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Towards ASEAN Community 2025*

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**DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
LOCALISING THE SDG FOR EFFECTIVE NATIONAL
IMPLEMENTATION**

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The Forty-Second General Assembly:

Guided by the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on ASEAN 2025: *Forging Ahead Together* and the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 of a peaceful, stable, and resilient Community with enhanced capacity to respond effectively to challenges;

Referring to the United Nations resolution on “*Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*” adopted at the UN Sustainable Development Summit on 25 September 2015 in New York, the Decade of Action announced in September 2019 for accelerating sustainable solutions to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic;

Taking note of the New Urban Agenda adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) on 20 October 2016 in Quito, Ecuador, as the key instrument for enabling national, sub-national and local government and all stakeholders to achieve sustainable urban development;

Fully aware that the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development requires the involvement of the people, national, sub-national and local government, civil society organisations, private sectors, as well as robust participation of parliamentarians to be relevant, representative and applicable to the communities being served;

Taking note of the outcome of the ASEAN-China-UNDP Symposium on “Localising the SDGs and realising poverty eradication” in Siem Reap, Cambodia in 2018, strengthening the governance at the local level can make a significant impact in developing and implementing inclusive and coherent policies;

Acknowledging that parliamentarians can play an active role to seek and consider inputs, legislate, review budgets and monitor programme delivery to ensure laws and policies contribute to achieving the 2030 Agenda;

Stresses the importance of enabling institutional framework and structure for better coordination and cooperation as well as clear communication between and within decision-making bodies in the national, sub-national and local government, civil society organisations, private sector and relevant stakeholders, are critical areas for effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

Further acknowledging the challenges to design mechanisms and strategies that ensure the spirit of the 2030 Agenda trickles down to the local level, integrating them into policies and governance framework, and makes real impacts;

Fully aware that digitalisation offers an opportunity to improve interaction, better coordination and cooperation among multi-stakeholders;

Noting with deep concern, the digital divide between and within the ASEAN Member States has impacted the flow of information between the States and affect the overall push towards social and economic integration;

Noting the need to enhance capacity-building support on data availability, data accessibility, data quality, and timely information is critical to enable practical assessment of the impact, effectively monitor progress as well as to quantify and qualify the 2030 Agenda indicators;

Mindful that sharing of knowledge and exchange of good practices among the AIPA Member Parliaments can be valuable opportunities for Peer-to-Peer Partnerships and Learning to accelerate localised SDG initiatives;

Bearing in mind the importance of creating an environment that facilitates new initiatives, innovation and partnerships with the private sector to align strategies with sustainable development objectives and funding the initiatives.

Hereby resolves to:

Encourage the AIPA Member Parliaments, state assemblies, sub-national and local governments to raise awareness on the transformative potential of the 2030 Agenda and build a national consensus to harmonise the SDG into the national development plan, thus creating ownership, commitment and accountability;

Consider the setting up of a mechanism to communicate and receive input among the communities, parliament, sub-national and local government, civil society organisations and private sector and build their perspectives into the framework of the 2030 Agenda implementation plans;

Call upon parliamentarians to review priorities, policies, strategies and gaps to enhance the role of sub-national and local government to leverage the 2030 Agenda with standards and indicators that have the depth and local relevance;

Remind the AIPA Member Parliaments to eliminate laws, regulations, policies and practices that discriminate or restrict the participation of women, the poor, vulnerable, marginalised, and minority groups in respect of their participating and expressing their opinion in all levels of decision-making;

Encourage the AIPA Member Parliaments to participate in regular and inclusive review including the Voluntary National Review process to ensure that implementation is on track and can be calibrated after feedback and evaluation;

Call on parliamentarians to address the digital divide in the local communities and provide the appropriate infrastructure and support needed for all groups to have equal access to information and digital services;

Promote the usage of technological advances to facilitate public access to services and general information, establish two-way communication, deliver efficient urban management, and enable an innovative ecosystem for the digital economy;

Call upon the ASEAN Member States to improve the availability and quality of disaggregated data and, in turn, use that data for informed decision-making process to implement and monitor the SDGs as well as filling gaps;

Call upon parliamentarians to review policies to develop innovative and coherent programmes for upskilling and reskilling that assure digital connectivity and participation for the poor, the vulnerable and marginalised groups;

Promote multi-stakeholder and multi-lateral cooperation to forge the path to advance the 2030 Agenda;

Further encourages parliamentarians to strengthen cooperation with private sectors to foster sustainable development and present opportunities from digitalisation, green economy, social protection and poverty eradication programmes and innovative technologies, thus providing options for more environmentally friendly choices, boost sustainable economic growth and improve service delivery;

Promote cooperation among the AIPA Member Parliaments to overcome challenges and reinvigorate efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda for socio-economic benefits, and mitigate and recovery from COVID-19 pandemic;

Adopted on the twenty fifth day of August two thousand twenty one in Brunei Darussalam.
