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## RESOLUTION ON THE EXPANSION AND DEEPENING OF ASEAN+3 COOPERATION

**The Twenty-third General Assembly:**

**Noting with satisfaction** the significant progress made in the cooperation between ASEAN and China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea (ASEAN plus 3);

**Acknowledging** the positive and important contributions made by the three dialogue partners in the ASEAN plus 3 cooperation mechanism to ASEAN integration and to the narrowing of the development gap within ASEAN by providing assistance to ASEAN newer Member Countries, namely Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam;

**Fully aware** of the vast potential and bright prospect of the strengthened ASEAN plus 3 cooperation mechanism;

**Taking into account** the emerging challenges, opportunities, inter-dependence and interaction in the globalization process and the era of information technology;

**Realizing** the importance of the closer ASEAN plus 3 integration to the promotion of peace, stability, development, and progress in East Asia and the world;

**Hereby resolves:**

**To continue** endeavouring to promote ASEAN plus 3 dialogues and cooperation in areas of priority and mutual benefit;

**To encourage and facilitate** cooperation in the fields of economy, trade, investment, finance, banking, small - and - medium - sized enterprise development, technology transfer and human resource development;

**To call for** the expansion of cooperation into other areas of great potential, such as tourism and agriculture with a view to capitalizing on the comparative advantages of East Asian countries;

**To support** the efforts made by Governments and private sectors of ASEAN Member Countries to strongly involve in the ASEAN plus 3 cooperation to facilitate ASEAN's economic development and improve its people's well-being in the interest of the region's economic, political and social stability;

**To assist** ASEAN Member Governments in their efforts to strengthen ASEAN's role as the driving force in the ASEAN plus 3 cooperation;

**To call upon** the plus three partners to assist ASEAN newer Member Countries in priority areas where the former have advantages, such as science-technology, human resource development and infrastructure in a bid to narrow the development gap in the region and facilitate the latter's effective integration.

