

## Press Release: Members of Parliaments Gather for Seminar on Advancing the Women, Peace & Security (WPS) Agenda through Armed Violence Prevention

JAKARTA, INDONESIA - The Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons (PFSALW) in collaboration with the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) is hosting a hybrid regional seminar entitled “*Connecting the Dots: Advancing the implementation of the Women, Peace & Security (WPS) agenda by enhancing parliamentary capacity and action in Asia*” on 4-5 October 2023 in Jakarta.

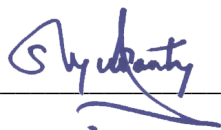
The purpose of the seminar is to strengthen the role of parliamentarians in peace and security processes, including women parliamentarians who are generally underrepresented in such efforts, as well as to enhance parliamentary capacity, action and leverage on the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda and other relevant frameworks for peace and security, such as the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (UN PoA).

This year marks the fourth regional seminar that brings together AIPA Member Parliaments and other relevant stakeholders and aims to discuss and revise the current regional Parliamentary Action Plan 2022 for consideration by the AIPA Member Parliaments.

“Strengthening the role of parliamentarians in peace and security decision-making processes, including women parliamentarians, who are often underrepresented in such efforts, is fundamental. Today’s regional seminar is a testament of our collective commitment to advance the WPS Agenda in this region”. - says H.E. Ar. Siti Rozaimeryanty Dato Haji Abdul Rahman, Secretary General of AIPA.

“The prevention of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW)-related violence is vital for achieving peace and security, including the WPS Agenda, and requires legislative, oversight and awareness raising actions by parliamentarians in Southeast Asia. Moreover, the equal participation of women in such initiatives is vital”– says Ms. Karin Olofsson, Secretary General of PFSALW.

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