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RESOLUTION ON THE PRESERVATION OF ASEAN CULTURAL IDENTITY

The Twenty-third General Assembly:

Cognizant of the goal set in ASEAN Vision 2020 that "by 2020, the entire Southeast Asia is envisioned to be an ASEAN community conscious of its ties of history, aware of its cultural heritage and bound by a common regional identity" and the outcomes of the 36th Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Culture and Information held in Hanoi, Vietnam from 8th to 12th April 2002;

Realizing that the common interests and shared values forming an ASEAN cultural identity are extremely important foundations to ensure the vitality and growth of ASEAN; and reiterating the importance of culture as an effective means to unite Southeast Asian nations in an ASEAN community;

Being aware that globalization brings countries closer to each other with more cultural exchanges, thus enhancing the understanding of different cultures, but also threatens preservation of cultural values; and

Applauding ASEAN Members' efforts in promoting cultural exchanges and co-operation to build a rich ASEAN culture.

Hereby resolves:

- a) **To call upon** ASEAN Members, while preserving and developing their own cultural identities, to respect the cultural identities of other Members, and on a selective basis absorb the quintessence of other cultures with a view to preserving, developing and enriching ASEAN cultural identity;
- b) **To urge** ASEAN Members to play a more active role in promoting exchanges and mutual understanding among cultures of ASEAN members in the region as well as with the other parts of the world with a view to increasing the public awareness on and respect for shared values in a diverse ASEAN, which set solid foundations for a diverse cultural identity of ASEAN.

