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**RESOLUTION ON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM**

**The Thirty-Seventh General Assembly of AIPA:**

**Recalling** the following resolutions (a) Resolution on “Promoting cultural and eco-tourism to stimulate economic growth” (Res. 26GA/2006/Eco/01), (b) Resolution on “Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change” (Res. 29GA/2008/Soc/04), (c) Resolution on “Promoting Economic Growth and Sustainable Development Towards Narrowing Development Gap in ASEAN” (Res. 32GA/2011/Eco/01), (d) Resolution on “the Creation of a Green Economy to Promote Sustainable Development” (Res.33GA/2012/ Eco/02), and (e) Resolution on “Promoting the Role of AIPA in Response to Challenges of ASEAN Economic Community and Supporting Green Growth” (Res.34GA/2013/Eco/02) all of which promote sustainable economies through green growth economic policies;

**Noting** the overall contribution of tourism sector in ASEAN to reduce poverty and increase economic welfare and thus enhance the living standard in the region

**Recognizing** the fact that ASEAN enjoys a unique eco-system, there is a challenge to balance the sustainable environmental development goals, economic benefits and tourism growth;

**Also noting** the possible impact of tourism sector in causing pressure on the environment and natural heritage.

**Recognizing** the importance of eco-tourism to promote economic development as well as cultural exchanges and environmental preservation.

**Recognizing** the adoption of ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan 2016-2025 and its vision to provide a quality tourism destination while offering a unique, diverse ASEAN experience, and to be committed to responsible, sustainable, inclusive and balanced tourism development, so as to contribute significantly to the socio-economic well-being of ASEAN people

**Being aware** that the development of tourism would enhance better understanding about multi-culture within ASEAN which helps uphold the spirit of mutual respect, friendship, cooperation and harmony among different cultural communities in the region;

**Hereby resolves to:**

**Urge** ASEAN member states to exert efforts to enact laws and adapt policies that will grant incentives to promote and develop eco-tourism.

**Call upon** ASEAN Member Governments to implement AIPA's recommendations; strengthen cooperation for better mutual understanding and respect for cultural diversity of ASEAN.

**Encourage** all AIPA members to consider participatory planning and stringent environmental policy for the conservation of natural resources and cultural heritage ;

**Request** all AIPA members to continuously utilize ASEAN Tourism Standards for green hotels and to provide funding for climate change adaptation and mitigation in tourism sector;

**Request** AIPA to create a joint cooperation with ASEAN Tourism Committee to conduct a study on the issues of sustainable tourism development and to harmonize laws for sustainable tourism;

**Enhance** cooperation within ASEAN and between ASEAN and international community to mobilize technical support as well as investment in sustainable tourism projects for green growth in ASEAN

**Promote** regional cooperation that raise capacity and capability of tourism professionals towards the concept of sustainable tourism and to further disseminate the concept of sustainable tourism in national and local government level;

**Promote** the use continuous evaluation system; monitoring and accreditation of tourism services, the adoption of environmentally friendly and energy conservation initiative and to

encourage the development of ASEAN Sustainable Tourism indicators alongside partners such as World Tourism Organizations, UNEP and other related stakeholders.

**Urge** the ASEAN Member Governments to create favorable conditions for their people to develop tourism business, make incentives and policies for community-based tourism for a people-centred sustainable tourism

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