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## RESOLUTION ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS EMERGING FROM MIGRATION

## The Thirtieth AIPA General Assembly:

Aware that there are increasing flows of migrants into ASEAN due to political and economic reasons from within the region and overseas;

Mindful that there is an ASEAN Declaration on Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers and parliamentary support is vital to realize the Declaration on Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers;

Mindful that there are health and social problems emerging from migration and these problems are fast over-stretching the capacities and capabilities of the receiving countries to mitigate them and in reducing their effects to the welfare of their peoples;

Conscious of the labor aspect in providing job security, social welfare, and heath-care to the migrants.

## Hereby resolves to:

Work with ASEAN to improve policies, strategies and actions to address health and social problems emerging from migration;

Provide legislative support for promotion of managed labor migration through formal legal channel, by means of nationality identification, health screening before entering into the labor market either at the sending or receiving countries, ensure the provision of health insurance for labor migrants and their family members where applicable;

Engage with ASEAN External Parties and AIPA Dialogue Partners as well as international organizations, and the international parliamentary networks on capacity-building activities for parliamentary officials regarding their function on legislative monitor and oversight;

Establish an AIPA Fact-Finding Committee on Migration to comprehensively address of the migration issue in ASEAN;

Provide legislative and parliamentary supports to

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- and provide migrant workers, who may be victims of discrimination, abuse, exploitation, violence, with adequate access to the legal and judicial system of the receiving states;
- Il Strengthen policies and procedures in the sending state to facilitate aspects of migration workers, including recruitment, preparation for deployment overseas and protection of the migrant workers when abroad as well as repatriation and reintegration to the countries of origin;
- III Establish and promote legal practice of the sending state to regulate recruitment of migrant workers and adopt mechanisms to eliminate recruitment malpractices through legal and valid contracts, regulation, and accreditation of recruitment agencies and employers, and blacklisting and prosecuting negligent/unlawful agencies.