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**The Role of Parliaments in Enhancing Connectivity and Inclusive Growth of ASEAN**

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## CONCEPT NOTE

### DIALOGUE PANEL BETWEEN AIPA MEMBER PARLIAMENTS AND OBSERVER PARLIAMENT

#### *Parliamentary Cooperation Towards Integration and Inclusive Growth*

The world today faces a multitude of challenges, including terrorism, extremism, military and geopolitical conflicts, economic crises, natural disasters, epidemics, and climate change. In this context, it is essential for countries to enhance cooperation and solidarity to effectively address these shared concerns.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, a robust partnership emerged between AIPA Member Parliaments and Observer Parliaments, highlighting the value of parliamentary cooperation in tackling global challenges. This collaboration extended beyond managing the public health crisis to include mitigating its socio-economic impacts within the ASEAN region and beyond, demonstrating the critical role that parliamentary diplomacy plays in fostering mutual support and shared solutions.

As we navigate a landscape filled with both opportunities and challenges, there is an urgent need for AIPA Member Parliaments and Observer Parliaments to deepen their collaboration. Observer Parliaments, with their diverse perspectives and interests in promoting stability, prosperity, and sustainable development in the ASEAN region, have much to contribute to these efforts. By strengthening solidarity, enhancing mutual understanding, and sharing knowledge and technology, both AIPA and Observer Parliaments can work together to bring greater benefits to their people, promoting regional integration and inclusive growth.

The objective of the meeting is to advance parliamentary cooperation towards integration and inclusive growth by facilitating a platform for dialogue among ASEAN parliaments and Observer Parliaments. Delegates will engage in meaningful discussions, exchanging ideas and insights to strengthen cooperation in addressing shared challenges, supporting ASEAN's strategic goals, and promoting legislative initiatives that drive integration and



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inclusive growth. The meeting will also explore how Observer Parliaments can align their interests with ASEAN's priorities, contributing their expertise and resources to foster deeper regional collaboration.

Key areas for discussion include:

1. How can AIPA Member Parliaments and Observer Parliaments enhance collaboration to promote peace, stability, and security at both regional and global levels, while aligning the interests of Observer Parliaments with ASEAN's objectives to strengthen solidarity, mutual understanding, and advance integration and inclusive growth?
2. In what ways can AIPA and Observer Parliaments their partnerships to develop joint initiatives for sharing knowledge and experiences in lawmaking, strategic development, policy-making, and other areas of mutual interest, thereby supporting regional integration and inclusive growth?
3. What practical strategies can be adopted by AIPA Member Parliaments and Observer Parliaments to improve cooperation mechanisms that support the advancement of connectivity which is vital for integration and inclusive growth?
4. How can AIPA and Observer Parliaments collaborate to strengthen mechanisms and measures for addressing common challenges such as climate change and its impact to food, water, and energy security?