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**RESOLUTION ON
CREATING JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND DECENT WORKING
CONDITIONS IN THE PROCESS OF ENHANCING SUSTAINABLE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Thirty-Seventh AIPA General Assembly:

Recognising the vital role of creating job opportunities and decent work conditions in enhancing sustainable economic development, combating poverty, inequality and exclusion, and maintaining peace and security in the region;

Fulfilling the Sustainable Development Goal-8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all;

Recalling ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers, adopted at the 12th ASEAN Summit in Cebu, Philippines in 2007;

Recalling further Chairman Statement of the 23rd ASEAN Summit, issued in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam in 2013, which reiterated the importance of job creation;

Welcoming the adoption of the ASEAN Guiding Principles for Quality Assurance and Recognition of Competency Certification Systems and the ASEAN Guidelines for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);

Viewing with appreciation the Vientiane Declaration on Transition from Informal Employment to Formal Employment towards Decent Work Promotion in ASEAN, issued at the 24th ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting held in Lao PDR on 6 May 2016;

Recognising the significant involvement of migrant workers in the socio-economic development of both receiving and sending states of ASEAN.

Hereby resolves to:

Urge ASEAN Member States and AIPA member parliaments to commit in creating an enabling policy, and a legal framework, based on global labour conventions, to protect workers' rights, to eliminate all kinds of abuse and against discrimination in the work place, and to facilitate the trans-border movement of workers;

Call on ASEAN Member States to rationalize the distribution of capital and labor in public spending to generate decent jobs for all men and women including the young people and persons with disabilities;

Ensure equal and effective fundamental rights, dignity and social protection for all migrant workers and family members already residing with them, to promote economic equity and make labour markets more efficient;

Improve work options for people in the rural areas by making available high-quality infrastructure including electricity, telecommunication and transportation;

Encourage ASEAN Member States to support the development of institutions for lifelong learning and vocational training for increasing

skilled labour and labour productivity; benchmark against the international vocational training standard;

Encourage all stakeholders to closely coordinate and cooperate for equal pay for work of equal value;

Recommend ASEAN Member States to create decent jobs by promoting regional cultures and products for ASEAN single tourist destination.

Adopted on 1st October 2016 during the 37th AIPA General Assembly in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.