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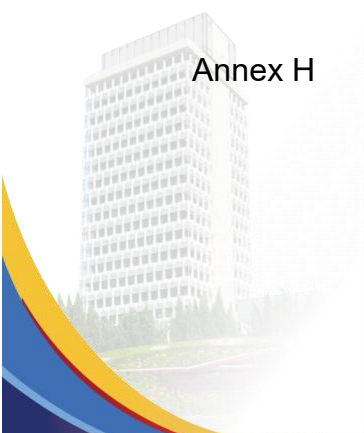
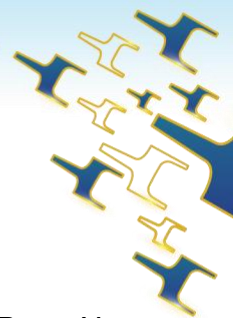
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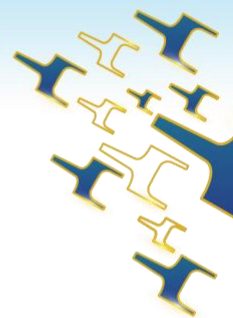


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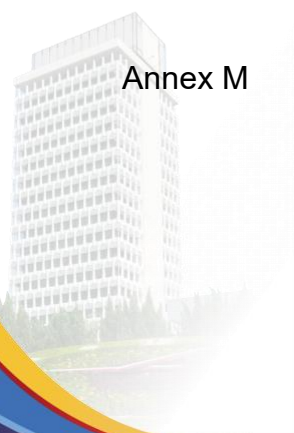
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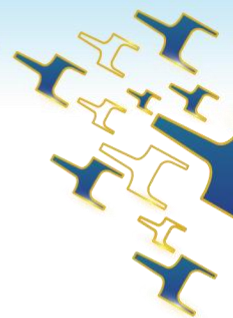
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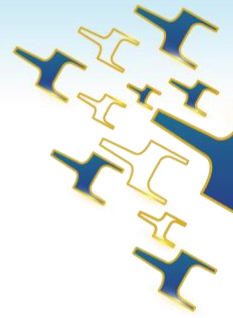
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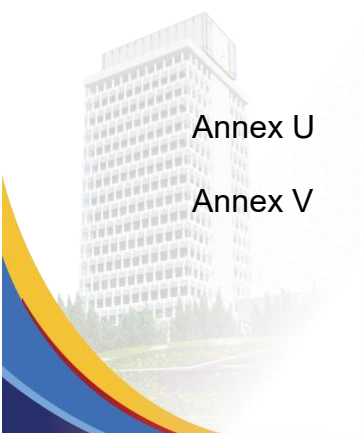
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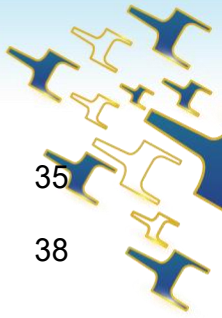
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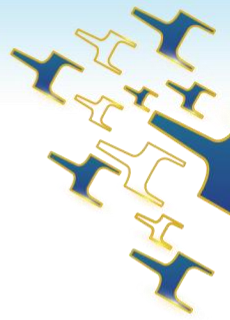
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## SUMMARY REPORT OF THE FORTY SIXTH (46<sup>TH</sup>) GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY (AIPA)

### I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Forty Sixth (46<sup>th</sup>) General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) was held on 16–22 September 2025, hosted by the Parliament of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

### II. DELEGATIONS

2. Delegates from ten (10) AIPA Member Parliaments, sixteen (16) AIPA Observer Parliaments, the ASEAN and AIPA Secretariats, two (2) Guests of AIPA, one (1) Guest of the Host, and six (6) AIPA Development Partners participated in the 46<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.
3. For the AIPA Member delegations, **Brunei Darussalam** was led by Hon. Pehin Dato Abdul Rahman Taib; **Cambodia** was led by Samdech Maha Rathsapheathika Thipadei Khuon Sudary; **Indonesia** was led by Hon. Dr. Mardani Ali Sera; **Lao People's Democratic Republic** was led by Hon. Ph.D. Sounthone Xayachack; **Malaysia** was led by Hon. Dato' Dr. Mohd. Ramli bin Dato' Mohd Nor; **Philippines** was led by Hon. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza; **Singapore** was led by H.E. Seah Kian Peng; **Thailand** was led by H.E. Dr. Chalard Kharmchaung; **Viet Nam** was led by H.E. Tran Thanh Man. Upon the invitation from the AIPA President, the Delegation of **Myanmar** attended the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly and was represented by delegates from its AIPA National Secretariat to observe the proceedings of the General Assembly.
4. Among the Observer delegations, **Timor-Leste**, which was invited as a Special Observer, was led by H.E. Maria Fernanda Lay. **Australia** was led by Hon. Fiona Phillips; **Azerbaijan** was led by H.E. Sahiba Gafarova; **Canada** was led by Hon. Yuen Pau Woo; **China** was led by Hon. Cai Jiming; the **European Parliament** was led by Hon. Wouter Beke; **Georgia** was led by Hon. Nikoloz Samkharadze; **India** was led by Hon. Laxmi Kant Bajpai; **Japan** was led by Hon. Yamamoto Keisuke; **Morocco** was led by Hon. Salma Benaziz; **Norway** was led by Hon. Åslaug Sem-Jacobsen; **Russian Federation** was led by H.E. Sholban Kara-Ool; **Türkiye** was led by Hon. Osman Sağlam; **Ukraine** was led



by Hon. Oleksandr Merezhko; **Armenia** and **Cuba** were represented by their diplomatic missions.

5. The delegation from the **ASEAN Secretariat** was led by H.E. Nararya S. Soeprapto, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for Community and Corporate Affairs.
6. The delegation from the **AIPA Secretariat** was led by H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, Secretary General of AIPA.
7. For the delegation of Guests of AIPA, the **People's National Assembly of Algeria** was led by Hon. Monder Bouden, Deputy-Speaker of the National People's Assembly, and the **Senate of Spain** was led by Hon. Javier Maroto, First Vice President of the Senate of Spain.
8. For the delegation of Guest of the Host, the **Inter-Parliamentary Speakers' Conference (ISC)** was led by Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal.
9. For the delegation of AIPA Development Partners, the **Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)** was led by Mr. Naoto Okura; the **International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP)** was led by Hon. Chung Eui-Yong; the **International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP)** was led by Hon. Suos Yara; the **Parliamentary Centre of Asia (PCAsia)** was led by Mr. Yi Chanprasnar; the **United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)** was led by Mr. David Alamos; **United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)** was led by Ms. Ulziisuren Jamsran.

*The complete list of delegates is appended as [Annex A](#).*

### III. MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

10. The Meeting of the Executive Committee was convened on Wednesday, 17 September 2025 at 10:30 hrs (GMT+8), to discuss and approve matters according to the Order of Business. The Executive Committee Meeting was chaired by H.E. Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul, the President of AIPA and Hon. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, as the Vice-Chairperson.
11. The Meeting considered and unanimously approved: (a) the Program of Activities of the 44<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly; (b) Agenda Items of the 44<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly; (c) Topic of the Dialogue with Observers; (d) Topic of the

AIPA-ASEAN Hearing; (e) Composition of Committee Meetings of the 44<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly.

12. The House of Representatives of the Philippines will assume the next Presidency of AIPA and host the 47<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly in Manila, the Philippines, in 2026. The Executive Committee also welcomed the Parliament of Singapore's acceptance to host the 48<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly in 2027.
13. The meeting welcomed the House of Representatives of Indonesia as host the 17<sup>th</sup> AIPA Caucus, with the dates and venue to be confirmed in due course. The Committee also noted that the House of Representatives of the Philippines to host the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of AIPACODD, scheduled to take place on 22 - 25 June 2026 on Tacloban, Philippines.
14. The Executive Committee considered the formal application of the National Parliament of Timor-Leste for admission as a permanent Member of AIPA. In accordance with Article 4 of the AIPA Statutes, admission process will only take place following Timor-Leste's formal accession to ASEAN, expected at the upcoming 47<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit, with the possibility of its admission to AIPA at the 47<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in the Philippines.
15. The Executive Committee approved the AIPA Secretariat's Annual Report 2024–2025, which presented an overview of AIPA's key initiatives, activities, and achievements over the past year. The Report reflected the Secretariat's continued efforts to implement the mandates of the 45<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly and to strengthen cooperation with ASEAN and other partners in advancing AIPA's institutional priorities.
16. On the follow-up to the proposal on the Establishment of Task Force on the Suitable Mechanism to Address the Issue of Myanmar, the Executive Committee 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. The Meeting 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.
17. Regarding the proposal on the Establishment of a Working Group on Capacity Development for AIPA and its Member Parliaments, the Executive Committee endorsed three recommendations: (i) to establish 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) to use the survey findings as a baseline for the Secretariat's engagement with knowledge partners and the design of tailored initiatives; and (iii) to encourage partners to adopt these findings as a baseline to ensure alignment and impact.

*The Report of the Meeting of the Executive Committee is appended as [Annex B](#).*

#### **IV. 2<sup>ND</sup> WAIPA WOMEN POLITICAL LEADERS FORUM**

18. The Second WAIPA Women Political Leaders Forum was held on Wednesday, 17 September 2025 at 14:30 hrs (GMT+8) during the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly. The forum carried the theme "*Women's Leadership for Future-Ready Governance: Navigating Transitions in the Digital and Sustainability Era.*" More than one hundred twenty (120) participants took part, including representatives from eight (8) AIPA Member Parliaments, thirteen (13) Observer Parliaments, and a range of institutions who contributed as panel speakers and delivered interventions.
19. Discussions were structured around two panels, which explored inclusive transitions in digitalisation, AI governance, and climate adaptation, as well as ways to institutionalise inclusive governance to strengthen gender-responsive parliaments.

*The Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> WAIPA Women Political Leaders Forum is appended as [Annex C](#).*

#### **V. YPA ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: YOUTH IN ACTION**

20. The first-ever YPA Roundtable Discussion: "*Youth in Action*" was convened on Wednesday, 17 September 2025, at 15:00 hrs (GMT+8) during the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly. The Roundtable brought together young parliamentarians from nine (9) AIPA Member Parliaments and the National Parliament of Timor-Leste as a Special Observer.
21. The discussion featured representatives from the World Health Organization (WHO), International Labour Organization (ILO), and the World Bank, focusing on three key pillars identified as major challenges for ASEAN youth; health, labour and employment, and human development. The exchange contributed to a deeper understanding of these issues and provided a valuable platform for young parliamentarians to share insights, exchange best practices, and

propose innovative solutions to promote inclusive growth and sustainable development across the ASEAN region.

*The Report of the YPA Roundtable Discussion: Youth in Action are appended as [Annex D](#).*

## **VI. WRITTEN MESSAGES FROM HEADS OF STATES/GOVERNMENTS**

22. Written Messages were received from the following Heads of State/Government of AIPA Member Parliaments:

- i. His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam;
- ii. His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, the King of Cambodia;
- iii. H.E. Prabowo Subianto, President of the Republic of Indonesia;
- iv. H.E. Thongloun Sisoulith, President of Lao PDR;
- v. The Honourable Dato' Seri Anwar Bin Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia;
- vi. H.E. Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr., President of the Republic of the Philippines
- vii. H.E. Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President of the Republic of Singapore;
- viii. H.E. Tô Lâm, Secretary General of Party Central Committee and President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

*The Written Messages from Heads of States/Governments are appended as [Annex E](#).*

## **VII. OPENING CEREMONY OF 46<sup>TH</sup> AIPA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

23. The Opening Ceremony of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly convened on Thursday, 18 September 2025, at 11:40 hrs (GMT+8), at the World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The event was graced by Honourable Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia.

### **Welcoming Remarks by H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimerianty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, Secretary General of AIPA**

24. The Secretary General of AIPA, H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimerianty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, delivered her welcoming remarks at the Opening Ceremony of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur. She expressed appreciation to

the Parliament of Malaysia, led by Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Johari bin Abdul, for its inclusive and hands-on leadership throughout the Presidency, highlighting Malaysia's efforts to involve State Legislative Assemblies, support youth engagement, and strengthen the visibility of parliamentary diplomacy beyond national capitals. She also commended the proactive role of the AIPA President, including his precedent-setting visit to the AIPA Secretariat earlier this year.

25. Reflecting on the Assembly's theme, "*Parliaments at the Forefront for Inclusive Growth and a Sustainable ASEAN*," the Secretary General emphasised that the vision of a people-centred ASEAN requires genuine space for citizens' voices to shape the region's future, not just top-down direction. She drew attention to the role of parliaments in legislation, oversight, and budgetary processes, underscoring their responsibility to bridge commitments with implementation and ensure ASEAN is responsive to the aspirations of its peoples.
26. The Secretary General further acknowledged the presence of Malaysia's Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, recalling his remarks at the 14<sup>th</sup> ASEAN–AIPA Leaders' Interface as well as the policy speech in Jakarta as examples of transparency, engagement, and shared responsibility between executives and legislatures. She concluded by urging delegates to approach the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly with a spirit of responsibility and collaboration, reminding them that the credibility of AIPA rests on its ability to transform vision into action, and action into lasting trust between ASEAN and its peoples.

**Opening Address by H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul, President of AIPA and Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia**

27. The President of AIPA and Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia, H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul, welcomed delegates to Kuala Lumpur and conveyed that the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly is not merely a formal gathering but a platform to realise the aspirations of ASEAN's peoples for peace, stability, and cooperation. He emphasised that parliaments must be at the forefront of regional integration, ensuring that commitments made at ASEAN Summits are effectively scrutinised, ratified, and translated into laws that deliver tangible results. He reaffirmed that parliamentarians hold a sacred duty to serve the people and uphold transparency, noting that democracy must deliver to retain its meaning.
28. The President further highlighted that AIPA's work is pivotal in harmonising national laws with ASEAN frameworks, enabling progress in areas such as

digital trade, sustainable finance, food security, and climate action. He noted that Malaysia's dual role as ASEAN Chair and AIPA President in 2025 presents a valuable opportunity to align parliamentary diplomacy with ASEAN's executive agenda and translate high-level commitments into tangible outcomes. He also called for stronger engagement between AIPA, ASEAN institutions, and external partners to transform the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 into reality.

29. He concluded his address by urging parliaments to invest in human capital, empower youth and women, and ensure their voices remain central to ASEAN's shared future. He observed that citizens' loss of faith in parliaments could undermine ASEAN's unity, yet if parliaments listen and deliver, they can strengthen trust and solidarity. He also acknowledged Malaysia's initiatives during its AIPA Presidency, which represent Malaysia's conviction that AIPA must be visible, people-centred, and proactive in demonstrating how parliamentary diplomacy can make a difference in ASEAN's journey towards 2045.

**Officiating Address by the Honourable Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim,  
Prime Minister of Malaysia**

30. The Honourable Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia, extended a warm welcome to all delegates to the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur and expressed appreciation for the participation of AIPA Member Parliaments and Observer Parliaments. He noted that the Assembly's theme, "*Parliament at the Forefront for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable ASEAN*," was more than a slogan, it was a call to action to ensure that the region's economic growth translates into real opportunities for all, including children in remote areas, and contributes to a sustainable future that protects the planet for generations to come.
31. He underlined that parliamentarians carry a sacred responsibility as the voice of the people, bridging their daily hopes and struggles with the laws and policies they enact. In a world facing global tensions and rapid digital transformation, he stressed that ASEAN must continue to rely on trust, dialogue, and collective determination to overcome challenges. He emphasised that AIPA's contribution to ASEAN's future is vital, as parliaments not only make laws but also help people understand the global context in which nations must act together.
32. The Prime Minister expressed hope that the Assembly would serve as a platform for honest conversations, the exchange of bold ideas, and stronger

collaboration among Member Parliaments and Observers. He reaffirmed Malaysia's commitment, as ASEAN Chair in 2025, to working closely with all partners in advancing unity, inclusiveness, and shared prosperity for the peoples of ASEAN. He concluded his statement by officially declaring the 46th AIPA General Assembly open.

*The Remarks and Addresses delivered during the Opening Ceremony of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly are appended as [Annex F](#).*

## **VIII. FIRST PLENARY SESSION**

33. The First Plenary Session of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly was held on Thursday, 18 September 2025 at 13:30 hrs (GMT+8). It was presided over by H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul, President of AIPA and Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia.

### **Nomination of the Vice-Presidents of 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly**

34. Pursuant to Article 10 of the Statutes of AIPA, the General Assembly elected the Heads of Delegations of the AIPA Member Parliaments as Vice-Presidents of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly.

### **Introduction of Delegations**

35. H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul, President of AIPA and Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia, invited each Head of Delegation to introduce their respective delegations.

### **Discussion and Adoption of Items in Order of Business**

36. The 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly then proceeded to consider and adopt the following items in the Order of Business:
- i. Programme and Agenda Topics for the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly ([Annex G](#))
  - ii. Topic of Dialogue with AIPA Observer Parliaments
  - iii. Topic of the 4<sup>th</sup> AIPA – ASEAN Hearing
  - iv. Composition of Committees of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly
  - v. Date and Venue of the 47<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly
  - vi. Host of the 48<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly
  - vii. Host of the 17<sup>th</sup> AIPA Caucus
  - viii. Host of the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of AIPACODD
  - ix. AIPA Annual Report 2024 – 2025

### Statements by Heads of Delegations of AIPA Member Parliaments

37. The Heads of Delegations of AIPA Member Parliaments subsequently delivered their respective statements at the First Plenary Session of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly.

#### ***Brunei Darussalam***

38. Hon. Pehin Dato Abdul Rahman Taib, Speaker of the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam, expressed profound appreciation to H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul, President of AIPA, for his exemplary leadership and to the Parliament of Malaysia for its generous hospitality in hosting the Assembly with distinction and excellence. He noted that the theme "*Parliament at the Forefront for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable ASEAN*" was timely as ASEAN navigates global uncertainties while striving for a future that is prosperous, resilient, and sustainable.
39. He underlined that parliaments, as the voice of the peoples, play a vital role in shaping the direction of ASEAN through their legislative functions, oversight, and representation. Growth must remain inclusive and people-centred, ensuring that no one is left behind, particularly the most vulnerable. He stressed that sustainable growth requires environmental stewardship, social harmony, and good governance, and that legislative frameworks should be aligned with the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and the Sustainable Development Goals.
40. He further highlighted the importance of inclusivity by empowering youth, women, persons with disabilities, and marginalised communities to participate in the development process. He welcomed the deliberations of the Assembly on issues of great significance, including women and youth empowerment, climate change, digital inclusion, and inclusive economic growth, which Brunei Darussalam attaches great importance to. In conclusion, he reaffirmed Brunei Darussalam's commitment to work hand in hand with AIPA Member Parliaments and partners towards an ASEAN that is inclusive, peaceful, resilient, and sustainable.

#### ***Cambodia***


41. Samdech Maha Rathsapheathika Thipadei Khuon Sudary, President of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia, expressed gratitude to Malaysia for its efforts in promoting dialogue and facilitating peacebuilding in the region. She noted that while progress has been made, the situation remains delicate and requires continued attention. Confidence-building measures are

essential to prevent actions that could disrupt communities and undermine trust between neighbouring countries.


42. She stressed that in upholding the ASEAN spirit, it is important to avoid externalising domestic issues onto neighbours and to refrain from economic or military coercion. She underscored the need to allow established mechanisms, such as the Joint Boundary Commission, to carry out their work based on existing agreements and international law, with full respect for the rights, dignity, and safety of civilians. She further emphasised that faith in international law must be demonstrated through respect for international decisions and commitments.
43. The President highlighted that in turbulent times, parliamentary diplomacy is more vital than ever to build bridges of trust and cooperation. Enhanced inter-parliamentary dialogue on peace and conflict resolution is essential, with AIPA playing an increasingly pivotal role. She concluded by reaffirming that ASEAN's Unity and Centrality are indispensable to regional peace and prosperity, calling on Member Parliaments to stand firm in the values of fairness, justice, and mutual respect, and to reject the notion that *"might makes right"* and refuse to accept a world where *"the weak suffer what they must."*

### **Indonesia**

44. Hon. Dr. Mardani Ali Sera, Chair of the Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation of the House of Representatives of Indonesia, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Parliament of Malaysia for its warm hospitality and excellent arrangements in hosting the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly, as well as to the AIPA Secretariat for its dedicated support. He noted the timeliness of the Assembly's theme, which provides an opportunity to exchange insights and strengthen collaboration in addressing shared regional challenges.
45. He underlined that while ASEAN has grown into one of the most vibrant economic regions, this progress faces serious threats from global instability driven by major power rivalry, regional conflict, and war. Such instability, he noted, exacerbates territorial disputes, disrupts trade and investment, impacts supply chains, and discourages tourism and growth, while also deepening inequality and poverty, disproportionately affecting vulnerable communities. In this regard, he emphasized the essential role of parliaments in promoting preventive diplomacy, building mutual trust, and supporting peace initiatives that go beyond temporary executive measures.

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46. He stressed that AIPA must stand united in strengthening ASEAN centrality, advancing peace, and promoting sustainable and inclusive growth. He highlighted the need to advocate humanitarian assistance for the people of Myanmar and called for the immediate implementation of the Five-Point Consensus. He further expressed deep concern over the worsening humanitarian crisis in Palestine, urging an end to atrocities, unimpeded delivery of humanitarian aid, and respect for international law to pave the way for a just and lasting peace.

**Lao PDR**


47. H.E. Ph.D. Sounthone Xayachack, Vice-President of the National Assembly of the Lao PDR, congratulated Hon. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul on his leadership, thanked the Host Parliament for its warm welcome, and noted the successful convening of the 46<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit which adopted the ASEAN Community Vision 2045.
48. Acknowledging a rapidly changing and unpredictable global landscape that threatens peace, stability, and socio-economic development, Her Excellency urged AIPA Member Parliaments and ASEAN to exercise self-restraint, strengthen cooperation through peaceful means, and uphold ASEAN mechanisms and Centrality. Priority areas identified were digitalisation and cybersecurity, modern and environmentally friendly agriculture, energy security, responses to unilateral tariff impacts, promotion of intra-ASEAN trade, development of carbon markets and the green economy, improved access to quality healthcare, harmonised education standards, action against illicit drugs, and enhanced inclusion of women and youth through national policy mainstreaming to support ASEAN Vision goals and the SDGs.
49. Her Excellency highlighted Lao PDR's implementation of ASEAN Community Vision 2025, the master plans of the three Community pillars, ASEAN Connectivity, and the Initiative for ASEAN Integration Work Plan. Practical actions include the Lao–China high-speed railway, planned expressways linking neighbouring countries, and highway upgrades to strengthen connectivity and promote transportation, trade, investment, tourism, and socio-economic development within Laos and across ASEAN. She commended AIPA's vital role and the contributions of the AIPA Secretariat under the Secretary General, expressing confidence that AIPA will continue to progress under new leadership.
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### ***Philippines***


50. Hon. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza congratulated Malaysia for its leadership and hospitality at the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly and underscored the theme of "*Parliament at the Forefront of Inclusive Growth and Sustainable ASEAN*" as a mandate to build economies that are not only larger, but also fairer and more resilient.
51. Honourable presented the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 as a strategic evolution calling to build a more deeply integrated, resilient, and innovative ASEAN and to move from mere cooperation to deep integration through more harmonized regulations; he noted that the Philippine Congress is consciously aligned with the core pillars of this Vision, advancing a dynamic and integrated regional economy, a secure and stable political community grounded in international law and the 1982 UNCLOS with an effective Code of Conduct, a people-centered and inclusive ASEAN through human capital investment, and a sustainable and climate-resilient ASEAN via the transition to a green economy.
52. Honourable confirmed Philippines' readiness to serve in 2026, formally affirming full readiness and commitment to host the 48<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summits and Related Meetings and the 47<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly, bringing the Filipino spirit of '*Bayanihan*' to deliver dynamic, future-ready outcomes.

### ***Singapore***

53. H.E. Seah Kian Peng extended warm greetings to the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly, expressing heartfelt appreciation to Tan Sri Dato' Dr Johari bin Abdul and Malaysia for their gracious hospitality and commending Malaysia's outstanding leadership as ASEAN Chair. He emphasised AIPA's critical role as a bridge-builder amongst ASEAN policymakers, fostering understanding, trust, and collaboration between nations, highlighting parliamentarians' responsibility to help citizens understand ASEAN's relevance whilst collecting feedback on their concerns and aspirations to ensure policies benefit them meaningfully.
54. Addressing contemporary challenges, His Excellency noted that ASEAN faces complex issues including the fracturing of the rules-based international order and multilateral trading system that has underpinned regional prosperity. He stressed the importance of strengthening internal unity to respond with one common voice whilst maintaining shared goals of regional unity, peace, and stability.

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55. His Excellency outlined ASEAN's strategic priorities, emphasising the need to accelerate integration and community-building efforts under the ASEAN Community Vision 2045. He highlighted progress in economic integration, including the upgraded ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement, the forthcoming ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement, and the ASEAN Power Grid initiative. He underscored the importance of ASEAN deepening its engagement and cooperation with external partners to ensure that they continue to have a stake in the region's stability and prosperity, based on the principle of ASEAN Centrality.

### ***Thailand***

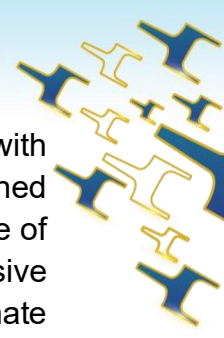
56. H.E. Chalard Kharmchaung, Second Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, reaffirmed to maintain AIPA's cooperative spirit, based on clear facts and mutual respect. His Excellency emphasised Thailand's commitment to the cooperative spirit of AIPA, affirming that the Assembly should remain a platform to strengthen friendship and solidarity among Member Parliaments. He underlined that Thailand values constructive dialogue built on mutual respect and facts, and believes that AIPA should focus on advancing regional co-operation for the benefit of all peoples.
57. He further underlined Thailand's adherence to international law, ASEAN principles, and the peaceful settlement of disputes through dialogue and diplomacy. He emphasized that parliamentary diplomacy serves as a vital complement to intergovernmental efforts, fostering trust, understanding, and solidarity among Member States. By reinforcing these principles, Thailand reiterated its readiness to contribute constructively to initiatives that strengthen regional cooperation, safeguard fundamental rights, and promote sustainable peace and development across ASEAN.
58. In conclusion, he expressed its appreciation to all parties who continue to work towards deepening cooperation within AIPA and enhancing its role as a people-centered forum. He stressed that violence and confrontation offer no lasting solutions, whereas reconciliation and cooperation are essential foundations for stability and prosperity. He reaffirmed Thailand's view that AIPA should continue to serve as a platform to build confidence, cultivate dialogue, and deliver tangible benefits to the peoples of ASEAN in their pursuit of peace, trust, and sustainable progress.
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### ***Viet Nam***

59. H.E. Tran Thanh Man, President of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, conveyed his appreciation to the President of AIPA and the Parliament of Malaysia for their hospitality and leadership. He noted that the theme "Inclusivity and Sustainability" reflects ASEAN's vision of peace, stability, and prosperity across the region. He stressed that parliaments must take a leading role in shaping equal opportunities and ensuring all peoples of ASEAN benefit from sustainable growth.
60. He recalled ASEAN's six decades of achievements in overcoming challenges to build a dynamic, cohesive, and globally respected community. He underlined that these successes were possible through the joint efforts of ASEAN and AIPA, which have worked closely with governments to turn commitments into concrete results. He highlighted AIPA's responsibility in amplifying people's voices, strengthening regional solidarity, and fostering exchanges that nurture a stronger ASEAN identity.
61. Looking ahead, he proposed three priorities for AIPA: enhancing regional cooperation through policies in science, technology, and digital transformation; building a stronger social foundation with cultural, educational, and tourism exchanges; and expanding external relations to reinforce ASEAN's central role in global cooperation. He noted that 2025 marks key milestones for Viet Nam and ASEAN, reaffirming Viet Nam's commitment to work with fellow members in realizing a resilient and people-centered ASEAN Community. He concluded with confidence that solidarity and determination will ensure the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly delivers meaningful progress toward inclusive and sustainable prosperity.

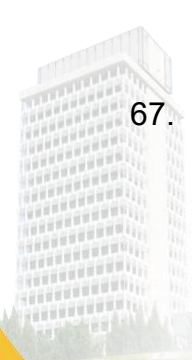

### ***Malaysia***

62. Hon. Dato' Dr. Mohd. Ramli, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia, welcomed all delegates to Kuala Lumpur and expressed Malaysia's honour in hosting the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly. He stated that this General Assembly reflects ASEAN's shared commitment to cooperation and the responsibility to ensure that deliberations truly serve the people. He underlined that AIPA has grown beyond a platform for dialogue into a mechanism that links parliaments, strengthens ASEAN's collective voice, and ensures that regional commitments deliver real benefits to citizens.

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63. He emphasised that the 46<sup>th</sup> General Assembly is particularly significant, with over 40 draft resolutions received across all standing committees. He outlined Malaysia's four priorities: strengthening democratic governance and the rule of law, promoting gender equality and women's leadership, championing inclusive digital transformation, and advancing sustainable development and climate action. He stressed that these priorities are essential to ensure trust in institutions, empower all communities, and secure a liveable future.
64. He further stated that the true measure of the assembly lies not only in the adoption of resolutions but in the tangible progress they inspire. He called on delegates to use these sessions to set the direction for the coming days, reflect on achievements, address remaining gaps, and commit to a forward-looking agenda that strengthens ASEAN's unity. He concluded by expressing Malaysia's gratitude to the AIPA Secretariat, the organising team, and all delegations, encouraging everyone to carry forward the spirit of unity and partnership as they chart the path toward 2026 and beyond.

*The Statements by Heads of Delegation of AIPA Member Parliaments are appended as [Annex H](#).*

**Statement by the Head of Delegation of Timor-Leste as Special Observer Parliament**

65. H.E. Maria Fernanda Lay, President of the National Parliament of Timor-Leste, opened her statement by reflecting on Timor-Leste's journey since independence 23 years ago, noting that resilience and determination had guided the nation through challenges. She expressed gratitude to ASEAN for its support and highlighted that Timor-Leste will soon achieve full ASEAN membership in October 2025, a goal embraced as a national priority supported by all political forces in Parliament.
66. She emphasised that Timor-Leste's accession to ASEAN is not only a matter of gratitude, but also a commitment to contribute to ASEAN's peace, stability, and progress. Timor-Leste, she noted, could offer its experience in building peace, its perspective as a society in transition, its youth and natural resources, and its strategic position between Asia and the Pacific, above all, its dedication to the values that unite ASEAN.
67. Her Excellency underlined that the theme of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly, "*Parliament at the Forefront of Inclusive and Sustainable Growth in ASEAN*," resonated strongly with Timor-Leste's own experience. She stressed that
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growth without inclusion is hollow, development without sustainability is temporary, and progress without social justice cannot last. She concluded her statement by calling for courage to innovate, to embrace change, and to prove that cooperation is a necessity, reaffirming Timor-Leste's readiness to build an ASEAN that is inclusive, sustainable, and prosperous.

*The Statement by Head of Delegation of Timor-Leste is appended as [Annex I](#).*

### **Statement by Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN**

68. H.E. Nararya Soeprapto, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for Community & Corporate Affairs, attended on behalf of the Secretary-General of ASEAN, conveyed appreciation to the Host Parliament and underscored that the theme of 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly is a timely mandate to ensure regional growth is not only stronger, but also fairer, more resilient, and people-centred.
69. Affirming alignment with the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on ASEAN 2045, the Deputy Secretary-General emphasised that sustaining ASEAN's momentum will depend on deepening trade and investment integration, advancing the region's digital transformation through the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA), and accelerating the delivery of MPAC 2025 to strengthen connectivity. He noted that truly inclusive growth requires parliaments to translate regional commitments into national legislation and budgets, particularly in social protection, primary healthcare, education, and disability inclusion in line with the ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025, while exercising effective oversight to ensure implementation. Against a backdrop of heightened geopolitical tensions, he reiterated ASEAN's continued engagement on Myanmar through the Special Envoy and the humanitarian work of the AHA Centre, and drew attention to people-to-people initiatives that nurture a shared identity, including UNESCO's inscription of "Birth of ASEAN: Archives 1967–1976." He also welcomed the prospective accession of Timor-Leste, underscoring the added diversity and capacity it would bring to regional stability and prosperity.
70. Concluding his remarks, the Deputy Secretary-General invited AIPA to deepen structured cooperation with ASEAN through regular interfaces, including the AIPA–ASEAN Hearing, and by adopting a focused joint work plan that supports DEFA and RCEP implementation, advances MPAC 2025 connectivity, and strengthens inclusion agendas. He further proposed that AIPA and ASEAN develop model clauses and good-practice templates to aid parliamentary domestication of regional commitments, expand targeted capacity-building and

technical exchanges, and establish a light monitoring matrix to track legislative follow-through, so that regional commitments are effectively translated into national laws and deliver tangible benefits for the peoples of ASEAN.

### **Statement by the Secretary General of AIPA**

71. The Secretary General of AIPA, H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanthy Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, addressed the First Plenary Session of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly. In her statement, she underlined that ASEAN is, at its core, a community built on cooperation and dialogue, and that AIPA mirrors this spirit as a family of parliaments committed to bridging differences and pursuing constructive outcomes through parliamentary diplomacy. She commended Malaysia's Presidency for its inclusive approach, noting the involvement of State Legislative Assemblies which brought parliamentary diplomacy closer to the people.
72. The Secretary General highlighted AIPA's achievements over the decades, including initiatives such as the Plan of Action on Women's Political Participation and Leadership, the parliamentary framework for ASEAN Guidelines on Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture and Forestry, and outreach efforts engaging youth across the region. She also acknowledged the contributions of Observer Parliaments and development partners in strengthening AIPA's work, while stressing that such engagement must reinforce ASEAN centrality and unity.
73. Looking ahead, the Secretary General emphasised that AIPA's relevance will be determined not by its history, but by its members' commitment to translating resolutions into concrete action. She noted that parliaments worldwide face growing scrutiny over their representativeness, and AIPA is not immune to these questions. The test of AIPA's credibility, she remarked, lies in demonstrating that parliaments remain genuine vehicles of the peoples' aspirations, by transforming resolutions into action, action into trust, and trust into enduring community strength.

*Statements by the Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN and Secretary General of AIPA are appended as [Annex J](#).*

## IX. FIRST PLENARY SESSION (CONTINUATION)

### Statements by Heads of Delegations of Observer Parliaments

74. The Heads of Delegations of Observer Parliaments from Australia, Azerbaijan, Canada, China, the European Parliament, Georgia, India, Japan, Morocco, Norway, Russian Federation, Türkiye, and Ukraine delivered their statements during the First Plenary Session of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly.

#### *Australia*

75. Hon. Fiona Phillips, Member of the Parliament of Australia, addressed the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur, expressing sincere appreciation to the Host Parliament for organising the event. She further underscored Australia's longstanding engagement as an AIPA Observer and its dedication to strengthening friendships with ASEAN peoples and parliaments. She commended the Assembly theme, "*Parliament at the Forefront for Inclusive Growth and a Sustainable ASEAN*", stressing that inclusive growth is vital to ASEAN's peace, stability, and prosperity.
76. She welcomed the adoption of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045, noting its emphasis on inclusive and sustainable development, as well as ASEAN's practice of dialogue and consensus-building. She highlighted the important role of parliaments in realising this vision by ensuring laws and budgets are delivered for all citizens, regardless of socio-economic status. She reaffirmed Australia's support for AIPA's commitment to legislation that improves education, healthcare, gender equality, and infrastructure, and emphasised that Australia will continue to engage as a constructive observer through parliamentary exchanges, capacity-building, and support for inclusive growth across Southeast Asia.
77. Hon. Fiona further underlined Australia's alignment with ASEAN's agenda for a sustainable future, including economic integration, connectivity, and sustainable development, and reiterated Australia's commitment to a partnership that reflects the priorities and needs of Southeast Asia. She also extended congratulations to Timor-Leste on its forthcoming admission as ASEAN's 11th Member State. In closing, she expressed appreciation for the opportunity to join the Assembly and reaffirmed Australia's support for ASEAN centrality, sustainability, and inclusive growth.

### ***Azerbaijan***

78. H.E. Sahiba Gafarova, Speaker of the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, expressed her appreciation to the President of AIPA, H.E. Tan Sri Dato' Johari bin Abdul, for his kind invitation and generous hospitality in hosting the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly.
79. Her Excellency commended AIPA's pivotal role as a significant and effective platform that unites parliaments, fosters dialogue and mutual understanding, and creates opportunities for closer cooperation among legislatures from various regions. She noted that since 2022, the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan has actively participated in AIPA as an Observer Parliament, reflecting Azerbaijan's intention to strengthen its multifaceted relations with Southeast Asian countries, with inter-parliamentary cooperation serving as an important dimension of these relations.
80. Touching upon the theme of the General Assembly, "Inclusive Growth and Sustainability," Her Excellency remarked that it remains a critical issue on parliamentary agendas globally. She underlined that Azerbaijan shares this vision, aligning its national development strategies with the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. She further highlighted the large-scale reconstruction efforts in the liberated Karabakh and Eastern Zangezur regions, describing them as integral to Azerbaijan's approach to inclusive growth and sustainability. Concluding her statement, Her Excellency conveyed her best wishes for the success of the General Assembly and its deliberations.

### ***Canada***

81. Hon. Yuen Pau Woo, Member of the Senate of Canada, conveyed Canada's appreciation to Malaysia for hosting the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly. He reaffirmed Canada's commitment to strengthening ties with ASEAN through active participation in AIPA and ongoing dialogue with parliamentarians from the region.
82. He recalled Canada's longstanding partnership with ASEAN, dating back to 1977 and elevated to a Strategic Partnership in 2023. He emphasised that this cooperation, anchored in ASEAN's three Community pillars, reflects a shared commitment to peace, security, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific, and recognised ASEAN's central role in maintaining stability amidst growing global challenges. He further reaffirmed ASEAN's central role in achieving regional

goals and the importance of an open, inclusive, transparent, resilient and rules-based regional architecture in the region

83. He underlined the importance of inclusive and sustainable economic growth, noting ASEAN's position as Canada's fourth-largest trading partner and the ongoing negotiations toward a Canada–ASEAN Free Trade Agreement. He further pointed to cooperation in areas such as sustainability, disaster resilience, and combating illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, affirming that parliamentary diplomacy and forums such as AIPA remain crucial platforms to advance shared goals of peace, security, trade, and sustainability.

### ***China***

84. Hon. Cai Jiming, Member of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, underscored the theme of the General Assembly that fully reflects the common aspiration of ASEAN. Highlighting the need to uphold the spirit of openness and inclusiveness to pursue common development, he recalled the longstanding cooperation between China and ASEAN, which is considered to have already set a model of dynamic and fruitful partnership in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.
85. He emphasised that China and ASEAN have been each other's largest trading partners for five consecutive years, with bilateral trade amounting to 686.78 billion US dollars from January to August 2025. He further conveyed a number of milestones such as the completion of negotiations on the Version 3.0 China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (CAFTA 3.0), China-Laos Railway, the Jakarta-Bandung Railway, China-Thailand Railway, the East Coast Rail Link in Malaysia, and Hanoi Metro Line 2 in Viet Nam, which serve as a leading and demonstrative model for all countries to remain committed to openness, inclusiveness, and win-win cooperation.
86. He also reaffirmed the need to reform and improve the global governance system, as demonstrated by President Xi Jinping of China at the "SCO+" meeting through his proposal of a Global Governance Initiative. China, through this initiative, aims to uphold the global governance approach based on extensive consultation, joint contribution, and shared benefits to strengthen coordination and communication with the United Nations, ASEAN, and all other parties. He further reiterated the willingness of the National People's Congress of China to work with AIPA and the parliaments of ASEAN countries to strengthen friendly exchanges, hold counterpart communication, and enhance mutual learning. Concluding his intervention, he pointed out that the coming

year will mark the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of China-ASEAN dialogue relations and the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of China-ASEAN comprehensive strategic partnership, and he expressed confidence that the China-ASEAN relationship will be more mature, confident, and productive.

### ***European Parliament***

87. On behalf of the European Parliament, Hon. Wouter Beke, Member of the European Parliament and Chair of the Delegation for Relations with Southeast Asian Countries and ASEAN, stated that ASEAN and the European Union (EU) share the aspiration of mutual benefit through regional integration, as determined by the peoples of each region. He emphasised that regional cooperation is rooted in the hard-working, resilient, caring, and innovative character of their peoples, and in the richness of their cultures. Though geographically distant, both regions are closely united by history, shared values, and a common vision for a peaceful, prosperous, and rules-based international order, having built lasting bridges in trade, investment, diplomacy, education, culture, and people-to-people exchanges. In an era of global tensions, shifting standards, and unpredictable world leaders, he underlined the need to deepen unity.
88. Expressing regret that violent conflicts persist across the globe, with countless innocent victims, including children, in places such as Gaza, Ukraine, and elsewhere, he affirmed that the European Parliament and ASEAN parliaments must work together to defend the fundamental principles enshrined in the UN Charter and international rule of law. This includes the self-determination of all independent nations, whether in Europe or Southeast Asia, and respect for internationally recognised borders. Dialogue, he stressed, should prevail over confrontation.
89. Looking ahead, he firmly believed that by deepening the EU-ASEAN strategic partnership and significantly strengthening connectivity, trade, and investment, with free trade agreements enhancing economic, people-to-people, and political relations, in particular to name the interregional parliamentary relations, are some of the concrete ways our strategic partnership is contributing to the themes of this AIPA General Assembly, inclusive growth and sustainable development, in our both regions.

### ***Georgia***

90. Hon. Nikoloz Samkharadze, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, extended heartfelt gratitude to Malaysia for hosting the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General

Assembly and for the warm hospitality shown to Georgia as an observer member state. He highlighted the importance of strengthening cooperation between Georgia and AIPA, while noting how both parties have been experiencing steady and resilient economic growth despite the turbulent geopolitical upheavals. He shared Georgia's significant progress in international rankings which reflects its broader institutional and policy advancements.

91. He elaborated that Georgia ranked first globally in budget transparency according to the latest Open Budget Survey, ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Eastern Europe and Central Asia in the Rule of Law Index and marked its first ever entry into the world's Top 50 in the Sustainable Development Goals Index. In addition, Georgia also ranked 7<sup>th</sup> globally and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Europe in Ease of Doing Business Index, 6<sup>th</sup> among the EU member and candidate states in Government Debt-to-GDP Rankings. He added that strengthening cordial relations with respective ASEAN countries across various sectors is among Georgia's top priorities. Highlighting the emerging challenges, including the war in Ukraine, humanitarian crisis in Palestine, and intercommunal conflicts across the regions, Hon. Nikoloz urged the international community to uphold the principles of international law and reinstate diplomacy at the forefront of international relations.
92. He also expressed his sincere gratitude towards every single member country of ASEAN for supporting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia. Additionally, he stated that another major avenue for Georgia-ASEAN joint engagement concerns trade and by streamlining trade and transportation along the Middle Corridor, Georgia becomes an attractive destination for foreign investors. He further emphasised that the Georgian parliament is fully committed to further developing parliamentary ties with AIPA, both as a collective entity and with individual member countries. Concluding his statement, Hon. Nikoloz affirmed Georgia's readiness to host joint activities during its chairmanship of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation.

### **India**

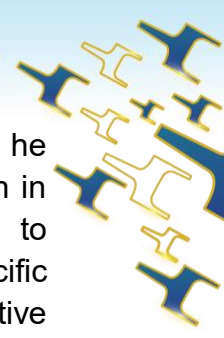
93. Hon. Laxmi Kant Bajpai, Member of Parliament, expressed gratitude to the Parliament of Malaysia for the excellent arrangements of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly. He pointed out that the theme of this Assembly served as a reminder that true measure of progress lies not only in economic expansion, but also in equitable growth and the protection of the planet. He added that this vision

echoes India's guiding principle, "*Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas*," a phrase that signifies "Together with All, Development for All, With trust of All."

94. He highlighted *Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam*, a historic initiative that secures one-third of seats in Parliament and State Assemblies for women, advancing gender-inclusive governance. He also underscored the Panchayati *Raj* system that has empowered marginalized communities and brought millions of women into leadership levels at the grassroots. Hon. Laxmi also highlighted that India has pioneered Gender Budgeting to ensure that public spending reflects women's needs and aspirations. Furthermore, he underscored that India's Act East Policy and ASEAN's Indo-Pacific Outlook align on openness, inclusivity, and international law, with India as a steadfast partner in realizing ASEAN's Vision 2045 through parliamentary leadership.
95. Referring to ASEAN as one of India's largest trading partners, with bilateral trade of USD 120.87 billion in 2023–24 and joint projects including the Trilateral Highway, Kaladan Project, and the ASEAN-India Green Fund, he emphasised the opportunity to strengthen collaboration going forward. Concluding his statement, he conveyed that India proposes the creation of an "India-ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Parliamentary Forum for Inclusive and Sustainable Futures" to exchange best practices, support harmonisation of legal frameworks, and enhance oversight on issues such as digital trade, green financing, and disaster resilience.

### ***Japan***


96. Hon. Yamamoto Keisuke, Head of the Delegation from the National Diet of Japan, recalled the cooperative relations between Japan and ASEAN, which have been built on mutual trust and have accumulated over more than half a century. He also reaffirmed Japan's commitment to strengthening its cooperative relations with ASEAN member states, in line with the Joint Vision Statement that was issued at the Commemorative Summit for the 50<sup>th</sup> Year of ASEAN–Japan Friendship and Cooperation.
97. He shared how his hometown, Nagasaki, remains active as a hub of academic and human exchange, which maintains active connections with ASEAN Member States. He specifically mentioned how Nagasaki University has concluded academic exchange agreements as well as conducted studies on cross-border issues with universities in Malaysia and other ASEAN member states, demonstrating how the strengths of a region in Japan are contributing to solving global issues in cooperation with ASEAN member states.

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98. Highlighting the publication of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045, he reiterated that Japan fully supports this vision and will provide cooperation in diverse areas to help achieve further ASEAN integration, in addition to cooperation for the mainstreaming of the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP). Concluding his statement, he further underlined how an active exchange of views with delegates from other nations during the AIPA General Assembly could lead to greater trust and cooperation in the future.

### ***Morocco***

99. Hon. Salma Benaziz, Head of the Delegation from the House of Representatives of Morocco underlined that both the quality of the arrangements and the spirit of cooperation in the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly reflect a strong commitment to enhancing parliamentary dialogue and regional integration. She underscored today's pressing challenges, from climate crises, economic uncertainties, and widening social inequalities which demand decisive and coordinated parliamentary action. She further emphasised that inclusive growth is not merely a development target but a democratic and ethical imperative.
100. Highlighting the active role of parliamentarians in enacting forward-looking legislation, Honourable reiterated that Morocco has developed a new national development model through an inclusive consultative process that serves as a reference for policy-making and parliamentary oversight alike. She underlined that parliamentary cooperation among countries of the Global South is essential to accelerating knowledge exchange, while also highlighting the value of growing relations with ASEAN countries and recognising AIPA's pivotal role in fostering inter-parliamentary dialogue on matters of mutual interest.
101. Looking ahead, as an observer to AIPA, the Moroccan Parliament is working to promote awareness of the promising potential of Afro-Asian cooperation. She also reaffirmed the full commitment of the House of Representatives of Morocco to strengthening parliamentary cooperation with AIPA and to contributing actively to the shared pursuit of inclusive, sustainable, and equitable development for all peoples.

### ***Norway***

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102. Hon. Grete Wold, Member of Storting, conveyed Norway's deep appreciation for ASEAN and AIPA, recognising their central role in advancing peace, stability, and inclusive growth. She welcomed the General Assembly's focus on

parliamentary cooperation and highlighted Norway's commitment to working closely with ASEAN on shared priorities. She also underlined the growing significance of defending a rules-based international order amid rising geopolitical and trade tensions, noting challenges such as unilateral tariffs, breaches of international law in Gaza and Ukraine, and disputes in the South China Sea.

103. Marking the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Norway's sectoral dialogue partnership with ASEAN and the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its observer status in AIPA, Hon. Grete Wold reflected on joint efforts in peace and reconciliation, sustainable development, ocean management, trade, health, and gender equality. She expressed Norway's intention to further strengthen cooperation, particularly in the green and blue economy, while building on recent trade agreements concluded with ASEAN partners.
104. Looking ahead, she emphasised opportunities for closer collaboration in the digital economy and artificial intelligence, calling for balanced policies that support societal progress while protecting individual citizens. She concluded by reaffirming Norway's commitment to ASEAN and wishing the Assembly success in its deliberations.

### ***Russian Federation***

105. H.E. Sholban Kara-ool, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, recalled that ASEAN remains a key foreign policy priority for Russia. He underlined Russia's identity as a Eurasian nation, noting that most of its territory lies in Asia, and noted that it is only natural to seek the strengthening of dialogue with ASEAN.
106. He highlighted Russia's accreditation as an AIPA Observer Parliament in 2022, emphasising that this status has brought the two sides closer together. He further noted that Russia's delegation to the Assembly comprised representatives from both chambers of the Federal Assembly, demonstrating its deep respect for AIPA. He stated that Russia recognises ASEAN as an attractive and reliable partner, noting its successfully established cooperation mechanisms that create numerous opportunities for engagement. He echoed the statement of the Prime Minister of Malaysia at the Opening Ceremony that 'ASEAN is becoming a centre of economic and political attraction,' affirming that this observation is accurate. He added that Russia is pleased to witness ASEAN's success and looks forward to further opportunities for collaboration,

noting the dynamics of Russia's trade with ASEAN Member States, which in recent years has reached its highest level, particularly in 2024.

107. Concluding his statement, he underlined the unique role of parliaments in political dialogue, noting that parliamentary diplomacy serves as a bridge between peoples. He emphasised that legislators' experience and their ability to balance interests and reach compromises play a stabilising role in the regional system of international relations. Before ending his speech, he recalled the lasting friendship between Russia and ASEAN, and looked forward to commemorating the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ASEAN–Russia diplomatic relations in 2026.

### ***Türkiye***

108. Hon. Osman Sağlam, Member of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, recalled Türkiye's accreditation as an AIPA Observer Parliament at the 44<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 2023, noting that this reflects Türkiye's determination to further engage with Southeast Asia and the Pacific region. He underscored ASEAN's importance as one of Türkiye's key partners, highlighting that both ASEAN and Türkiye serve as regional hubs for transportation, logistics, and trade.
109. He further conveyed Türkiye's aspiration to move beyond project-based cooperation and deepen ties with ASEAN, with the long-term goal of upgrading its partnership status from sectoral dialogue partner to dialogue partner. He welcomed the General Assembly's theme as highly relevant, stressing that parliaments play a critical role in promoting inclusive growth and sustainable development. He emphasised that legislative bodies have the power and responsibility to shape policies, enact laws, and ensure government accountability, which are essential for equitable and sustainable progress. In this context, he highlighted the importance of enacting inclusive economic policies, passing environmental legislation to support climate action, ensuring natural resource management, and supporting green technologies.
110. Furthermore, he underlined the parliamentary oversight role in ensuring the effective implementation of inclusive and sustainable development programmes and compliance with regional and international commitments. He called for particular attention to the needs of marginalised groups, including women and youth, in policy-making processes. He concluded by reaffirming the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye's commitment to working closely with Southeast Asian partners in pursuit of a fair, inclusive, and sustainable ASEAN.

### ***Ukraine***

111. Hon. Oleksandr Merezhko, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Policy and Interparliamentary Relations of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, conveyed sincere gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the General Assembly, recognising ASEAN's collective spirit of dialogue, solidarity, and cooperation as an inspiration for the world. He noted that Ukraine is proud to have been a part of these discussions, to share perspectives, and to learn from the unique experiences of ASEAN Member States, emphasising that Ukraine's engagement with ASEAN is both practical and urgent.
112. He highlighted the lessons drawn from the Assembly that cooperation among diverse nations is possible with mutual respect and a commitment with common goals; that parliamentary dialogue reinforces the democratic foundations of regional and global stability; and that global challenges such as food security, climate change, digital transformation, and healthcare resilience require solutions that transcend geography. Building on these reflections, he stated that Ukraine is ready to contribute by sharing its experience in digital governance, cybersecurity, agriculture, and the green transition. He added that Ukraine also seeks to expand educational, cultural, and people-to-people exchanges with ASEAN Member States, ensuring that the partnership is not only governmental but also societal
113. Concluding his intervention, he stressed that the closing of the Assembly marks not an end but a new beginning, and that the spirit of cooperation and solidarity should be carried forward through practical initiatives that bring benefits to the peoples. He reaffirmed Ukraine's commitment to deepening ties with ASEAN and to working together for peace, prosperity, and dignity for all.

*The Statements of Head of Delegations of Observer Parliaments are appended as [Annex K](#).*

### **Statements by Guests of AIPA**

114. The People's National Assembly of Algeria, the National Congress of Brazil, and the Senate of Spain were invited to deliver their statements at the First Plenary Session of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly. The statements from Brazil and Spain were conveyed in writing to the General Assembly, and the delegation of Algeria presented its statement during the session.

### ***People's National Assembly of Algeria***

115. Hon. Monder Bouden, Deputy Speaker of the National People's Assembly of Algeria began his statement by extending the warm greetings from the Speaker of the People's National Assembly, H.E. Brahim Boughali, who commended the participants' commitment to cooperation and peace. He also highlighted Algeria's strong conviction that this parliamentary forum, while regional in scope, its mission transcends geographical boundaries by promoting global peace and justice as the foundation of international relations.
116. In his address, he further acknowledged the forum's significant role as a pillar of regional stability and cooperation. He underlined the strong similarities between Africa and ASEAN, both regions of considerable demographic and economic importance. Algeria views its accession to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) with ASEAN as a milestone in strengthening relations founded on shared history and mutual aspirations. He reiterated Algeria's commitment to reinforcing these ties through closer parliamentary cooperation.
117. He also reaffirmed the importance of parliamentary diplomacy in building bridges of trust, particularly through international parliamentary organisations. He also highlighted the vast opportunities for economic cooperation between Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa, the Mediterranean, and the Arab world, describing them as a chance to create shared prosperity. In closing, he further noted Algeria's strategic position as a natural bridge connecting these regions and expressed confidence that this common vision would help amplify the voice of the Global South in promoting peace and justice.

### ***Brazil National Congress***

118. The Delegation of Brazil was unable to attend the First Plenary Session but submitted a written statement. In the statement, H.E. Nelson Padovani, Member of the Brazil National Congress, highlighted the establishment of the Brazil-ASEAN Parliamentary Group earlier this year as a key step in strengthening ties and fostering closer cooperation between Brazil and Southeast Asian countries.
119. His Excellency emphasised Brazil's role as a leading global food producer, presenting the country as an example of sustainable tropical agriculture that resonates with the Assembly's theme of inclusivity and sustainability. He pointed to integrated farming systems, crop-livestock-forest models, traceability, renewable energy initiatives, and emissions-reduction policies as

concrete measures balancing productivity with environmental responsibility. He also underlined Brazil's growing agribusiness exports and technological innovations in agricultural machinery, which contribute to food security worldwide.

120. He further noted Brazil's upcoming role as host of COP-30 in Belém do Pará, where a dedicated pavilion on sustainable agribusiness will demonstrate best practices in linking productivity with environmental protection. He concluded by affirming that Brazil regards ASEAN not merely as a market but as a strategic partner in advancing food security, economic prosperity, and environmental balance. He expressed confidence that this new phase of parliamentary engagement will open new opportunities and contribute to building a more inclusive and sustainable future.

#### ***Senate of Spain***

121. The Delegation of Spain was also unable to attend the First Plenary Session but submitted a written statement. In the statement, Hon. Javier Ignacio Maroto Aranzábal, Deputy Speaker of the Senate of the Kingdom of Spain, conveyed appreciation for the invitation to observe the Assembly and affirmed Spain's high regard for AIPA as a forum for dialogue, consensus, and democratic accountability. Noting shared ASEAN–EU challenges, including rising tariff barriers, pressures on sovereignty, and strained supply chains. He stressed that cooperation between two regions representing over one billion people is essential to defend open, fair, and rules-based trade. Looking ahead, he highlighted concrete avenues for collaboration in the energy transition, digital transformation, and sustainable mobility, offering Spain's experience in these fields to the common agenda.
122. He further underscored parliaments' role in translating initiatives into citizens' lives, through budgets, oversight, and ensuring tangible benefits, and called for stronger ties between AIPA, the European Parliament, and national chambers. Spain reiterated its friendship with and respect for ASEAN, shared commitments to diversity, regional stability, and national sovereignty, and concluded by reaffirming the Senate's commitment to build bridges, foster trust, and advance international parliamentary cooperation for a safer, fairer, and more prosperous future.

### **Statements by Guest of the Host**

123. The representative from ISC was invited as the Guest of the Host and delivered a statement at the First Plenary Session of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly.

### ***Inter-Parliamentary Speakers' Conference (ISC)***

124. Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal, Secretary-General of ISC, expressed his appreciation to AIPA and the Parliament of Malaysia for hosting the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly. He underlined that the General Assembly comes at a pivotal moment as the region faces complex challenges threatening peace, stability, and prosperity, highlighting AIPA's essential role in fostering unity of purpose and action among parliamentary leaders.
125. He elaborated on ISC's mission as a global platform engaging parliamentary leaders across continents, working in collaboration with AIPA to address pressing global issues such as climate change, sustainable development, family values, and interfaith cooperation through peace diplomacy. Since its official launch six months ago, ISC has achieved significant progress, including the successful Parliamentary Exchange Program in Kathmandu, active participation in the IPU's Second Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue in Rome, and engagement in the IPU's Sixth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament in Geneva.
126. Looking ahead, he extended an invitation to the upcoming ISC event in Islamabad on 10–12 November 2025, hosted by the Senate of Pakistan, on the theme "Peace, Security and Development." He also proposed formalising ISC's partnership with AIPA through a Memorandum of Understanding and the granting of permanent observer status, reaffirming ISC's strong commitment to advancing cooperation, peace, and sustainability in the ASEAN region.

*The Statements by Guests of AIPA and Guest of the Host are appended as [Annex L](#).*

### **Statements by AIPA Development Partners**

127. The representative of AIPA Development Partners from the ERIA, ICAPP, IPTP, PCAAsia, UNOCT, and UN Women delivered their statements at the First Plenary Session of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly.

### ***Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)***

128. Mr. Okura from ERIA expressed appreciation to Malaysia for hosting the assembly and emphasised the importance of the event as ASEAN works towards the ASEAN Community Vision 2045. He highlighted that inclusive growth and sustainable development are essential for ASEAN's long-term resilience, stressing that parliaments play a critical role in ensuring transparency, accountability, and people-centered policies.
129. He reaffirmed ERIA's commitment to support AIPA and ASEAN parliaments through research, evidence-based policy recommendations, and capacity-building initiatives, bridging the gap between vision and implementation. ERIA will continue to provide support on key issues, and to this end, he highlighted the upcoming tripartite forum on renewable energy as an example of fostering collaboration among parliaments, civil society, private sector, and knowledge institutions.
130. Mr. Okura concluded by underscoring ASEAN's tradition of shared progress and urged that future prosperity be built on inclusivity and sustainability, with ERIA as a committed partner in this collective effort.

### ***International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP)***

131. Hon. Chung Eui-yong, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the ICAPP commended ASEAN for serving as an anchor of regional peace, stability, economic integration, and regional identity over the past six decades. He further recognised AIPA's important role in advancing democratic governance and parliamentary diplomacy in the region.
132. Highlighting the ASEAN Community Vision 2045, Chairman Chung underscored its four guiding pillars, political-security, economic, socio-cultural, and connectivity, reflecting a clear aspiration for a prosperous ASEAN. Addressing pressing challenges such as inequality, climate change, technological disruption, and geopolitical uncertainty, he called for the region to remain resilient, innovative, agile, responsive, and cooperative.
133. Chairman Chung highlighted ICAPP's evolution over the past 25 years into a unique platform representing over 350 political parties from 50 countries across Asia and Oceania. He noted that ICAPP is committed to fostering dialogue, promoting peace, and advancing prosperity in the region. Referring to the MOU signed between ICAPP and AIPA last November, he reiterated their shared


commitment to enhanced cooperation, mutual participation, and constructive dialogue. In conclusion, he reaffirmed ICAPP's readiness to support AIPA's initiatives.

### ***International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP)***

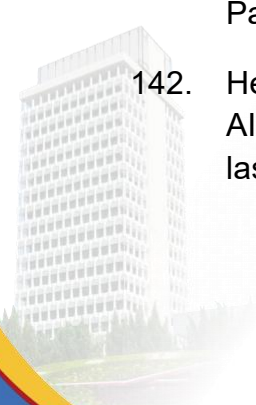
134. Hon. Suos Yara, Vice-President of IPTP extended his gratitude to the Parliament of Malaysia for its warm hospitality and the successful organisation of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly. He remarked that the Assembly's theme, "Parliament at the Forefront of Inclusive Growth," reflects the shared commitment of parliamentarians to champion peace, inclusivity, and sustainable development, placing people and the planet at the centre of parliamentary diplomacy and law-making.
135. He underscored that inclusivity, justice, and the rule of law form the foundation of lasting peace and stability. Effective multilateralism, under a rules-based international system, remains vital to achieving global peace and development. In this regard, he recognised the contributions of multilateral institutions such as AIPA, IPTP, and GCTP in empowering youth, women, and marginalised communities, supporting small and medium enterprises, and fostering equitable growth through human development and innovation.
136. Hon. Suos Yara highlighted the memorandum of understanding signed between AIPA and IPTP to deepen parliamentary cooperation, as well as the Universal Peace Charter (UPC): *For People and the Planet*, which has gained endorsements from over 60 countries and institutions. He reaffirmed that parliamentarians act as bridges between governments and the people, ensuring that diverse voices are reflected in decision-making processes. He concluded by encouraging continued collective leadership to strengthen parliamentary synergies for inclusive growth, sustainable development, and lasting peace.

### ***Parliamentary Center of Asia (PCAsia)***

137. Mr. Yi Chanprasnar, Executive Director of the PCAsia, highlighted the critical role of partnerships in addressing today's interconnected global challenges such as technological change, shifting geopolitics, economic pressures, environmental threats, and health and security risks. He emphasised that no parliament can respond to these issues alone, making inter-parliamentary cooperation through AIPA more vital than ever.

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138. PCAsia contributes as a trusted, non-partisan partner by providing training and exchanges in key areas prioritised by AIPA Member Parliaments, including parliamentary diplomacy, fiscal and economic analysis, gender equality, climate change, environment, and peacebuilding. The institution's approach combines technical skills with building networks of trust across parliaments and stakeholders such as civil society, academia, and the private sector.
139. Mr. Yi Chanprasnar concluded by reaffirming PCAsia's commitment to supporting inclusive growth, good governance, and sustainable development, underscoring that the strength of ASEAN lies in collaboration. He conveyed his best wishes for the success of the Assembly and reiterated PCAsia's readiness to stand alongside AIPA in building a stronger, more connected, and sustainable ASEAN.

***United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)***

140. Mr. David Alamos, Programme Management Officer at the UNOCT, conveyed appreciation to the Honourable Members of AIPA and expressed gratitude to the Parliament of Malaysia and AIPA for the invitation to participate at the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly. He noted that in addressing current global challenges to prevent and counter terrorism, the UNOCT Parliamentary Engagement Office continues to strengthen parliamentary core functions worldwide to enhance national, regional, and global responses to terrorism.
141. Mr. Alamos highlighted key aspects of the strong cooperation between UNOCT and AIPA: (1) the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in June 2025, which formalises and deepens the collaboration between UNOCT and AIPA and focuses on supporting ASEAN parliaments as well as on enhancing legislative responses to terrorism, strengthening legal frameworks, and fostering interparliamentary dialogue; (2) The continued support of AIPA to the Coordination Mechanism for Parliamentary Assemblies, which contributes to advance our collective efforts and to elevate the role of parliaments in addressing the challenges of terrorism and violent extremism both in the region and globally; (3) The active participation of AIPA in UNOCT main initiatives as parliamentary Policy Dialogues and the promotion of Women and Young Parliamentarians.
142. He concluded by expressing UNOCT's appreciation for its partnership with AIPA and expressed confidence that this cooperation will yield impactful and lasting results.
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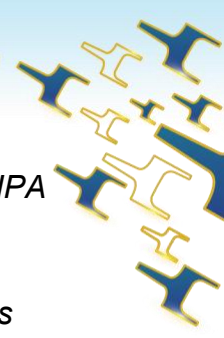
***United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)***

143. Ms. Ulziisuren Jamsran, UN Women Indonesia Country Representative and Liaison to ASEAN, commended AIPA for convening under a theme that reflects ASEAN's commitment to inclusive growth and sustainability. She noted the significance of this year, marked by major global and regional milestones including the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Youth, Peace and Security agenda and the third year of the implementation of Regional Plan of Action on WPS. These milestones underscored ASEAN's leadership in translating commitments into concrete actions and sustainable results for all.
144. Ms. Jamsran acknowledged ASEAN's progress in advancing women's leadership, noting that women now hold 23 per cent of parliamentary seats across the region, the highest level to date. She highlighted the adoption of the Plan of Action on Women's Political Participation and Leadership, developed under AIPA's leadership, as an important step in advancing gender-responsive budgeting, intergenerational leadership, and the prevention of violence against women in Politics. She also congratulated Malaysia on the adoption of its first National Action Plan on WPS and reaffirmed UN Women's appreciation for AIPA's continued collaboration in advancing this agenda.
145. Looking ahead, Ms. Jamsran stressed the importance of institutionalising funded mechanisms within parliamentary systems to embed and safeguard women's leadership as a permanent feature of governance. She reaffirmed UN Women's commitment to working alongside AIPA and ASEAN in building inclusive, people-centred governance as a foundation for ASEAN Vision 2045. She also expressed appreciation for the leadership of AIPA's outgoing Secretary-General, conveyed confidence that the incoming Secretary-General will carry forward this important legacy, and reaffirmed UN Women's continued commitment and partnership for the coming period.

*The Statements by AIPA Development Partners are appended as [Annex M.](#)*

**X. COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

146. The Committees and Meetings proceeded from 17 to 20 September 2025 to consider the agenda and topic assigned by the General Assembly.
147. The Reports of the Committees and Meetings are appended as:

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- i. [Annex N](#) - Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> AIPA-ASEAN Hearing
  - ii. [Annex O](#) - Report of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians of AIPA (WAIPA)
  - iii. [Annex P](#) - Report of the Meeting of Committee on Political Matters
  - iv. [Annex Q](#) - Report of the Meeting of Committee on Economic Matters
  - v. [Annex R](#) - Report of the Meeting of Committee on Social Matters
  - vi. [Annex S](#) - Report of the Meeting of Committee on Organisational Matters
  - vii. [Annex T](#) - Report of the Meeting of Young Parliamentarians of AIPA (YPA)
  - viii. [Annex U](#) - Report of the Dialogues with AIPA Observer Parliaments
  - ix. [Annex V](#) - Report of the Meeting of the Committee on Joint Communiqué

## XI. SECOND PLENARY SESSION

148. The Second Plenary Session of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly was held on Saturday, 20 September 2025 at 14:30 hrs (GMT+8) It was presided over by H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul, President of AIPA and Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia


### Presentation and Adoption of Reports

149. The Chairpersons of the Committees on Political Matters, Economic Matters, Social Matters, Women Parliamentarians of AIPA (WAIPA), Young Parliamentarians of AIPA (YPA), Organisational Matters, Panels on Dialogue with Observer Parliaments, and Committee on Joint Communiqué presented their respective reports. The report of the 4<sup>th</sup> AIPA-ASEAN Hearing was presented by the AIPA Secretary General. The reports were adopted by the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly.

### Date and Venue of the 47<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of AIPA

150. It was agreed that the 47<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly will be held in Manila, Philippines on 20-26 September 2026.

### Signing of the Joint Communiqué

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151. The Joint Communiqué of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly was signed by the Heads of Delegation from AIPA Member Parliaments and AIPA President. The signing took place following the Meeting of the Committee on Joint Communiqué, held on 20 September 2025 from 08.30 to 12.30 hrs (GMT+8),

presided over by Hon. Wong Shu Qi, Member of the House of Representatives of Malaysia.

*The Joint Communiqué of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly is appended as [Annex W](#).*

## **XII. CLOSING CEREMONY**

152. The Closing Ceremony of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly was held on Saturday, 20 September 2025 at 15:30 hrs (GMT+8) immediately after the Second Plenary Session.

### **Presentation of the AIPA Distinguished Service Awards**

153. The 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly agreed to confer the AIPA Distinguished Service Award upon Hon. Jose C. De Venecia Jr., President of AIPA in 1994 and 2006 and former Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, and Hon. Lim Biow Chuan, former Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore, in recognition of their meritorious service to AIPA.

### **Conferment Ceremony of New AIPA Observer Parliaments**

154. The 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly agreed to confer Observer status upon the National People's Assembly of Algeria. The Delegation from Algeria was formally invited to receive a copy of the Resolution on Accrediting the National People's Assembly of Algeria as an Observer of AIPA.

### **Transfer of Office of the Secretary General of AIPA**

155. The transfer of office of the Secretary General of AIPA took place during the Closing Ceremony of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly. H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanthy Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, the outgoing 6<sup>th</sup> Secretary General, formally handed over the Instrument of Transfer to H.E. Dr. Chem Widhya, the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Secretary General, in the presence of AIPA President.

### **Speech by outgoing Secretary General of AIPA**


156. The outgoing 6<sup>th</sup> Secretary General of AIPA, H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanthy Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, delivered her farewell remarks during the transfer of office to the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Secretary General. She expressed gratitude, humility, and hope as she reflected on her journey since assuming office in January 2023, when she was entrusted with developing AIPA's first ever Strategic Plan. She noted that the Strategic Plan, adopted at the 44<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in

Indonesia, has since served as a guiding framework for the institution. She also highlighted initiatives advanced under her tenure, including the Plan of Action and Implementation Framework on Women's Political Participation and Leadership (WPPL), the Parliamentary Implementation Framework on ASEAN RAI, and expanded outreach through platforms such as the AIPA Roadshow, AIPACast, and Model AIPA.

157. In her remarks, the Secretary General conveyed deep appreciation to AIPA Member Parliaments, Observer Parliaments, and external partners for their trust and collaboration in driving these initiatives. She paid special tribute to the Secretariat team, describing them as young, dedicated, and resourceful colleagues whose ideas and energy had been instrumental to AIPA's progress. She also reflected on the nature of the Secretary General's position as a strategic, though non-political, role that must embody ASEAN identity and values beyond national boundaries. While acknowledging that her energetic pace had become a hallmark of her leadership, she emphasised that effective implementation of resolutions required the ownership and active support of Member Parliaments, not solely the Secretariat.
158. Looking ahead, she encouraged her successor to continue nurturing the Secretariat team as AIPA's greatest asset and to carry forward key initiatives such as the WPPL and ASEAN RAI, while also developing new ideas under their leadership. She expressed confidence that AIPA's strength lies in the collective will of its Members and the Secretariat to uphold its Statutes and serve the voices of the peoples of ASEAN. In closing, she extended her gratitude for the honour of serving as the 6<sup>th</sup> Secretary General of AIPA and reaffirmed her hope that AIPA will continue to grow as a relevant, resilient, and respected institution.

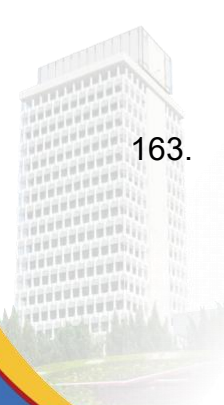
### ***Speech by incoming Secretary General of AIPA***

159. At the Closing Ceremony of the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly, Dr. Chem Widhya delivered his acceptance speech as the 7<sup>th</sup> Secretary General of AIPA, succeeding H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman. In his acceptance remarks, Dr. Widhya expressed profound gratitude to all ASEAN Member Parliaments for the trust and confidence placed in him, noting that his appointment was both a personal honour and a recognition for the National Assembly and the Kingdom of Cambodia. He pledged to serve AIPA with dedication, impartiality, and a strong commitment to upholding ASEAN unity and solidarity in pursuit of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045.

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160. The Secretary General paid tribute to his predecessor, highlighting her leadership in advancing the AIPA Strategic Plan, frameworks on Women's Political Participation and Leadership, and the ASEAN Guidelines on Responsible Investment in Food, Agriculture and Forestry, as well as her efforts in expanding AIPA's outreach through initiatives such as the AIPA Roadshow, AIPACast, and Model AIPA. He underscored that these achievements have left a lasting legacy and assured that he would carry forward the momentum built under her stewardship. Reflecting on his earlier experience as Cambodia's Senior Official in ASEAN forums, Dr. Widhya emphasised the enduring importance of ASEAN's unity, dialogue, and consensus, and recognised AIPA's essential role in connecting regional decision-making to the aspirations of the peoples it represents.
161. Looking ahead, Dr. Widhya underlined his view of the Secretary General's role as strategic, representing AIPA within and beyond the region. He affirmed that his guiding principle will be to serve AIPA with "an ASEAN heart," grounded in the Statutes and mandates entrusted by its Members. He reiterated the importance of ownership and engagement by all Member Parliaments for the effective implementation of AIPA's mandates, and expressed his strong commitment to supporting the House of Representatives of the Philippines as they assume the 47<sup>th</sup> AIPA Presidency. In closing, he reaffirmed his dedication to working hand in hand with Member Parliaments, National Secretariats, Observers, and partners to ensure AIPA continues to grow as a credible, responsive, and people-centred institution.

*The Instrument of Transfer of Office of the Secretary General of AIPA and the speeches delivered by the outgoing and incoming Secretary General of AIPA, are appended as [Annex X](#).*

#### **Transfer of Office of the President of AIPA**

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162. H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia and outgoing President of AIPA, handed over the signed Instrument of Transfer to Hon. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza, Head of Delegation of the Philippines, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, who received it on behalf of the incoming President of AIPA, H.E. Faustino "Bojie" G. Dy III.
163. Following this, H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul, outgoing President of AIPA, handed over the AIPA gavel and the AIPA flag to Hon. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza.

***Acceptance Speech by the House of Representatives of the Philippines  
as the incoming President of AIPA***

164. Hon. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza, Head of Delegation of the Philippines, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, then delivered the Acceptance Speech on behalf of H.E. Faustino "Bojie" G. Dy III, Incoming President of AIPA. In his speech, he expressed gratitude for the confidence placed in the Philippines and for Malaysia's warm hospitality. He commended the leadership of H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul and acknowledged the AIPA Secretariat's stewardship. He affirmed that AIPA's mandate places parliaments at the centre of inclusive growth and a sustainable ASEAN, underscoring that parliamentarians are the people's voice and must translate aspirations into policy and action.
165. Looking ahead, the Incoming President pledged to advance equitable development and champion sustainability as a core responsibility to future generations. He recognised continuing economic uncertainties, environmental challenges, and a shifting geopolitical landscape, and stressed that ASEAN's unity remains its enduring strength. He called for leadership grounded in courage, empathy, and mutual respect, and for closer cooperation among Member Parliaments to convert regional commitments into national delivery.
166. In closing, Honourable committed to uphold cooperation, parliamentary diplomacy, and regional unity throughout Philippines' AIPA presidency in 2026. He emphasised practical collaboration on connectivity, human capital, and resilient growth, and encouraged constructive engagement with ASEAN bodies, civil society, and the private sector to deliver tangible benefits for ASEAN's peoples. He accepted the presidency with humility and looked forward to welcoming AIPA to Manila next year.

*The Instrument of Transfer of the President of AIPA and the Acceptance Speech by the House of Representatives of the Philippines as the incoming President of AIPA are appended as [Annex Y](#).*

**Closing Remarks by H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul, President of AIPA and Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia**

167. His Excellency Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul, President of AIPA and Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia, expressed his deep appreciation to all delegates for their active participation, valuable insights, and constructive engagement during the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly. He recalled

that Kuala Lumpur was not just the venue of a meeting, but a stage for turning aspirations into action, where parliaments showed their ability to transform cooperation into commitments.

168. His Excellency highlighted five key milestones of Malaysia's presidency: the adoption of resolutions on political-security, economic integration, social inclusivity, climate action, women and youth empowerment, and cooperation with ASEAN and Observer Parliaments; the 4<sup>th</sup> AIPA-ASEAN Hearing to institutionalise dialogue with ASEAN leaders; the 5<sup>th</sup> Model AIPA, hosted for the first time outside Jakarta; the launch of the "Now & Future" conference and exhibition linking parliaments with real-world innovation; and the the proposed new AIPA anthem *Together We Thrive*, symbolising ASEAN's unity and resilience.
169. His Excellency called on all AIPA Member Parliaments to actively disseminate, adopt, and implement the resolutions, and to strengthen AIPA's monitoring mechanisms to ensure credibility and impact. He extended appreciation to Member Parliaments, Observers, Dialogue Partners, and committees for their support, while congratulating the Philippines as the next host of the 47<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly. Concluding, His Excellency underlined that Malaysia's Presidency was about strengthening trust, broadening participation, and leaving innovations that will continue to shape AIPA, before officially declaring the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly closed.

*The Closing Remarks by H.E. Tan Sri Dato' (Dr.) Johari bin Abdul, President of AIPA and Speaker of the House of Representatives is appended as [Annex Z](#).*

170. With the delivery of the Closing Remarks, the 46<sup>th</sup> AIPA General Assembly was officially concluded.