parliamentary Oversight on the Impact of Climate Change in ASEAN.** The Resolution reaffirms that climate change constitutes a significant non-traditional security threat that aggravates







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traditional security challenges and poses unprecedented risks to regional stability. It calls upon AIPA Member Parliaments to strengthen national legislative frameworks on climate-induced security challenges, including defence infrastructure resilience, climate-related migration governance, resource conflict prevention, and integration of climate risks into national security strategies, and calls upon ASEAN Member States to collectively develop relevant ESG performance indicators and indexes. It further suggests specialised parliamentary oversight, enhanced dialogue with ASEAN defencesecurity institutions, integrated early warning systems, community-based adaptation initiatives, and advocacy for climate-resilient border management, alongside the integration of climate justice principles into national legislation. The Resolution also encourages the AIPA Secretariat to strengthen collaboration with ASEAN bodies and stakeholders through dialogue, information-sharing, capacity development, and the exchange of best practices.

26. We adopted the Resolution on Addressing Humanitarian Situation in Myanmar. The Resolution expresses deep concern over the devastating earthquake in March 2025 and the ongoing crisis, which has disrupted essential public services and disproportionately affected vulnerable groups. It underscores the importance of expanding humanitarian assistance without discrimination, ensuring unhindered access and protection for humanitarian and medical personnel, and calls upon AIPA Member Parliaments to strengthen collaboration with stakeholders to support the full implementation of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus. The Resolution further notes concerns that while one point of the Five-Point Consensus has been implemented since its adoption under Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2022, the remaining commitments have not progressed, and the situation in Myanmar has evolved significantly. It recommends ASEAN to consider ensuring continuity of the mandate of the Special Envoy until meaningful progress is achieved, and encourages the AIPA Secretariat to coordinate discussions between AIPA Member Parliaments and stakeholders, including through the AIPA-ASEAN Hearing, to support parliamentary engagement and the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus.

#### **Economic Matters**

27. We adopted the Resolution on the Role of Parliaments in Promoting the Implementation of The Asean Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint 2025 and Beyond. The Resolution recognises the ASEAN Economic







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Community (AEC) Blueprint 2025 as a crucial framework for advancing economic integration and acknowledges the challenges of its implementation, including development gaps, non-tariff barriers, protectionism, technological divides, and labour competitiveness. It agrees on the vital role of parliaments in facilitating the Blueprint through legislative frameworks, budgetary support, and policy oversight. It further emphasises that narrowing development gaps, empowering MSMEs, improving digital literacy, and ensuring the participation of women, youth, and vulnerable groups are central to ASEAN's inclusive growth agenda. The Resolution underscores the importance of innovation, sustainable infrastructure, public-private partnerships, and the integration of green and blue economy principles, as well as the mobility of skilled labour under ASEAN frameworks. In this regard, collaboration, knowledge sharing, and alignment between national and regional commitments are encouraged to ensure that the AEC Blueprint 2025 and the succeeding Strategic Plan 2026-2030 deliver sustainable and equitable progress for the region.

- 28. We adopted the Resolution on Empowering ASEAN Communities Through Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation on Green and Blue Economies in ASEAN. The Resolution recognises the growing importance of green and blue economies for sustainable, inclusive growth and acknowledged ASEAN's frameworks and goals guiding this transition. It agrees to promote these principles by exploring parliamentary initiatives that build supportive ecosystems for the inclusive and sustainable use, governance, management, and conservation of oceans, seas, freshwater and inland waterways, as well as marine and coastal resources; to strengthen incentives and favourable conditions for financing through sustainable and innovative finance; and to ensure equitable participation and benefits for local communities, women, youth and other groups in line with a just and fair transition. The Resolution emphasises the value of scientific and technical cooperation, digitalisation, and capacity building for governments, Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), and coastal and farming communities, as well as strengthened interparliamentary cooperation through harmonised policies and laws, sharing of good practices, and engagement with stakeholders. Furthermore, the Resolution tasks the AIPA Secretariat to explore collaboration to develop a Legislative Handbook on Promoting Green and Blue Economies and calls for advocacy on sustainable resource use, knowledge-sharing, and regulatory harmonisation toward a resilient, inclusive ASEAN Community by 2045.
- 29. We adopted the Resolution on Enhancing ASEAN's Carbon Trading Potential: Strategies for Regional Integration, Economic Growth, and







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Environmental Sustainability. The Resolution recognises the need for a cohesive and robust ASEAN carbon market ecosystem and acknowledges challenges, including fragmented initiatives, high project development costs, limited technical expertise, and inconsistent credit quality. It calls for aligning carbon market standards and regulations in line with the ASEAN Common Carbon Framework and prioritising sustainable finance and private-sector engagement. It further urges the promotion of high-quality, high-integrity credits with equitable benefits to local communities and reaffirms a fair and inclusive low-carbon economy. The Resolution also encourages standardised and robust measurement, reporting, and verification methodologies consistent with international best practices, promotes the use of digital technologies, and supports both voluntary and compliance markets. It also tasks the AIPA Secretariat to explore and conduct climate-related projects and capacitybuilding workshops to strengthen the technical and regulatory capacity of AIPA Member Parliaments by involving relevant stakeholders.

- 30. We adopted the Resolution on Parliamentary Role in Addressing the Impact of Global Tariff in ASEAN. The Resolution reaffirms our commitment to a cohesive and integrated ASEAN economy that promotes resilience, inclusivity, and sustainability. It emphasises the growing risks posed by rising global tariffs, unilateral trade actions, and disruptions to supply chains, which threaten businesses, especially MSMEs and vulnerable workers, and underline the importance of ASEAN unity, centrality, and constructive dialogue in addressing these challenges. It recognises the vital role of parliaments in enhancing knowledge on tariffs and trade, recommending sound policies, and providing oversight to ensure effective implementation. The Resolution therefore resolves to encourage ASEAN Member States to strengthen regional cooperation, safeguard market access, remove non-tariff barriers, facilitate digital trade initiatives, and regional value chain development in digital and green sectors as well as enhance parliamentary oversight on trade policies. It urges ASEAN Member States to support the ASEAN Geoeconomics Task Force in advancing actionable recommendations to mitigate the impact of global tariffs, while ensuring the welfare of businesses and workers, and upholding an open, fair, and rules-based multilateral trading system.
- 31. We adopted the Resolution on Enhancing the Role of Parliaments in Promoting Intra-ASEAN Trade for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth in **ASEAN.** The Resolution recognises the effective utilisation of ASEAN's FTAs, including RCEP, and ASEAN's progress through AFTA, the AEC Blueprint 2025, and ATIGA. It also notes concerns from global trade tensions, disparities







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in infrastructure and customs efficiency, and recognises that disparities in infrastructure and customs efficiency have significantly affected logistical performance among ASEAN Member States. The Resolution acknowledges the role of parliaments, through legislative, budgetary, oversight, and diplomatic functions, in promoting intra-ASEAN trade. It calls upon ASEAN Member States to strengthen unity and preparedness; improve logistics performance and trade facilitation; continue removing non-tariff barriers; enhance regulatory transparency and accelerate standards harmonisation; and expedite the ASEAN Single Window while preparing for the effective, timely implementation of the upgraded ATIGA. It further urges AIPA Member Parliaments to advance legal harmonisation and strengthen parliamentary oversight to foster sustainable, resilient intra-ASEAN supply chains and logistics.

- 32. We adopted the Resolution on Strengthening ASEAN Parliaments' Role in Ensuring Sustainable and Fair Energy Security. The Resolution recognises that sustainable and fair energy security underpins growth, social equity, and environmental protection, and acknowledges rising market volatility, climate change impacts, and energy poverty, while emphasising diversification, energy efficiency, and emerging renewable energy technologies such as green hydrogen, advanced energy storage, and smart grids, consistent with regional cooperation under ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) and the ASEAN Power Grid. It highlights parliaments' roles to review and strengthen national legislation, ensure fair access to reliable and affordable and promote oversight mechanisms for transparency accountability. It calls for cross-border cooperation and regional connectivity, urges inclusive strategies for remote and underserved communities. The Resolution also encourages 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.
- 33. We adopted the Resolution on Harnessing Digital Economy and Transformation Through Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth in ASEAN. The Resolution recognises the centrality of ASEAN's digital agenda, including ongoing work toward the Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA), the ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025, and the ASEAN Guide on Al Governance and Ethics. It urges alignment of national legislation with the regional frameworks; streamlining coherent policies to foster interoperability and strengthen ASEAN's role in regional and







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international e-commerce and digital supply chains; and enacting laws for ethical, responsible, and safe Al. It further calls for measures that enable MSMEs' access to platforms, fintech, skills training, and innovation support; financing mechanisms and PPPs; and tax incentives to mobilise private investment in digital infrastructure, cybersecurity, human capital, and Artificial Intelligence (Al). The Resolution encourages AIPA Member Parliaments to exercise oversight of regional cooperation and report progress through existing AIPA mechanisms, including the AIPA Caucus.

#### **Social Matters**

- 34. We adopted the Resolution on Uniting the Parliaments for an Inclusive and Sustainable ASEAN in Addressing Contemporary Drug Challenges, as the outcome of the 8th AIPACODD Meeting held on 10-11 June 2025 in Pahang, Malaysia. The resolution acknowledges the contemporary drug challenges, including the rise of New Psychoactive Substances (NPS), the abuse of controlled substances, shifting trafficking patterns, and the use of digital platforms for drug distribution. It also raises concern about the links between drug trafficking and other forms of transnational crime which threaten regional stability and development. The resolution calls for stronger legislative frameworks to address contemporary drug challenges, while ensuring enforcement is complemented by socio-economic and public health considerations. It further underscores sustainable and inclusive approaches, including evidence-based prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, alternative development, and vocational reintegration, alongside gender-responsive and age-appropriate drug policies that prioritise the needs of vulnerable populations, ensuring no one is left behind. The resolution also endorses the Report of the 8th AIPACODD Meeting.
- 35. We adopted the Resolution on Strengthening Social Protection for Vulnerable Groups in the Face of the Climate Crisis in ASEAN. The Resolution reaffirms our commitment to inclusive participation in climate action, particularly for indigenous peoples, customary law communities, and local communities, while stressing the importance of balancing social well-being, environmental protection, and economic development. It calls for stronger disaster preparedness, improved access to healthcare and water security, and strategic measures aligned with ACV 2045, alongside resource mobilisation, strengthened partnerships with ASEAN bodies and the AHA Centre, and the adoption of modern technologies such as AI and green solutions to strengthen early warning systems and policymaking. The







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Resolution also advocates gender-responsive and locally led adaptation strategies, targeted support for marginalised groups, and closer engagement with governments to contribute to ASEAN post-2025 action plans and ensure accountability.

- 36. We adopted the Resolution on Promoting the Roles of Parliaments in Enforcing the Existing Laws and Regulations Related to Alcohol Beverage Control in ASEAN. The Resolution recognises that alcohol consumption remains a principal contributor to disease, injury, and premature mortality across ASEAN Member States, disproportionately affecting young people, women, and vulnerable populations, and poses serious challenges to public health, road safety, social stability, economic growth, and sustainable development. It emphasises the importance of addressing the policy gaps and enforcement weaknesses that persist across ASEAN, noting with concern the widespread availability, affordability, and aggressive marketing of alcohol in the region. The Resolution urges AIPA Member Parliaments to consider overseeing the implementation of existing alcohol control laws in their respective jurisdictions. The Resolution further underscores the importance of strengthening cooperation with international organisations, community networks, all forms of media platforms, and the citizenry to implement and promote laws and regulations related to alcohol beverage control.
- 37. We adopted the Resolution on Promoting Harmonisation of Educational Standards and Mutual Recognition of Technical-Vocational Skills to Develop ASEAN's Digital Human Resources. The Resolution highlights the importance of ASEAN developing its regional digital human resources by strengthening cooperation in educational standards at all levels, as well as recognising vocational and technical skills. It also emphasises the importance of facilitating the recognition of skilled professionals, including technicalvocational workers, across the region. The Resolution further underscores the need to invest in upgrading technical-vocational education and training (TVET) systems to align with industry demands and technological changes, and to promote partnerships between governments, the private sector, and educational institutions. The Resolution further calls for inclusive policies that ensure equal access to digital education, as well as technical-vocational and language training for all, thereby narrowing the digital divide, contributing to equitable human resource development, and enhancing employment and career progression of TVET graduates.









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38. We adopted the Resolution on Promoting Access to Affordable and Quality Healthcare for All in ASEAN. The Resolution reaffirms our commitment to advancing equitable access to healthcare for all citizens in ASEAN, in line with Sustainable Development Goal 3 and the Political Declarations on Universal Health Coverage (2019 and 2023). It recognises healthcare as a fundamental human right and prioritises the realisation of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in national agendas, ensuring that services are equitable, affordable, and accessible, particularly for vulnerable communities. The Resolution emphasises the importance of advocating for increased national budget allocations for public healthcare, as well as developing policies to attract and retain qualified health professionals in rural and remote areas. It further calls upon AIPA Member Parliaments to support budget allocations for developing healthy lifestyle initiatives and health personnel. The Resolution also underscores the importance of protecting personal data, particularly health-related information, within the healthcare systems of ASEAN Member States. The Resolution further supports the use of existing ASEAN platforms and mechanisms, such as the ASEAN Health Ministers' Meeting, to enhance coordination in policy development, implementation, and evaluation.

#### Meeting of Women Parliamentarians of AIPA (WAIPA)

39. We adopted the Resolution on Championing Collaborative Efforts on Women's Political Participation and Leadership in ASEAN. The Resolution reaffirms our commitment to advancing women's full and equal participation in politics and leadership. It agrees to support measures to enhance the participation of women from diverse backgrounds, including young women, women with disabilities, rural and indigenous women, women from ethnic minority backgrounds, and other marginalised groups. It calls for the development, and strengthening legal and parliamentary measures to prevent, investigate, and sanction gender-based harassment, including online harms and abuse, while providing accessible reporting channels for political candidates and parliamentarians, with particular attention to women. It urges adoption of family-friendly workplace policies to address practical obstacles that limit women's engagement in political and parliamentary careers. The Resolution reiterates the need to empower women's political and leadership participation in ASEAN in alignment with the WAIPA Plan of Action and Implementation Framework. The resolution approved the Report of the 4th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of WAIPA.







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- 40. We adopted the Resolution on Empowering Women and Advancing Gender Equality in ASEAN Through the Care Economy. The Resolution recognises the importance of strengthening care economy policies to advance gender equality in ASEAN and recognised that women continue to bear a disproportionate share of unpaid care and domestic work, limiting opportunities in education, employment, and public life. It calls upon AIPA Member Parliaments to develop a regional monitoring framework, such as an ASEAN Care Index, to assess care satisfaction and sustainability. The resolution further calls for enhanced policies to provide psychological support, accessible respite care services, employer-supported programmes, and training, as well as capacity-building for caregivers. It underscores the importance of promoting community-based care services to enhance care provision, support the care economy, and foster inclusive growth.
- 41. We adopted the Resolution on Advancing Gender Equality by Promoting Digital Skills for Women. The resolution calls on AIPA Member Parliaments to enact and update legislation supporting digital development and innovation hubs, envisioned to provide training opportunities for women and girls. It urges governments to promote women's active involvement through public—private partnerships and to allocate adequate resources within national budgets for digital skills training in emerging technologies such as AI, data science, and cybersecurity. The Resolution encourages AIPA Member Parliaments to integrate gender-sensitive digital education into national curricula and lifelong learning, while calling for measures to enhance women's capacity, expand career opportunities, and increase their participation in the digital workforce and leadership, including support for women-led digital innovation and safe online spaces.
- 42. We, AIPA Member Parliaments, underscored the collective determination to advance women's political participation and leadership through the successful convening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> WAIPA Women Political Leaders Forum, held during the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly under the theme "Women's Leadership for Future-Ready Governance: Navigating Transitions in the Digital and Sustainability Era." The Forum addressed inclusive transitions in digitalisation, AI governance, climate adaptation, and inclusive governance, reflecting the shared commitment of AIPA Member Parliaments and Observers and reaffirming their resolve to advance gender equality and strengthen gender-responsive parliaments.







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43. We, AIPA Member Parliaments, also underscored the importance of safeguarding peace and stability as the foundation for sustainable progress, recognising that women and children are often the most vulnerable during times of conflict and crisis. We reaffirm the critical responsibility of parliamentarians to uphold the values of peace, ensure accountability, and advocate for the protection of human dignity. We further emphasised the shared duty to strengthen collaboration, guided by international principles and commitments, to prevent conflict, foster reconciliation, and create an environment where women and young girls can fully realise their potential.

#### Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA (YPA)

- 44. We, AIPA Member Parliaments, underscored the significance of the first-ever YPA-AIPA Working Visit and the Roundtable Discussion: Youth in Action, successfully convened under the guidance of H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul, President of AIPA. The visit reaffirmed the confidence placed in young parliamentarians and the shared aspirations of ASEAN youth, while the roundtable with the World Health Organisation, International Labour Organisation, and World Bank produced concrete insights to address challenges in health, labour, and human development. We reaffirmed the urgency of action, underscoring that every voice, every life, and every future matters in realising ASEAN Community 2045.
- 45. We adopted the Resolution on Enhancing Youth Participation in Politics, Leadership and Partnership Towards a Sustainable and Inclusive ASEAN. The Resolution reaffirms the importance of empowering youth as agents of change and active contributors to ASEAN Community-building, while underscoring the urgency of creating an enabling environment that allows them to meaningfully participate in democratic processes, policy development, and regional integration efforts. It also highlights the persistent underrepresentation of youth in political decision-making and recognises the potential of digital technology to make participation more accessible, interactive, and inclusive. The Resolution agrees to support several measures to strengthen youth engagement at various levels of governance, including the development of frameworks aligned with ASEAN 2045, the adoption of affirmative action legislation and policies, the establishment of fellowship programmes and leadership initiatives, and the use of digital platforms and innovative tools to promote meaningful youth engagement.







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- 46. We adopted the Resolution on Enhancing the Role of Youth in Digital and Green Transitions for an Inclusive and Sustainable Growth of Southeast Asia. The Resolution recognises the vital role of youth as catalytic and innovative drivers of sustainable development in the region, noting that digital transformation and green transitions are essential for improving education, enhancing competitiveness, narrowing development gaps, protecting natural resources, and ensuring environmental security for current and future generations. It further acknowledges the transformative potential of Al in advancing sustainable solutions and climate action. The Resolution agrees to support a range of measures to strengthen youth participation in these areas, including expanding access to digital and green vocational skills, fostering mentorship programmes and youth-led innovation ecosystems, promoting knowledge-sharing and inclusive digital spaces, and integrating environmental education into the national curricula. It further supports youth engagement in sustainable initiatives and emphasises the importance of cooperation in policy advocacy, climate action, and Al literacy.
- 47. We adopted the Resolution on Strengthening the Role of Young Parliamentarians to Foster Sustainable Economy and Inclusive ASEAN. The Resolution reaffirms the indispensable role of youth as agents of sustainability and inclusivity in ASEAN, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future. It acknowledges the commitments of previous AIPA resolutions on youth empowerment and notes the outcomes of the Second Consultative Meeting of YPA and the AIPA Roundtable Discussion: Youth in Action, which highlighted key challenges concerning future jobs, unemployment, health, and well-being. The Resolution considers that measures to address these challenges could include, strengthening the role of AIPA Young Parliamentarians in championing youthrelated issues, urging ASEAN Member States to adopt medium- and long-term youth development plans, and recommending the conduct of national youth assessment studies. It further agrees to support youth engagement in policymaking, promote youth-led initiatives, enhance digital integration and skills development, empower social enterprises, and expand opportunities for entrepreneurship, creative industries, and decent work.

#### **Organisational Matters**

48. We adopted the Resolution on Amendment to the AIPA Statutes. The Resolution approves the amendment to Part V Article 15 of the AIPA Statutes, which specifies the term of office of the AIPA Secretary General. It agrees that







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the AIPA Secretary General shall serve a three-year term commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the first year and concluding on 31<sup>st</sup> December of the third year. It further approves that the term of the incumbent Sixth Secretary General of AIPA will conclude on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. It requests AIPA Secretariat to circulate a Guidance Note to all Member Parliaments detailing the implications of the amended term schedule, including adjustment reporting cycles, budget planning, and the General Assembly preparation.

- 49. We adopted the Resolution on Audited Financial Report period of 1 August 2024 to July 2025. The Resolution agrees that the implementation of mandatory contributions for AIPA Observer Parliaments shall take effect after the adoption of the Guidelines of AIPA's Engagement with Externals in 2024, and that contributions made for the financial years 2023/2024 will be carried forward to 2025/2026. It approves the Audited Financial Report covering the period of 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025.
- 50. We adopted the Resolution on Budget Proposal for the AIPA Secretariat for the Period of 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026. The Resolution approves the Budget Proposal details for the aforementioned financial year. The Resolution resolves to approve the proposed estimated expenditure, including operational expenditure, additional expenditures from the AIPA savings account, the AIPA Special Fund, and supplementary budget estimates to cover the period from 1 August 2026 to 31 October 2026. It further approves the estimated allocation of mandatory contributions for 2024–2025 to support Malaysia's Presidency and for 2025-2026 to support the Philippines' Presidency, based on the contributions received for the respective financial years. The Resolution instructs the AIPA Secretariat to deposit the 15% management fee into the Secretariat's time deposit account.
- 51. We adopted the Resolution on Establishment of the Study Committee on the Transformation of AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD) for Enhanced Cooperation on Transnational Crime. The Resolution agrees to establish the Study Committee on the Transformation of AIPACODD for Enhanced of Transnational Crimes with a mandate to assess, recommend, and report on institutional, policy, and cooperative measures to expand engagement on transnational crimes beyond illicit drugs in close complementarity with ASEAN sectoral mechanisms. It approves the Terms of Reference of the Study Committee and mandated the AIPA Secretariat to make necessary arrangements for convening the meeting of the Study







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Committee. It requests the Study Committee to submit its initial report and recommendations to the 9th Meeting of AIPACODD for consideration.

- 52. We adopted the Resolution on Establishment of the AIPA Leaders Forum. The Resolution supports the establishment of the AIPA Leaders Forum as an inclusive platform for Parliamentary Leaders of ASEAN Member States to exchange views, share national experiences, and discuss regional and global developments of shared interests, thereby reinforcing ASEAN Centrality and advancing the ASEAN Community Vision 2045. It agrees to consider organising the AIPA Leaders Forum in accordance with the AIPA Statutes and convened at the discretion of the Host Parliament, in consultation with the AIPA Secretariat, preferably in conjunction with ASEAN visions or AIPA General Assemblies, to ensure continuity, inclusivity, and alignment with AIPA priorities. It tasks the AIPA Secretariat to work jointly with the AIPA Members at the secretariat level to provide substantive, technical and financial study for the AIPA Leaders Forum for consideration and adoption by the AIPA General Assembly.
- 53. We adopted the Resolution on Establishing the AIPA Partnership Platform to Enhance AIPA Parliamentary Engagement with External Partners for an Inclusive and Sustainable ASEAN. The Resolution agrees to establish the AIPA Partnership Platform as a formal and integral platform to complement the implementation of the Guidelines and Procedures of AIPA Engagement with Externals as a commitment to enhance engagement with Observer Parliaments as part of AIPA's efforts to promote an outward-looking ASEAN. It further agrees that the AIPA Partnership Platform is to be convened at the discretion of the Host Parliament in conjunction with the AIPA Caucus, with an agenda focused on regionally relevant and actionable issues, subject to resource availability. It tasks the AIPA Secretariat, in coordination with the Host Parliament of the AIPA Caucus, to facilitate, prepare and support the organisation of the AIPA Partnership Platform.
- 54. We adopted the **Resolution on Proposal to Establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to Replace the Existing AIPA Anthem.** The Resolution agrees to establish the Ad-Hoc Committee to replace the existing AIPA Anthem. It introduces the lyrics and themes of "Together We Thrive", highlighting the themes of unity in diversity, parliamentary cooperation, sustainability, women and youth empowerment as core values championed by AIPA and suggested the song "Together We Thrive" as the basis for the ad-hoc committee to work on the new anthem. It tasks the Ad-Hoc Committee, composed of







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representatives from interested Member Parliaments, to undertake consultations with all Member Parliaments and to submit a draft of the proposed anthem to the 47<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly for consideration.

- 55. We adopted the Resolution on Annulment of Resolution No. 43GA/2022/Org/09 on the AIPA-Freeland Foundation Memorandum of Understanding and Resolution No. 43GA/2022/Org/11 on the AIPA-Parliamentary Centre of Asia Consultative Working Group. The Resolution annuls the Resolution No. 43GA/2022/Org/09 on the Renewal and Amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Cooperation between AIPA Secretariat and Freeland Foundation, and Resolution No. 43GA/2022/Org/11 on the Creation of an Annual Consultative Working Group Cofacilitated by AIPA and the Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia). It mentions the need to align future cooperation initiatives with the ASEAN Community Vision 2045, particularly in areas of inclusive growth, sustainable development, and digital transformation, ensuring that parliamentary cooperation supports broader regional goals.
- 56. We adopted the Resolution on Accrediting the National People's Assembly of Algeria as an Observer of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly. The Resolution acknowledges the application of the National People's Assembly of Algeria to join AIPA as observers and noted the collective decision of AIPA Member Parliaments to accept this application. It encourages the National People's Assembly of Algeria to actively engage in AIPA's activities and to foster inter-parliamentary cooperation with AIPA Member Parliaments in areas of mutual interest.
- 57. We adopted two (2) resolutions conferring the AIPA Distinguished Service Award: AIPA Distinguished Service Award to Hon. Jose C. De Venecia, Jr. of the Philippines and Resolution on AIPA Distinguished Service Award to Hon. Lim Biow Chuan of Singapore. The Resolutions recognises Hon. Jose C. De Venecia, Jr., former Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, and Hon. Lim Biow Chuan, former Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore for their valuable service and outstanding contributions towards the pursuit of the goals and objectives of AIPA. These nominations received unanimous support from all delegations.
- 58. We adopted the Resolution on Appreciating the Service of H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul as President of AIPA. The Resolution acknowledges His Excellency's inclusive and visionary leadership, marked by







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efforts to engage state legislatures of Malaysia during AIPA meetings hosted under his presidency, promote sustainability and youth participation, and strengthen AIPA's role in regional parliamentary cooperation. It expresses deep appreciation and deepest appreciation and gratitude for His Excellency's leadership and guidance, welcoming His Excellency's continued support and involvement in the development and growth of AIPA.

- 59. We adopted the Resolution on Expressing Appreciation on the Completion of the Service of H.E. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, Sixth AIPA Secretary General. The Resolution recognises Her Excellency's leadership and service in strengthening the AIPA Secretariat, raising AIPA's visibility, championing women's political participation and leadership, supporting youth engagement, and promoting inclusivity, digital transformation, and sustainability in advancing AIPA's aims and purposes. It expresses Her Excellency's dedicated service and distinguished leadership throughout her term of office as the Sixth AIPA Secretary General.
- 60. We adopted the **Resolution on Appointment of Seventh AIPA Secretary General.** The Resolution accepts the nomination and approved the appointment of H.E. Dr. Chem Widhya from the Parliament of the Kingdom of Cambodia as the Seventh Secretary General of AIPA. It mentions the term of office of the Seventh AIPA Secretary General will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 and conclude on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2028.
- 61. We adopted the **Resolution on Date and Venue of the 47<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly.** The Resolution approves that the 47<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly will be hosted by the House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines in Manila, the Philippines from 20 to 26 September 2026.

#### 4th AIPA - ASEAN Hearing

62. We convened the 4<sup>th</sup> AIPA-ASEAN Hearing under the theme "Forging an Inclusive and Sustainable Future". We highlighted the collective reaffirmation of AIPA Member Parliaments' strong commitment to ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and emphasised that parliamentary engagement is essential to ensure ASEAN's priorities are translated into inclusive and actionable policies. We welcome the participation of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) and the AHA Centre as a demonstration of ASEAN's operational capacity to deliver humanitarian assistance. We underscored inclusivity and sustainability as guiding principles, with calls to







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empower women, youth, and marginalised groups to build a resilient and people-centred ASEAN.

63. We underscored the need for closer alignment between AIPA and ASEAN priorities. We recommended stronger collaboration on digital transformation, renewable energy, the green, blue, and circular economies, while highlighting the urgency of building resilience against climate shocks and safeguarding food and energy security. We called for harmonising laws, ensuring effective implementation of ASEAN agreements, and strengthening complementarity between AIPA and ASEAN. We recognised parliamentary diplomacy, legislative oversight, and good governance as key tools to translate ASEAN's commitments into national action, ensuring that our shared vision of an inclusive and sustainable future leaves no one behind.

#### **Dialogue with AIPA Observer Parliaments**

64. We convened Dialogue with 14 AIPA Observer Parliaments, including Timor-Leste, Australia, Azerbaijan, Canada, China, European Parliament, Georgia, India, Japan, Morocco, Norway, Russia, Türkiye, and Ukraine. Under the theme "ASEAN Centrality: Catalysing Inclusive Regional Architecture for Sustainable Future", we engaged in fruitful exchanges on economic cooperation, renewable energy, digital transformation, green technology, and sustainable trade, while reaffirming our commitment to ASEAN Centrality and adherence to international law. We also emphasised the importance of human education, scholarships, connections through youth and women's empowerment, as well as tourism and cultural exchanges. We warmly welcomed the strong and unanimous support for Timor-Leste's full membership in ASEAN, reflecting our shared vision of an inclusive regional community. The dialogue provided diverse perspectives aligned with ASEAN's aspirations, reinforcing our collective resolve to promote peace, stability, and prosperity through strengthened parliamentary cooperation among AIPA Member and Observer Parliaments

#### V. APPRECIATION TO HOST PARLIAMENT

65. We express our deepest appreciation to the Parliament of Malaysia and the Government of Malaysia for their warm hospitality and excellent arrangements that ensured the success of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly, held under the theme "Parliament at the Forefront for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable ASEAN." The General Assembly was conducted in the true spirit of ASEAN's







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traditions of friendship, solidarity, and cooperation, and reaffirmed the important role of parliaments in shaping an inclusive and sustainable future.

#### VI. 47<sup>TH</sup> AIPA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

66. We are pleased to announce that the 47<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly will be hosted by the House of Representatives of the Philippines on 20-26 September 2026. We reaffirmed our commitment to carry forward the momentum of Malaysia's Presidency, strengthening regional parliamentary cooperation and advancing the vision of a more inclusive, sustainable, and people-centred ASEAN Community.









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Signed in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on this Twentieth Day of September,

in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-five:



For the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam

(BRUNEI DARUSSALAM)



HON. PEHIN DATO ABDUL RAHMAN TAIB



For the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia

(CAMBODIA)



SAMDECH MAHA
RATHSAPHEATHIKA THIPADEI
KHUON SUDARY



For the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia

(INDONESIA)



HON. DR. MARDANI ALI SERA



For the National Assembly of Lao People's Democratic Republic

(LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)

H.E. PH.D. SOUNTHONE XAYACHACK



For the Parliament of Malaysia

(MALAYSIA)

HON DATO' DR. RAMLI BIN DATO' MOHD NOR





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