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Introducción

Del 17 al 21 de enero de 2016 se llevó a cabo la 24ª Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia Pacífico (APPF, por sus siglas en inglés), la cual tuvo lugar en Vancouver, Canadá. La delegación del H. Congreso de la Unión estuvo conformada por los senadores Marcela Guerra Castillo, Daniel Gabriel Ávila Ruiz y Jorge Aréchiga Ávila; así como por los diputados Jasmine María Bugarín Rodríguez, Abel Murrieta Gutiérrez, Javier Octavio Herrera Borunda, José Teodoro Barraza López y Arturo Santana Alfaro. Como parte del Consulado de México en Vancouver, la Dra. Claudia Franco Hijuelos, Cónsul General; el Consejero Atanacio Campos Miramontes, Cónsul Adscrito; y el Lic. Fidel Herrera Borunda, Segundo Secretario, apoyaron en los trabajos a la delegación mexicana.

La 24ª Reunión Anual Parlamentaria contó con la asistencia de 252 participantes, de ellos 113 legisladores, de 20 países miembro y un país observador, entre los cuales destacan: Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Camboya, Canadá, Chile, China, Ecuador, Fiji, Indonesia, Japón, Corea del Sur, Laos, Malasia, México, Micronesia, Nueva Zelanda, Papúa Nueva Guinea, Rusia, Singapur, Tailandia y Vietnam.



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La Delegación del H. Congreso de la Unión durante el primer día de actividades de la 24ª. Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia Pacífico (APPF) en Vancouver, Canadá. Los senadores Jorge Aréchiga Ávila, Integrante de la Comisión de Comercio y Fomento Industrial; el diputado Arturo Santana Alfaro, Secretario de la Comisión de Transportes; la senadora Marcela Guerra Castillo, Presidenta de la Comisión de Relaciones Exteriores, América del Norte; la diputada Jasmine Bugarín Rodríguez, Integrante de la Comisión de Relaciones Exteriores; la Dra. Claudia Franco Hijuelos, Cónsul General de México en Vancouver; el diputado Javier Octavio Herrera Borunda, Secretario de la Comisión de Cambio Climático; y el diputado José Teodoro Barraza López, Secretario de la Comisión de Presupuesto y Cuenta Pública.



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Inauguración de la 24ª Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia Pacífico (APPF)

El 18 de enero de 2016, el Sr. Donald Neil Plett, senador de Canadá y Presidente del Foro Parlamentario Asia Pacífico, encabezó la ceremonia de inauguración de la 24ª Reunión Anual, acompañado del Hon. Sr. George J. Furey, Presidente del Senado y del Hon. Sr. Geoff Regan, Presidente de la Casa de los Comunes, ambos del Parlamento canadiense. Asimismo, estuvieron presentes el Diputado Mayor Heather Deal; el Sr. Takuji Yanagimoto, Miembro de la Cámara de Representantes y Jefe de la Delegación de Japón; el Sr. Stéphane Dion, Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores de Canadá y la Sra. Pam Goldsmith-Jones, Secretaria Parlamentaria del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de dicha nación.

En el mensaje inaugural, el Hon. Sr. George J. Furey, señaló la importancia de este foro al concentrar en un solo lugar a parlamentarios de toda la región, con el objetivo de profundizar en temas de interés común, y al mismo tiempo forjar nuevos lazos de cooperación y amistad.

Indicó que en una era de creciente comunicación e interdependencia como en la que vivimos, la distancia geográfica en la región Asia-Pacífico no ha sido una barrera, uniendo cada vez más a sus sociedades, mercados y culturas.

El Senador Furey también subrayó que la cooperación parlamentaria es pieza clave del compromiso regional que tienen los países miembros del APPF, pues la promoción de una mayor identificación y cooperación regional para lograr paz, libertad, democracia y prosperidad sigue siendo crucial para generar un mayor crecimiento económico y bienestar en las sociedades.

Por otro lado, el Hon. Sr. Geoff Regan, Presidente de la Casa de los Comunes de Canadá, mencionó que la agenda temática de esta Reunión Anual comprendía la discusión de



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numerosos desafíos en la región, por lo que la cooperación parlamentaria debía desarrollarse desde una visión cohesiva.

El Sr. Takuji Yanagimoto, a nombre del Presidente Honorario del APPF, Sr. Yasuhiro Nakasone, puntualizó que los eventos económicos que se han gestado en el último año tales como la reunión del Foro de Cooperación Económica Asia-Pacífico (APEC) en Manila, Filipinas, y la conclusión de las negociaciones del Tratado de Asociación Transpacífico (TPP), han sentado las bases para un sistema multilateral de comercio en esta región.

Sin embargo, destacó que han persistido cuestiones que atentan contra la seguridad y la paz en Asia-Pacífico y el mundo, como lo son la situación en Siria y los refugiados; los ataques terroristas que tuvieron lugar en París; el cambio climático, así como la propagación de enfermedades como el ébola. En este contexto, el APPF se percibe como un espacio idóneo para promover el mutuo respeto, entendimiento y confianza basados en los principios de tolerancia, flexibilidad, solidaridad y armonía, reflejándose en una mayor estabilidad económica, paz y seguridad en Asia-Pacífico.



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El Hon. Sr. Donald Neil Plett, senador de Canadá y Presidente del Foro Parlamentario Asia Pacífico durante su discurso inaugural de la 24ª. Reunión Anual.



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El Hon. Sr. George J. Furey, Presidente del Senado de Canadá durante la ceremonia de inauguración de la 24ª. Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia Pacífico



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El diputado Abel Murrieta Gutiérrez, Secretario de la Comisión de Recursos Hidráulicos; el senador Jorge Aréchiga Ávila, Integrante de la Comisión de Comercio y Fomento Industrial y la senadora Marcela Guerra Castillo, Presidenta de la Comisión de Relaciones Exteriores, América del Norte durante la sesión inaugural de la 24ª. Reunión Anual del APPF.



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Mujeres Parlamentarias



Fotografía oficial de la reunión de Mujeres parlamentarias con las legisladoras representantes de las delegaciones participantes en la 24. Reunión Anual del APPF. Encuentro presidido por la Dra. Nurhayati Ali Assegaf Presidenta de la Comisión de Cooperación Interparlamentaria de la Cámara de Representantes de Indonesia y la Hon. Sra. Mobina Jaffer, senadora de Canadá.

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Mujeres Parlamentarias



Senadora Marcela Guerra con la Dra. Nurhayati Ali Assegaf, legisladora de Indonesia, en la Reunión de Mujeres Parlamentarias, en el marco de la 24a. Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia Pacífico (APPF).

Como parte de las actividades de la 24ª Reunión Anual del APPF, se realizó el primer encuentro de mujeres parlamentarias, reuniendo a más de 40 legisladores entre hombres y mujeres de 14 países miembros, en la que participaron la senadora Marcela Guerra Castillo, Presidenta de la Comisión de Relaciones Exteriores, América del Norte del Senado de la República, y la diputada Jasmine Bugarín Rodríguez, integrante de la Comisión de Relaciones Exteriores de la Cámara de Diputados.

Durante el encuentro de mujeres parlamentarias, el Hon. Sr. Geoff Regan en su discurso inaugural puntualizó la importancia de la equidad de género como base para la igualdad de oportunidades

en la vida pública y política de las sociedades; recalcando que el empoderamiento y



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participación de la mujer forman parte de la estructura esencial para asuntos cívicos, democráticos, de paz y prosperidad en el mundo.

El Presidente Regan agregó que si bien en los últimos años ha habido avances en la representación de la mujer en los parlamentos, se requiere de un trabajo conjunto para que existan mayores oportunidades de inclusión en la toma de decisiones por parte de las legisladoras. Concluyó que la 24ª Reunión Anual del APPF será clave para asegurar que la perspectiva de género se incluya en los futuros trabajos de este foro.

En este encuentro se abordaron tres temas centrales: los desafíos que implica una mayor representación de la mujer en los parlamentos; la creación de condiciones para incrementar la participación de la mujer en la vida pública y política; y el financiamiento inclusivo para las mujeres.

En particular, se hizo énfasis en que Asia-Pacífico es una de las regiones en donde los desastres naturales tienen un gran impacto.

En este tema, el liderazgo de las mujeres en la construcción de resiliencia es fundamental para compartir experiencias, conocimiento y herramientas que resulten en un bienestar de los ciudadanos de esta región.

Finalmente la participación de las mujeres en este encuentro y en las diversas sesiones del APPF, coadyuvó a destacar el papel de las mismas en los diferentes ámbitos de la vida social, política y económica; además de generar un ambiente de respeto y de legitimidad para mujeres y hombres, en donde ambos puedan desarrollar cualquier tipo de actividad.

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Sesión de trabajo del encuentro de Mujeres parlamentarias en el marco de la 24a. Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia Pacífico (APPF). En dicha reunión participaron 44 legisladores de 14 países miembros de APPF.



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Primera sesión plenaria: Asuntos políticos y de seguridad

Conforme a la agenda temática aprobada por el Comité Ejecutivo del APPF, la primera sesión plenaria abordó los Asuntos Políticos y de Seguridad en la región. En este sentido, las delegaciones participantes abordaron diferentes contenidos, principalmente el combate al terrorismo; la importancia de contribuir en el proceso de paz entre Palestina e Israel; y la importancia de Medio Oriente en la comunidad internacional.

La delegación mexicana ante el H. Congreso de la Unión presentó un proyecto de resolución sobre el “Combate al terrorismo”. La senadora Marcela Guerra Castillo refrendó la condena del gobierno mexicano sobre el terrorismo en todas sus formas y manifestaciones, siendo una amenaza directa para la paz y seguridad de los pueblos. Agregó que México ha tenido un papel preponderante en acciones para combatir al terrorismo, reflejándose en la adopción del proyecto de resolución sobre la protección de los derechos humanos y las libertades fundamentales en la lucha contra el terrorismo presentado en la Tercera Comisión de la Asamblea General de la Organización de las



La delegación mexicana conformada por los senadores Jorge Aréchiga Ávila; Daniel Ávila Ruiz y Marcela Guerra Castillo; y los diputados Jasmine Bugarín Rodríguez; Javier Herrera Borunda; José Teodoro Barraza López; Abel Murrieta López y Arturo Santana Alfaro durante la primera sesión plenaria del APPF.



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Esta resolución reitera el compromiso de la comunidad internacional para respetar sus obligaciones internacionales en la materia, asegurando el derecho a la privacidad y garantizando la participación plena y efectiva de la mujer en la formulación y examen de medidas de lucha contra el terrorismo.

Bajo esta tesitura, la senadora Guerra señaló que para combatir esta problemática, la delegación mexicana proponía incentivar la protección y defensa del derecho internacional y las libertades fundamentales de la sociedad internacional, estimulando el apoyo a las víctimas del terrorismo, logrando su inclusión social y reincorporación a la sociedad; al igual que desarrollar una coordinación y cohesión eficiente entre los parlamentos de la región, a fin de dar respuestas a emergencias humanitarias provocadas por estas amenazas. Por lo anterior, afirmó que el APPF es el espacio propicio para generar el intercambio de opiniones, información y tecnología para la prevención y luchar contra esta



La senadora Marcela Guerra Castillo, Presidenta de la Comisión de Relaciones Exteriores, América del Norte, refrendando el proyecto de resolución de México en materia de Combate al terrorismo durante la primera sesión plenaria referente a “Asuntos políticos y de seguridad” en la 24. Reunión Anual del APPF.

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amenaza.

Asimismo, la senadora Marcela Guerra subrayó que el crimen transnacional también se sitúa como un problema que afecta a los países de la región, ya que ha llegado a perjudicar a las diversas instituciones públicas y de las economías legítimas, convirtiéndose en un riesgo latente para la seguridad ciudadana.

Sobre la materia, la senadora Guerra, indicó que la trata de personas es uno de los temas actuales que afectan y atentan contra la paz y seguridad internacional, debido a que se ha convertido en un medio por el cual el crimen organizado ha obtenido grandes beneficios monetarios. Recalcó que este delito se ha convertido en el segundo proveedor de recursos de la delincuencia organizada en el mundo, siendo necesario identificar los esfuerzos para contrarrestar las redes criminales, inclusive mediante la lucha contra el lavado de dinero.



La senadora Marcela Guerra Castillo, Presidenta de la Comisión de Relaciones Exteriores, América del Norte, durante la primera sesión plenaria del APPF referente a “Asuntos políticos y de seguridad” en la 24ª Reunión Anual del APPF.



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Segunda sesión plenaria: Asuntos económicos y de comercio

La segunda sesión plenaria se centró en la cooperación económica en Asia-Pacífico; la expansión del comercio regional e inversión y optimización de las cadenas globales de valor; la promoción de puntos de acceso (gateways) y mejora de infraestructura; y el fomento de la innovación y conectividad.

Las delegaciones destacaron los esfuerzos conjuntos que deben implementarse para lograr un desarrollo sostenible y expandir el comercio y la inversión entre los países de Asia-Pacífico. En este sentido, el establecimiento de un área de libre comercio, las negociaciones del Tratado de Asociación Transpacífico (TPP, por sus siglas en inglés) y la firma de acuerdos de libre comercio entre algunos países miembro del APPF son ejemplos de algunos mecanismos que pueden impulsar el fortalecimiento de una integración económica.

De igual forma, la optimización de las cadenas de valor en servicios y comercio y la importancia de la promoción de reformas estructurales impulsadas en los parlamentos de los países miembro como mecanismo contra la alta volatilidad económica mundial, fueron temas de interés común que se discutieron en esta sesión. Añadieron que la integración de la micro, pequeña y mediana empresa, la mejora de la conectividad y la innovación en la infraestructura, son elementos que han demostrado ser herramientas eficaces para el desarrollo económico en Asia-Pacífico.



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La delegación mexicana presentó dos proyectos de resolución en materia de “Cooperación económica en la región Asia-Pacífico” y sobre la “Promoción de Puntos de Acceso (gateways) y mejora de infraestructura”. Ambas resoluciones acentuaron la importancia de Asia-Pacífico, la cual términos económicos ostenta el 39% de la población mundial, representa cerca del 57% del PIB global y el 49% del comercio mundial; señalando que la región representa para México un reto debido a la alta competitividad de las economías miembro y por el potencial de los mercados de los países parte.



La diputada Jasmine Bugarín Rodríguez, Integrante de la Comisión de Relaciones Exteriores remarcando la importancia de la región Asia-Pacífico y el papel que desarrolla México en ésta durante la segunda sesión plenaria sobre “Asuntos económicos y de comercio” de la 24ª. Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia Pacífico (APPF).



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Además, los legisladores mexicanos indicaron que la región más dinámica del mundo significa para México el 87.6% de su comercio exterior y es donde se encuentran seis de sus principales socios comerciales como lo son Estados Unidos, China, Canadá, Japón y Corea del Sur, y tres de sus principales inversionistas: Estados Unidos, Canadá y Japón. Por ende, propusieron en la sesión plenaria el combate al proteccionismo comercial con el fin de fortalecer el intercambio comercial, las exportaciones, la diversificación de relaciones comerciales y el fomento del crecimiento económico, a través de políticas macroeconómicas que permitan asegurar un desarrollo y crecimiento sostenible, y la estabilidad financiera en la zona.



El diputado José Teodoro López Barraza, Secretario de la Comisión de Presupuesto y Cuenta Pública, haciendo énfasis sobre el proyecto de resolución de México a fin de combatir el proteccionismo comercial durante la segunda sesión plenaria sobre “Asuntos económicos y de comercio” en la 24ª Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia Pacífico (APPF).



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Por último, la delegación mexicana subrayó la importancia de impulsar la adopción de legislaciones que permitan el desarrollo de infraestructura en los países miembros del APPF mediante la apertura a la inversión extranjera y conversiones entre el gobierno y el sector privado.

De esta manera podrían adoptarse medidas necesarias para facilitar las operaciones comerciales por medio de la adecuación de la legislación aduanera y planes de modernización e infraestructura en aduanas, orientadas a agilizar la movilidad de bienes, capitales y personas a través de las fronteras, de conformidad con el Plan Multianual en Desarrollo de Infraestructura e Inversión 2013-2016 establecida en APEC 2013.



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Tercera sesión plenaria: Cooperación regional

Durante la tercera sesión plenaria, se concentró en los siguientes asuntos: asegurando un futuro optimista y próspero para la juventud; la construcción de resiliencia ante los desastres y crisis; la protección de la vida salvaje y avance en el tratamiento sostenible de los ecosistemas terrestres y marinos; y la implementación de la Agenda de Desarrollo post 2015 y de las Metas de Desarrollo Sostenible.

En la primera parte de la sesión; el senador Daniel Gabriel Ávila Ruiz y la diputada Jasmine Bugarín Rodríguez presentaron a nombre de la delegación mexicana un proyecto de resolución titulado “Asegurando un futuro optimista y próspero para la juventud”.



La diputada Jasmine Bugarín Rodríguez, Integrante de la Comisión de Relaciones Exteriores y el senador Daniel Ávila Ruiz, Secretario de la Comisión de Relaciones Exteriores, Asia-Pacífico presentando el proyecto de resolución en materia de juventud durante la tercera sesión plenaria de la 24ª. Reunión Anual del APPF sobre “Cooperación regional”.



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En ella, ambos legisladores recalcaron el papel de los jóvenes en las sociedades del mundo, pues como futuros analistas y hacedores de la política exterior de nuestras naciones, tienen la oportunidad para transformar la situación actual en acciones que conlleven al desarrollo y la conformación de modelos de crecimiento sostenido.

La diputada Bugarín puntualizó que en la región Asia-Pacífico, siendo la región más dinámica del mundo en términos de desarrollo económico, la juventud carece de oportunidades laborales pues tan sólo la tasa regional de desempleo representa más del 10% (tres veces superior a la tasa de desempleo de la población adulta). En el sureste asiático y el Pacífico, la tasa de desempleo juvenil es 5 veces mayor que aquella en los adultos



La diputada Jasmine Bugarín Rodríguez, Integrante de la Comisión de Relaciones Exteriores resaltando el

Bajo este tenor, la Diputada agregó que la cooperación parlamentaria es fundamental para generar las condiciones necesarias a fin de potenciar y fomentar esquemas de cooperación en ámbitos como el académico, científico y tecnológico. De esta forma, la vinculación entre los programas de educación y formación para las futuras demandas del mercado de trabajo, puede ayudar a los países a aprovechar el potencial productivo de la juventud.

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Por su parte, el senador Ávila Ruiz expuso que los jóvenes y las nuevas generaciones son los responsables de los cambios, el desarrollo y la prosperidad de las sociedades. En este sentido, destacó que aunque la región ha presentado avances, un sector de la juventud aún se enfrenta a los retos del desempleo, la falta de incentivos para fomentar el emprendimiento y la ausencia de capacitación para lograr su inserción en el campo laboral.

El senador Daniel Ávila hizo un llamado para que las demás naciones adopten los compromisos y medidas que fomenten la cooperación y generación de empleos para los jóvenes, logrando su inserción en el mercado y favoreciendo el desarrollo económico de la región. Insistió que si los gobiernos y parlamentos de Asia-Pacífico formulan políticas nacionales a favor de la juventud y se comprometen a invertir más en ésta, se crearán mayores oportunidades de contribuir activamente al proceso de desarrollo en la región.



El senador Daniel Ávila Ruiz, Secretario de la Comisión de Relaciones Exteriores, Asia-Pacífico refrendando la necesidad de adoptar compromisos para generar empleos en los jóvenes y con ello, contribuir en el desarrollo económico de los países. .



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Para concluir, el legislador mexicano resaltó que los jóvenes aportan ideas frescas y dinamismo en el proceso de desarrollo, y por esta razón se debe incentivar la innovación y capacidad de cambio de los jóvenes para que las futuras generaciones de líderes ofrezcan mejores opciones para un desarrollo más sostenible e integrador a través del establecimiento de un marco de intercambio de modelos educativos.



El senador Daniel Ávila Ruiz, Secretario de la Comisión de Relaciones Exteriores, Asia-Pacífico durante la tercera sesión plenaria sobre “Cooperación regional” en la 24ª. Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia Pacífico (APPF). .

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En la segunda parte de la tercera sesión plenaria, el senador Jorge Aréchiga Ávila y el diputado Javier Herrera Borunda, presentaron un proyecto de resolución en materia de “Construcción de resiliencia ante los desastres y crisis”; cuestión que fue desarrollada como tema prioritario debido a que la región Asia-Pacífico por su posición geográfica, forma parte del “Cinturón de fuego”, caracterizándose por la vulnerabilidad a desastres naturales y los efectos adversos que se deriven de éstos.

La delegación mexicana señaló que es fundamental la cooperación internacional para reducir el riesgo de que los fenómenos naturales se conviertan en grandes desastres para la humanidad. Por ello, indicó que los acontecimientos naturales que han sufrido algunos países de la región han mostrado que la prevención y la cultura de la protección son mecanismos que proporcionan un apoyo eficaz para la reducción de sus efectos adversos.



La delegación mexicana continuando con la tercera sesión plenaria en materia de “Cooperación regional” durante la 24ª. Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia Pacífico

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El senador Aréchiga Ávila indicó que de acuerdo a un informe de la Comisión Económica y Social de la Organización de Naciones Unidas, más del 40% de los desastres naturales registrados a nivel mundial durante la década pasada afectaron a la región Asia-Pacífico, y más de medio millón de personas perdieron la vida a consecuencia de los 1,625 desastres contabilizados en países de esta zona.

En tal virtud, el senador a nombre de la delegación de México, realizó un llamado a fomentar una mayor cooperación que promueva la atención a la adaptación, mitigación y preparación ante desastres naturales entre los países miembro del APPF; tomando en cuenta la Convención Marco de las Naciones Unidas sobre Cambio Climático y considerando al cambio climático como uno de los factores que han incidido de manera cuasi-directa en la generación de estos fenómenos.



El senador Jorge Aréchiga Ávila, Integrante de la Comisión de Fomento Económico destacando que la región Asia-Pacífico ha sido objeto de la mayoría de los desastres naturales registrados a nivel mundial, por lo que es necesario fomentar una cooperación que permita mitigar y prepararse ante estos desastres en el marco del desarrollo de la tercera sesión plenaria sobre "Cooperación regional".



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Por su parte el diputado Herrera Borunda, aludió al Marco Sendai para la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres 2015-2030 de la Asamblea General de Naciones Unidas sobre la intensificación de esfuerzos para fortalecer la reducción del riesgo de desastres, con el fin de reducir la pérdida de vidas y bienes derivada de éstos en todo el mundo. Exhortó a los parlamentos a redoblar esfuerzos para generar conciencia respecto a los riesgos, la vulnerabilidad y la preparación requerida ante desastres naturales en las sociedades de los países que integran Asia-Pacífico.

El diputado agregó que en cuanto mayor conocimiento tengan los ciudadanos, organizaciones regionales, gobiernos, organizaciones no gubernamentales y otras entidades, sobre los riesgos, la vulnerabilidad y el modo de hacer frente a las repercusiones de los peligros naturales, mayores medidas preventivas se aplicarán en todos los sectores de la sociedad. También se refirió a la necesidad de crear una cultura de protección a nivel individual y grupal, pues con esto se salvaguardará la integridad física ante fenómenos naturales.



El diputado Javier Herrera Borunda, Secretario de la Comisión de Cambio Climático, exponiendo sobre los fenómenos naturales y la necesidad de generar conciencia a fin de tomar medidas preventivas y salvaguardar la integridad física ante tales fenómenos durante la tercera sesión plenaria.



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Acuerdos alcanzados durante la 24ª Reunión Anual del APPF

La última sesión de la 24ª Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia Pacífico se enfocó en los siguientes temas: el Resultado de la Reunión de Mujeres Parlamentarias; los reportes previos al trabajo del APPF; el trabajo futuro del APPF; el Anfitrión de la 25ª Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia-Pacífico, y la Adopción de las Resoluciones y Declaración Conjunta.

Conforme a lo establecido en la sesión, la Dra. Nurhayati Ali Assegaf, Presidenta de la Cooperación Interparlamentaria de la Cámara de Representantes de Indonesia y la Hon. Sra. Mobina Jaffer senadora canadiense y Copresidenta de la Reunión de Mujeres Parlamentarias del APPF, presentaron los resultados de la reunión en la cual incluyeron la propuesta de los copresidentes del Comité Ejecutivo sobre la realización de la Reunión de Mujeres Parlamentarias como un evento permanente y así incrementar la representación



El senador Donald Neil Plett, Presidente de la 24. Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia Pacífico subrayando los acuerdos alcanzados durante la Reunión Anual.

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de las mujeres en este comité. No obstante, esta propuesta requerirá un cambio en las reglas de procedimiento del APPF, por lo que se recomendó referir dicha propuesta al Comité Ejecutivo de la próxima Reunión Anual del foro en comento.

Asimismo, el pleno aprobó la candidatura de la República de Fiji como país anfitrión de la 25ª Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia-Pacífico a celebrarse en enero de 2017.



La Hon. Dra. Jiko Fatafehi Luveni, Presidenta de la Parlamento de la República de Fiji tras la aprobación de la candidatura de su país para albergar la 25ª. Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia-Pacífico (APPF).

Referente a las resoluciones del APPF y la firma de la Declaración Conjunta, se adoptaron veintisiete resoluciones en temas relevantes como seguridad y prosperidad regional; combate al terrorismo y al crimen transnacional; comercio regional y la inversión; y la construcción de resiliencia ante los desastres y crisis humanitarias.



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Se hizo énfasis en el ámbito de la seguridad, particularmente en la necesidad de combatir el terrorismo a la luz de los ataques perpetrados en Yakarta, Indonesia; y a la cuarta prueba nuclear operada por el gobierno de la República Popular Democrática de Corea en enero de 2016. De igual modo, puntualizaron en temas de cooperación regional, donde los delegados del APPF señalaron dar seguimiento a la implementación de las 17 Metas de Desarrollo Sustentable y sus 169 objetivos de la Organización de Naciones Unidas.



La delegación del H. Congreso de la Unión ante la 24ª. Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia Pacífico integrada por el senador Jorge Aréchiga Ávila; el diputado Abel Murrieta Gutiérrez; la diputada Jasmine Bugarín Rodríguez; la senadora Marcela Guerra Castillo; el senador Daniel Ávila Ruiz; el diputado Arturo Santana Alfaro; el diputado Javier Herrera Borunda y el diputado José Teodoro Barraza López durante la firma de la Declaración Conjunta.



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Como comentarios finales por parte del Presidente del Comité Ejecutivo de la 24ª Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia Pacífico, Senador Donald Plett, agradeció a todas las delegaciones participantes y los elogió por su importante contribución en las sesiones plenarias, los Grupos de Trabajo y el Comité de Redacción, asegurando el desarrollo de una productiva e inclusiva reunión anual.



La senadora Marcela Guerra firmando el Comunicado Conjunto a nombre de la delegación del H. Congreso de la Unión ante la 24ª. Reunión Anual del Foro Parlamentario Asia Pacífico.



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RESOLUCIÓN APPF24/RES.01
WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR REGIONAL GROWTH AND
PROSPERITY**

(Sponsored by Canada)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Considering that gender equality is fundamental to sustainable development;

Convinced that, for it to result in growth that is truly inclusive, economic activity must involve the entire population;

Noting that women contribute to the Asia-Pacific regional economy by participating in the labour force, business, markets and global value chains;

Aware that when women are barred from full and equal participation in the economy, it hinders economic growth, productivity and competitiveness;

Reaffirming the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* and the *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women*, both of which uphold equality rights with respect to education, property, employment, and economic and social benefits;

Recalling the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which insists on equality between men and women in the economic realm;

Emphasizing the International Labour Organization's (ILO) four gender equality Conventions: the Equal Remuneration Convention (No. 100), the Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention (No. 111), the Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention (No. 156), and the Maternity Protection Convention (No. 183);

Reiterating the United Nations (UN) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes a specific goal on achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls;

Welcoming the Women's Empowerment Principles developed by UN Women and the UN Global Compact;



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Recognizing the initiatives of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy;

Noting the APEC Women and the Economy Fora, the 2015 outcome of which encouraged members to take concrete steps to address gender disparities in labour force participation;

Cognizant that the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has recognized gender equality and women's empowerment as integral principles in the ASEAN community-building process;

Reaffirming resolutions by previous Annual Meetings of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) on women's economic empowerment and participation in political and economic life;

Stressing the need to overcome inequality, social exclusion, marginalization and exploitation;

Emphasizing the need to promote the economic empowerment of women living in rural areas;

Concerned that women are still disproportionately represented in informal and precarious jobs, which often leave them beyond the reach of labour laws and social protection systems;

Aware of the need to overhaul laws that bar women from certain jobs, restrict their access to capital, and prevent them from inheriting or owning property;

Drawing attention to the gender pay gap that persists in many countries, despite the principle that women and men should have the right to equal remuneration for work of equal value;

Bearing in mind that women are underrepresented in management and decision-making positions in the labour force of Asia-Pacific countries;

Concerned that discriminatory practices and low levels of financial literacy can prevent women from accessing bank accounts, credit, and insurance, financial services that are all necessary for entrepreneurship;

Underlining the importance of social infrastructure that can support work-life balance and programs that address caregiving responsibilities as a priority for families, employers, governments and society;

Recognizing the need for women's participation in and ownership of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises;



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Reaffirming that women's economic empowerment is based on equal access to primary and secondary education, vocational training, and higher education, including in the areas of science, including mathematics, technology and engineering;

Determined to ensure that women have both the right and the opportunities to contribute to economic life;

Committed to advancing women's full participation in all aspects of the regional economy;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Recognize** gender equality and women's economic empowerment as essential catalysts for economic development, growth and prosperity;

2. **Call on** APPF Member States that have not yet done so to ratify the ILO's four gender equality conventions;

3. **Support** the full and consistent implementation of laws and regulations that prohibit labour and workplace discrimination, including with respect to recruitment, training, leave and benefit entitlements, and promotions, as well as those designed to prevent all forms of harassment;

4. **Encourage** APPF Member States and APPF Parliaments to enact legislation that ensures equal access to and control over economic and financial resources;

5. **Insist** that girls and women have equal opportunities to access secondary and tertiary education, vocational training, and financial education;



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.02
EMPOWERING OLDER PERSONS IN THE SOCIETY
(Sponsored by Malaysia)**

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Recalling the World Assemblies on Ageing in 1982 and 2002, World Health Assemblies 58.16 on Strengthening Active and Healthy Ageing (2005), the regional meetings reaffirming the adoption of the Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing (1982), the United Nations Principles for Older Persons (1991), the Macao Plan of Action on Aging for Asia and the Pacific (1999), the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the Political Declaration (2002), and the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);

Realizing the significant growing proportion of the ageing population will require adaptation of comprehensive and effective social protection systems to meet emerging challenges and uphold the wellbeing of the older persons;

Aware of the differences on the policies pertaining to the promotion of the human rights and well-being of the older persons in each country in the region;

Acknowledging that members of Parliament can play important roles in defining and supervising the implementation of policy initiatives through legislative and political means at the national and regional level;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Nurture** intergenerational solidarity towards a society of all ages by raising public awareness on the human rights issues, challenges and the needs to protect the interest of older persons;
2. **Promote** and adapt inclusive development, needs-based and life-cycle approaches; and eliminate any forms of maltreatment on the basis of old-age and gender through ensuring universal access of older persons to infrastructure and public service; including the health care services, legal protection as well as income security and generating opportunities;
3. **Forge** stronger partnerships and commitments among the civil society, corporate organizations, and other stakeholders in supporting and providing opportunities for healthy, active and prosperous elderly lives;
4. **Strengthen** the networking among APPF Member States and enhance collaboration among the APPF Parliamentarians for knowledge sharing and exchange of information on national experience and good management practices especially in the area of policy



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formulation, monitoring of programmes and initiatives as well as the harmonization of laws and legislation as a mean to empower the elderly;

5. **Encourage** the development of reliable information and databases on older persons, including improved capacity in bridging the gaps in policy, research and practice;
6. **Urge** APPF Member States to address the need for special protection of older persons, through, for example, the introduction and implementation of laws and policies prohibiting age-related discrimination, the restructuring of national pension plans to provide broad coverage, and the inclusion of the principle of equality and non-discrimination in national constitutions.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.03

CONSERVING AND SUSTAINABLY MANAGING OUR SHARED OCEAN

(Sponsored by Canada)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Considering that oceans cover three quarters of the Earth's surface, contain 97 percent of its water, and house millions of its species;

Aware that the ocean is a conduit for 90 per cent of global trade, activity that connects people and markets, creates livelihoods and enables growth and prosperity;

Noting that marine and coastal resources and related industries represent about 5 per cent – or US\$3 trillion – of the world's annual gross domestic product (GDP);

Emphasizing that oceans are the largest source of protein on Earth, and that the Asia-Pacific region consumes 70 per cent of the world's fish products;

Cognizant of the economic importance of marine and coastal resources, which provide livelihoods for more than three billion people;

Considering that marine resources in the Asia-Pacific region account for more than 50 per cent of the world's capture fishery production and over 80 per cent of the world's aquaculture production;

Recognizing that almost a third of the world's fish stocks are considered to be over-fished, and that fishing subsidies can contribute to the depletion of fish species, thereby undermining efforts to restore global fisheries and related employment opportunities;

Underscoring the need to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing;

Bearing in mind that oceans currently absorb about 26 per cent of anthropogenic carbon dioxide emissions, and therefore play a fundamental role in maintaining the stability of the Earth's climate;

Drawing attention to the increased oceanic uptake of carbon dioxide, which is a contributing factor in ocean acidification, a phenomenon that threatens ocean biodiversity and the survival of many ocean species and marine organisms;



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Mindful that ambitious reductions in global carbon dioxide emissions will be needed to prevent further ocean acidification;

Concerned about pollutants from sea and land-based activities, including gas and oil extraction, marine debris, and harmful substances and nutrients from wastewater and industrial and agricultural runoff that enter the ocean;

Recognizing that nutrient pollution can create oxygen-depleted “dead zones” in the ocean;

Aware that an estimated eight million tons of plastic are dumped each year in the ocean;

Reaffirming that science, technology and innovation are vital to understanding the ocean, and essential to supporting a science-based approach to decision-making about the ocean;

Recalling the *United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*, which establishes the legal framework within which activities in the ocean must be carried out, and its related agreements, including the 1995 *United Nations Agreement on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks*;

Also recalling the *Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter*, the *International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships*, and other relevant conventions developed by the International Maritime Organization;

Also recalling the UN *Convention on Biological Diversity*, and noting that the States that are party to this Convention have agreed to a target of conserving, by 2020, 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, through systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures;

Reiterating the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes a specific goal on conserving and sustainably using the oceans, seas and marine resources;

Noting the Xiamen Declaration, adopted by the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ocean-Related Ministers in August 2014, which calls for concerted actions in relation to conservation and disaster resilience, food security and food-related trade, marine science, technology and innovation, and the “Blue Economy”;

Welcoming the 2nd “Our Ocean” conference hosted by Chile in October 2015;

Recalling the Valparaiso Declaration, adopted by the 9th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) in 2001, which established a shared commitment to conserve the Pacific Ocean;

Determined to address declining ocean health and productivity;



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Convinced that instituting effective measures to protect ocean ecosystems and resources will benefit the people of the Asia Pacific region, now and in the future;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Recognize** the imperative of protecting and preserving the ocean, which is common heritage shared by all;
2. **Raise** public awareness of ocean-related issues, especially among youth;
3. **Urge** APPF Member States to take action to reduce marine pollution, including nutrient pollution and other land-based pollutants;
4. **Call** on APPF Member States to address marine debris as part of national and regional strategies dealing with waste management;
5. **Encourage** work towards the restoration of marine and coastal ecosystems in order to strengthen oceanic health and the resilience of coastal communities that rely on the ocean;
6. **Promote** tools for sustainable coastal and oceans management, including the enactment of marine protected areas, consistent with international law and based on the best available scientific information;
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7. **Support** efforts that can minimize and mitigate ocean acidification, in line with scientific findings;
8. **Appeal** to APPF Member States to enhance the transparency and reporting of existing fisheries subsidy programs through the World Trade Organization;
9. **Encourage** the elimination of national subsidies that contribute to over-fishing;
10. **Contribute** to regional efforts to eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, in accordance with international agreements and science-based management plans;
11. **Assist** small-scale artisanal fishers by improving their access to marine resources and markets and by enhancing their ability to contribute to food security;
12. **Prioritize** efforts that can help to rebuild over-exploited, depleted and recovering fish stocks;
13. **Advance** science-based policy making and robust ocean observation by working to improve scientific and research capacity in the Asia-Pacific region;



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14. **Support** initiatives that can further the understanding of the effects of climate change on the ocean and marine biodiversity;
15. **Improve** ocean-related scientific cooperation, including by enhancing information and data-sharing, facilitating technology dissemination, and encouraging capacity-building projects between and among APPF Member States;
16. **Encourage** all APPF Member States that have not yet done so to become parties to international agreements that address the protection and preservation of the marine environment and its living marine resources;
17. **Provide** oversight of the national implementation of international and regional conventions and commitments on ocean conservation and management;
18. **Work** to mainstream ocean-related concerns in policy, legislative and budgeting processes.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.04

ENHANCING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

(Sponsored by Australia)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Recognising the ongoing issues experienced by the region's Indigenous peoples and the need by all governments to assist where possible to help reduce the gaps in socio-economic and health status;

Welcoming the opportunity to partner with Indigenous peoples;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Affirm** the need to provide appropriate support to assist Indigenous peoples in reclaiming self-empowerment;
2. **Urge** countries in the region to work in partnership with Indigenous peoples on closing the gap on socio-economic and health outcomes;
3. **Urge** countries to support Indigenous peoples to access equal opportunities within the wider community.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.05

THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

(Sponsored by Chile)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Acknowledging that the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) meant a global commitment that succeeded in putting all countries and regions in movement and, despite their uneven progress, they managed to improve the life conditions of people around the world in different areas;

Conscious of the fact that the international community as well as the Asia Pacific countries have learnt from the MDG experience and have carried out a broad and intense process of participation with the civil society and all the parties interested to create an agenda of multidimensional development focused on people, which would meet those goals unattained by the MDGs, and go beyond, in order to direct the world through sustainable pathways;

Acknowledging the great participation of Heads of State and High Representatives at the United Nations Headquarters in September 2015 during the World Summit that adopted the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development focused on the universal, integrated and indivisible 17 goals and 169 targets that involved developed and developing countries, emphasizing the eradication of poverty, the combating of inequalities and the creation of sustainable growth;

Stressing this Agenda's national ownership where every country has the primary responsibility to properly implement the Agenda, adapting it to the different national realities, capabilities and priorities, but at the same time there is a world commitment to revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development where all States and other interested parties are involved with the aim of multiplying efforts and resources to help developing countries, especially those less developed, Small Island Developing States and Land-Locked Developing States to implement the Agenda;

Bearing in mind the contribution made by members of Parliament in producing the Agenda during the whole participatory process, as has been acknowledged by the Resolution of the United Nations General Assembly called "Transforming Our World: 2030 Agenda on



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Sustainable Development”, which originated the Quito Communiqué adopted by the 128th Assembly of the Inter Parliamentary Union held in March 2013, and the Hanoi Declaration “The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action,” adopted by the 132nd Assembly of the Inter Parliamentary Union held in April 2015;

Remembering in particular the previous resolutions adopted by the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) in relation to compliance with the MDGs and to parliamentary input in the elaboration of a post-2015 agenda focused on sustainable development, particularly the 22nd and 20th Annual Meetings;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Urge** APPF Member States to fully adopt the 2030 sustainability ideal, and lead the global momentum to implement it by adopting sustainable development national strategies that are able to adapt the universal goals to their own realities, allow wide-range involvement and have national parliaments play a critical role;

2. **Exhort** the relevant authorities to consider the necessary coherence among the covenants agreed or to be agreed in matters related to climate change, disaster reduction, sustainable development and development finance, among others, so that they can efficiently work as an integral component of the 2030 Agenda and strengthen one another to meet all the universal goals it proposes;

3. **Spur** APPF Member States to perform their duties on matters related to legislation, supervision and budgeting having in mind the purpose of influencing the full and integral implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in their respective nations;

4. **Recommend** APPF Member States to adopt, in the same line, all necessary measures, among them the implementation of a work commission or group as a pivotal point in relation to the 2030 Agenda, so as to play an active role in the follow-up on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals;

5. **Encourage** the relevant authorities to advance in the strengthening of statistical capacities, including the production of databases broken down into diverse pertinent characteristics that may allow progress made on the 2030 Agenda to be properly measured, thereby increasing cooperation, joint efforts and the exchange of experiences and knowledge among the Asia Pacific countries;

6. **Reiterate** the call to the APPF developed countries, considering the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and above all the principle of shared responsibilities, to fully implement their official development assistance commitments to help the development of the developing countries and those less developed, with special attention to reducing development disparities among the countries of the Asia-Pacific region;



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7. **Request** APPF Member States to promote the development of a global indicator framework for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to be applied and implemented during 2016, which can ensure that the 2030 Agenda will have a universal reference base for its follow-up, so as to guide regional and national accountability processes;

8. **Urge** all APPF Member States to promote the Sustainable Development Goals with their citizens, accounting for progress made in the implementation of those goals.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.06

ENHANCING COOPERATIVE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

(Sponsored by Australia)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Recognising the risks posed by climate change and the need for urgent, effective action by governments of all levels, business, civil society and communities around the world to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build climate resilient and adaptable economies and societies;

Welcoming the adoption of the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) on 12 December 2015;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Affirm** the need to progressively enhance global action on climate change consistent with the agreed goal of holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels;

2. **Urge** UNFCCC Parties to become a Party to the Paris Agreement;

3. **Urge** countries and other actors to take appropriate steps to implement the outcomes of COP21, including by communicating and carrying out nationally determined contributions, and updating those contributions every five years from 2020, building ambition over time.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.07

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

(Sponsored by Malaysia)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Reaffirming resolution APPF22/RES/11 on Energy Security adopted during the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on 12 January 2014, and the resolution APPF21/RES/06 adopted during the 21st Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum in Vladivostok, Russia on 27 January 2013;

Taking into account the United Nations General Assembly declaration that the decade 2014–2024 as the Decade of Sustainable Energy for All, underscoring the importance of energy issues for sustainable development;

Noting that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) on energy is aimed at ensuring affordable and clean energy for sustainable development;

Bearing in mind that during the APEC Ministerial Meeting in Honolulu in November 2011, the APEC Ministers aspired to reduce the energy intensity of the APEC economies by at least 45 percent by 2035;

Acknowledging the importance of ensuring access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services supply as critical elements to securing economic growth and as a prerequisite to alleviating poverty;

Mindful that environmental protection and the promotion of social development require the adoption of sustainable energy through initiatives that promote renewable energy and the efficient use of energy resources;

Noting that sustainable energy provides investment opportunities, generates jobs and creates new markets for clean energy economies;

Recognising the challenges faced in ensuring energy sustainability in view of rising energy demand against the backdrop of declining oil prices and amidst the volatile geopolitical situation in the Middle East;



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Keeping in mind that low oil and gas prices and fossil fuel subsidies encourage excessive consumption, undermine green energy and impede investment in clean energy sources;

Aware that there is a nexus between energy, the economy, the environment and societal well-being, and that there is a need for an integrated approach to manage resource scarcity by pursuing new energy resources, expanding renewable energy systems and enhancing energy efficiency;

Recognising capacity-building among APPF Member States to develop a wide variety of energy resources, such as bio-fuel, hydro power, solar power, wind power, biomass, geothermal power, tidal power, and the need to promote recycling, re-use of resources, residual management, and material recovery; carbon emissions reduction, geothermal development, and power plant efficiency improvement;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Affirm** to support the 2030 Agenda SDGs for economic, social and environmental sustainability, particularly access to affordable, clean and modern energy for all within sustainable means of production and distribution;

2. **Call upon** APPF Member States, through their legislative and capacity-building activities, to provide strategic support to implement regional harmonisation of standards and commercialisation of new energy resources to reduce energy intensity;

3. **Accept** that a green economy contributes to the eradication of poverty as well as sustained economic growth, enhancing social inclusion, improving human welfare and creating opportunities for employment and decent work for all, while maintaining the healthy functioning of the earth's ecosystem;

4. **Encourage** APPF Member States to strengthen cooperation through the sharing of information about public policy, expertise and best practices, incentivise joint investment, promote public-private partnerships for the development and use of cutting edge technologies that contribute to meeting the challenges of economic uncertainties, and ensure the supply of energy at efficient prices;

5. **Support** the proposal to build an energy road map on the current and potential energy resources of the Asia-Pacific area, as well as economic and social information for better planning and policy-making decisions on energy use;

6. **Call upon** APPF Member States to recognise the nexus of water, energy and food in fighting poverty at the local level and advancing environmental protection, and to take these factors fully into account when making energy-related decision-making structures and frameworks;

7. **Affirm** the need for the implementation of cleaner coal technologies while continuing to tap the potential of renewable energy and enhance energy efficiency;



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8. **Endorse** the need to improve access to capital, such as providing innovation funds on workable terms for new and renewable technologies that can compete with often-subsidised fossil fuels.



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24TH ANNUAL MEETING

RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.08

ENSURING AN OPTIMISTIC AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR YOUTH

(Sponsored by Mexico)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Acknowledging that youth are agents of change and crucial to the development and prosperity of our people;

Underscoring the need to optimize on and encourage both regional cooperation plans in the academic, scientific and technological fields and legislation, policies and measures that contribute to the sustainable development of APPF Member States;

Recalling resolution APPF 22/RES-21 in reference to continuing the discussion on policies related to youth in the annual APPF meetings, with the purpose in mind of sharing knowledge, sustaining ongoing dialogue on the “promotion of generations” and awakening the interest of young people in the activities of the APPF;

Bearing in mind the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Youth Skills Camps established within the framework of the APEC Skills Development Promotion Project (2011-2014) as a mechanism to design and build public policy that benefits the youth sector, and consequently benefits the nations comprising the Asia-Pacific region;

Recognizing that unemployment, lack of incentives to promote entrepreneurship, and lack of training available to young people to place them in the job market are challenges that many nations of the Asia-Pacific region face;

Emphasizing UN General Assembly Resolution 68/130 (2013) on policies and programs for youth, which affirms that generating decent work for young people is one of the biggest challenges that needs to be tackled; and being reminded that APPF Member States play the important role of satisfying the needs and aspirations of their young people;

Reaffirming the 1989 United Nations (UN) Convention on the Rights of the Child, which enshrines the rights of children and youth under 18 years of age;

Reiterating the goals of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – such as ending poverty, ensuring healthy lives, providing inclusive and equitable education, empowering



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girls, and promoting decent employment for all – which will have a significant impact on the future of youth worldwide.

Reaffirming that young people are the future foreign policy and parliamentary diplomacy makers and analysts of our nations, together with other members of the Asia-Pacific region;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Promote** regional cooperation as a means of academic, scientific and technological exchange in the field of research as a strategic priority of the Asia-Pacific nations to attain prosperity for their people;
2. **Establish** a framework for the exchange of educational models with an eye to transforming and optimizing the development of present and future generations, in addition to providing young people with the necessary tools to meet the new demands of international society;
3. **Foster** intercultural understanding by establishing a system that allows for rapport among nations, through language and cultural learning, and gaining an understanding of the diversity of the people of Asia-Pacific nations;
4. **Urge** APPF Member States to collaborate in establishing ties among the governmental and non-governmental educational institutions of nations so as to strengthen cooperation in education, vocational training, science and research, among others;
5. **Promote** the adoption of commitments and measures that foster cooperation and the generation of jobs for young people, achieving their inclusion in the labor market and thus favoring the economic development of the Asia-Pacific region;
6. **Urge** APPF Member Parliaments to take part in the design of regional cooperation programs for technical training at all educational levels, promoting scientific research, connecting universities and companies, and fostering cultural exchange;
7. **Present** annual assessments of achievements attained through the cooperation of APPF Member States that benefit youth in terms of education, vocational training, science and research, among other areas.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.09

**FOSTERING AND STRENGTHENING CONNECTIVITY TOWARDS
ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND SHARED PROSPERITY IN THE ASIA-
PACIFIC REGION**

(Sponsored by China and Indonesia)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Convinced that as one of the most dynamic and populous regions around the world, Asia-Pacific needs to lead the global recovery and that strengthening connectivity would bring new vigor and vitality into economic growth, job creation and sustainable development;

Acknowledging that there is a growing urgency as well as a huge potential to strengthen all-dimensional connectivity by following the trends of deepening exchanges, cooperation, interdependence and the convergence of common interests among regional countries;

Recognizing that the scope of connectivity is inclusive as well as multifaceted, consisting of physical infrastructure, institutional, and people-to-people connectivities;

Underlining that the enhancement of regional connectivity requires both political will and practical cooperation to explore what is achievable and optimal, to reach consensus on viable approaches and modalities of implementation, and to put in place a game plan for how this will be achieved;

Welcoming various initiatives on connectivity raised by a number of APPF Member States, including the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity, UNECE-ESCAP-led Euro-Asian Transport Links project, Eurasia Initiative, Silk Road Economic Belt and 21st Century Maritime Silk Road and stressing the need to establish synergies between various initiatives for the benefit of all; **Recalling** the 2013 APEC Leaders' Statement on "APEC Framework on Connectivity" in Indonesia, the 2014 APEC Leaders' Statement and the adoption of the APEC Blueprint on Connectivity in China, the 2015 APEC Leaders' Statement regarding connectivity issues in the Philippines which aim to identify new growth points, offering additional drivers for regional cooperation, deepen economic integration and ensure continued implementation of this Blueprint;

Bearing in mind the parliamentary contributions in providing appropriate national legislation framework, holding the government's work accountable and allocating adequate



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budgetary support to facilitate the necessary means required for the development of regional connectivity;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Support** intensive efforts of international and regional organizations such as APEC, ASEM, UN-ESCAP, ASEAN, the SCO, in promoting regional connectivity. Meanwhile, coordination and task sharing among various institutions are needed to avoid duplication and raw strengths from each other;
2. **Emphasize** the importance of closer communication and coordination between APPF Member States and financial institutions such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Investment Bank, and Asian Infrastructure Bank so as to better address the capital and financing bottleneck;
3. **Empower** the partnership among parliaments in the Asia-Pacific to expand financial access, facilities and markets on the development of MSMEs;
4. **Monitor** the effective implementation of the APEC Connectivity Blueprint for 2015-2025 and early achievement of the specific goals by taking concrete actions with the objective of realizing a seamless and comprehensive connected and integrated Asia-Pacific;
5. **Encourage** the APPF to put connectivity as a standing agenda item within the APPF Annual Meeting to continue to share information and best practices and to continue to support government authorities in order to enhance the effectiveness of policies that would promote successful development of APEC connectivity;
6. **Call** upon APPF Member States to concentrate on the effectiveness and quality of regional connectivity networks, especially by facilitating potential development of physical infrastructure in the area of maritime and air transportation so as to facilitate flows of goods, services, people and knowledge;
7. **Urge** APPF Member States to collaborate with various stakeholders such as private sector, experts, think tanks, media, academia and relevant institutions that would give benefit to the enhancement of connectivity among Asia-Pacific region;
8. **Urge** all APPF Member States to establish relevant connectivity partnerships, deepen cooperation in this regard, promote regional integration and work together toward an Asia-Pacific for shared prosperity.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.10

FOSTERING INNOVATION AND CONNECTIVITY

(Sponsored by Thailand)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Aware that the number of agricultural-intensive economies and labour-intensive economies is diminishing while the global economy is rapidly becoming one that is knowledge-based. Countries around the world are beginning to focus on science, technology, and innovations (STI) as catalysts for driving a country's economy forward and improving economic performance;

Mindful that challenges in an interconnected world can affect states and people either directly or indirectly at all levels and note that innovation can mitigate challenges and enhance progress on critical global issues including environment protection and emergency response, energy, transportation and logistics, agriculture, health care, administrative services, and education, and thus lead to sustainable development;

Noting innovation permeates all areas of the economy and society worldwide, therefore it is necessary to effectively combine the potential of all economies in order to promote innovation, create new and unique combinations of inputs, as well as implement advanced technology and other solutions;

Aware that knowledge and the innovative use of technology helps to increase our productivity, drive our growth and facilitate our trade, and thus emphasize the need to stimulate innovation efforts and for government and its state agencies, business, universities and research organizations to collaborate;

Recognizing that the search for technological innovations and the globally competitive need for innovative new products and processes must be stimulated by an every-expanding research community of educational institutes and R&D departments that have become important in driving the knowledge economy;

Conscious that the more information that is available to everyone improves productivity and hence cooperation at all levels to share knowledge is vital for building a sound sustainable global economy where everyone benefits;



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Recognizing that the obstacles to fostering innovation and connectivity are limited knowledge and technology transfer, inadequate financing for startups, traditional models of funding research institutions, limited human resource development and weak sectoral collaborations between industry research institutes, state agencies, as well as public and private sectors;

Recognizing that human capital development is an integral foundation of innovation and connectivity;

Recalling that the APEC Leaders' Growth Strategy, the ASEAN Krabi Initiative 2010, and APEC's Industrial Science and Technology Working Group recognize that development and application of industrial science and technology are key factors in economic growth and prosperity, improvement in quality of life and sustainable environment;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Recommend** that APPF Member States support human capital development and innovation-driven economic growth, as well as inclusive and sustainable development, by defining national policies on innovation and by providing an environment of collaboration across multiple sectors which lead to greater coordination in policy-making;
2. **Call** on government and state agencies to create an environment more conducive to innovation, to promote intellectual property rights and incentives, to enhance STI governance and management, diversify method and opportunity of funding for start-ups so that resources in key elements of the innovation system will achieve maximum benefit;
3. **Call** for the development of STI infrastructure and enabling factors in order to empower society and local community, enhance economic competitiveness and flexibility, and ensure energy, resource and environmental security;
4. **Urge** APPF Member Parliaments to approve budgets for innovation, promote adequate regulations and legislation to remove barriers to domestic innovation, and support governments' efforts to create an environment for innovative growth;
5. **Promote** green innovation for self-resilience, eco-friendly development, quality of life and sustainable economic growth;
6. **Urge** international research collaboration among industries, governments, academic and local communities, including international organizations such as APEC and ASEAN, through cross-border educational cooperation, academic mobility and information sharing, particularly in developing countries. This collaborative networking will be able to create strong linkages and potential human resource development in government, private and academic sectors;



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7. **Encourage** governments to increase funding and scholarships in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEMs) to support human resource development for innovation and for a green economy.



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24TH ANNUAL MEETING

RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.11

**PROMOTING GATEWAYS AND ENHANCING INFRASTRUCTURE TO
FACILITATE ECONOMIC AND TRADE GOALS**

(Sponsored by Thailand and Mexico)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Approving the commitment of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders in Manila 2015 to take action to fully realize the vision laid down by our predecessors of a stable, integrated, and prosperous community in the Asia-Pacific, in which all people can enjoy the benefits of economic growth and technological progress;

Welcoming the adoption by APPF Member States of a more systematic approach to addressing existing checkpoints in supply chains through targeted capacity-building and taking concrete steps towards making supply chains more reliable, resilient and safe;

Concerned over the complex economic environment that APEC economies face, the high volatility of financial markets, the uncertain monetary policies of some countries, and persistent low market prices of some raw materials;

Agreeing that it is of vital importance for micro, small and medium enterprises to participate in global value chains, regional economic integration and the development of human capital;

Aware that the development of appropriate structures of supply routes will strengthen regional economic integration and boost economic growth;

Wishing to play an even more proactive role in supporting Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) competitiveness in the international arena, particularly now when the ASEAN countries are hard at work preparing for the ASEAN Economic Community in 2015;

Acknowledging that reliable supply chains are crucial to promote trade, maintain sustainable development, and ensure economic investment and infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region and globally;



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Considering that civil society participation plus the acknowledgement of our needs and interests are key to producing public policies aimed at improving transport logistics and infrastructure;

Accepting that it is necessary to advance both software-defined infrastructure, transport infrastructure and logistic systems as a gateway to regional investment and to cooperate with ASEAN countries are a unique regional initiative that connects with APPF Member States;

Conscious of the role that regional members of parliaments have in the creation of national legal frameworks, the importance of driving structural reforms through parliaments of various APPF member countries is an important mechanism to counter high levels of volatility in the global economy, to broaden transport possibilities and to enhance renewed commitment to global trade;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Urge** APPF Member States, Parliaments and other relevant stakeholders to adopt the measures established in the APEC Multi-Year Plan on Infrastructure Development and Investment 2013-2016, to facilitate commercial operations through customs legislation, modernization and infrastructure projects that would connect special economic zones, and to improve the reliability of transport gateways and logistical networks for foreign investment in the region that would facilitate movement of goods and services across borders;

2. **Confirm** the need to design capacity-building programs for Asia-Pacific countries and to improve and implement advanced technologies that would enhance supply chain reliability;

3. **Encourage** governments to move forward jointly, in the setting of software-defined infrastructure, and transport logistics plans, that would support the different interests of APPF Member States, while at the same time promote sustainable development, greater regional inclusion and integration;

4. **Encourage** APPF Member States and Parliaments to participate actively, in fostering high-level business rapport in the Asia-Pacific region, creating networks that would foster the flow of private capital for comprehensive projects that would eliminate barriers to trade, improve the investment climate and further economic integration;

5. **Encourage** the establishment of ties between the public and private sectors and the adoption of laws and regulations, in order to drive investments in the development, construction and implementation of comprehensive infrastructure projects, especially in telecommunication and transportation networks;

6. **Carry out** legislative actions to encourage the participation of micro, small and medium enterprises in value chains for the development of major infrastructure projects;



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7. **Promote** the adoption of legislation that will enable the development of infrastructure in APPF member countries and will open up foreign investment and joint ventures between governments and the private sector and among countries, especially to support commercial transport initiatives;
8. **Encourage** cooperation among APPF Member States to implement the ASEAN Single Windows that would enable the electronic sharing of customs data;
9. **Encourage** prompt action within the APPF to develop infrastructure and logistical systems and to integrate infrastructure and appropriate regulation that would enhance cross-border and international land and sea transportation of goods and services;
10. **Stimulate** the development of transportation infrastructure by encouraging agreements among APPF Member States on human capital, education and training with a view to sharing technology, knowledge, processes and methods that would create intelligent sustainable infrastructure.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.12

PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF HALAL ECOSYSTEM

(Sponsored by Malaysia)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Recalling the Resolution of the 23rd APPF Annual Meeting in Quito, Ecuador on Halal Industry as a source of economic growth;

Realizing that the rapid growth of the halal industry is influenced by the huge demand created by more than 1.8 billion Muslims worldwide and the emergence of new halal markets such as the North and South East Asia regions;

Noting that due to these drivers of growth, the halal agenda has moved up the political and economic ladders of many countries, irrespective of whether they are Muslim majority or Muslim minority countries, necessitating the development of a more robust and efficient global halal supply chain;

Acknowledging the need to promote and facilitate the development of a proper Halal Ecosystem that consists of various infrastructure components such as dedicated industrial areas, testing laboratories, research institutes, knowledge reference Centre's, policies, incentives, financing instruments, standards, certification systems and human capital development programs;

Highlighting the need for a proper ecosystem that would catalyse sustainable growth of the halal industry and provide significant impact to a country economically and socially;

Stressing the importance of developing an entity that would act as a focal point for a country in matters pertaining to the halal industry development, particularly in halal trade, investment, financing and research;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Call upon** APPF Member States to consider appointing an agency or an entity for halal industry development matters to foster better government to government collaborations among APPF Member States, particularly in the areas of halal trade, investment, financing and research;



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2. **Encourage** all APPF Member States to promote halal knowledge transfer among Member States;

3. **Seek** cooperation amongst APPF Member States to establish classification of potential halal products and services based on international standards such as the United Nations' Codex Alimentarius.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.13

COMBATING MONEY LAUNDERING AND TERRORIST FINANCING

(Sponsored by Canada)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Acknowledging previous resolutions adopted by Annual Meetings of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) on the fight against terrorism and organized crime;

Reiterating the APPF's strong and unequivocal condemnation of terrorism, which remains a serious and ongoing threat to regional and international peace and security;

Drawing attention to the links between money laundering and the financing of terrorist activities, as well as to the emerging ways in which both of these occur, including through the use of digital currencies;

Recognizing that money laundering, including for the purpose of financing terrorist activities, has negative effects on the integrity and stability of global and national financial markets and systems;

Mindful of the evolving means through which terrorists finance their illicit activities, including through private donations, abuse of charitable organizations, kidnapping for ransom, extortion, fraud, trafficking in arms, persons, drugs and cultural and historical artefacts, as well as the sale of and trade in oil and other natural resources;

Aware that those who launder money and finance terrorist activities exploit weaknesses and gaps in national legal, regulatory and institutional frameworks to move their funds to or through jurisdictions;

Cognizant that money laundering and terrorist financing are transnational problems that must be countered with an integrated, timely, effective and comprehensive global response;

Noting the commitments undertaken by United Nations (UN) Member States in accordance with the *United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances*, the *United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime* and the *United Nations Convention against Corruption*, which together provide a framework of international obligations for preventing and combating transnational organized crime and money laundering;



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Recalling UN Security Council Resolution 2195 (2015), which expressed concern that terrorist organizations benefit from transnational organized crime in some regions, and that such groups can undermine the security, stability, governance, and social and economic development;

Reiterating the *International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism*, and the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy;

Recalling relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly on terrorist financing, particularly UN Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001), which requires states to prevent and suppress the financing of terrorist acts and to refrain from providing any form of support to entities or persons involved in terrorist acts, UN Security Council Resolution 2178 (2014), which calls on states to prevent support for foreign terrorist fighters, and UN Security Council Resolutions 2199 (2015) and 2253 (2015), which outline robust measures and requirements to counter the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL or Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities;

Drawing attention to the targeted financial sanctions established by or under the authority of the UN Security Council in relation to terrorism and terrorist financing, and the work of the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee and Monitoring Team;

Underlining the need to strengthen multilateral cooperation in preventing and combating money laundering and terrorist financing in all of their forms;

Noting the importance of more timely information sharing within and between governments, as well as the need for stronger relationships between relevant government agencies and the private sector in countering money laundering and the financing of terrorist activities;

Bearing in mind the international standards embodied in the Financial Action Task Force's revised Recommendations on Combating Money Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism and Proliferation and related Interpretive Notes, as well as its support for effective implementation of relevant legal, regulatory and operational measures;

Supporting the Group of 20 (G20) *Statement on the Fight Against Terrorism* adopted in Antalya, Turkey on 16 November 2015, which reinforced a commitment to tackling the financial channels of terrorism;

Emphasizing the work undertaken by organizations such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the Egmont Group of Financial Intelligence Units to improve cooperation in the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorist activities, and to advance the implementation of domestic programs in these areas;

Welcoming regional initiatives and cooperation to counter money laundering and terrorist financing, namely through the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, the



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Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the ASEAN Regional Forum and the Organization of American States;

Underscoring the progress made by APPF Member States in strengthening national anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing frameworks and laws;

Stressing the critical legislative and oversight roles that parliaments play as part of national efforts to prevent and combat money laundering and terrorist financing;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Renew** the collective commitment of APPF Member States and APPF Parliaments to combat terrorism and organized crime in all of their forms, and to prevent the financing of both activities;

2. **Insist** that all APPF Member States accelerate implementation of all UN anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing conventions, resolutions and protocols, as well as the Financial Action Task Force's recommendations on combating money laundering and terrorist financing;

3. **Call** on all APPF Member States to move vigorously and decisively to cut the flows of funds, as well as other financial assets and economic resources, to any individual, entity or undertaking subject to targeted sanctions established by or under the authority of the UN Security Council;

4. **Provide** oversight of national legislative and regulatory measures aimed at countering money laundering and terrorist financing with a view to ensuring compliance with appropriate international standards and obligations;

5. **Prioritize** the strengthening and adequate resourcing of financial intelligence units, investigative agencies and prosecutorial entities as they seek to detect, deter, investigate and prosecute instances of money laundering or terrorist financing;

6. **Support** initiatives to provide regular and transparent reporting on the efficacy of national measures aimed at combating money laundering and terrorist financing, and on the extent to which these measures comply with international standards and obligations;

7. **Urge** APPF Member States, as required, to provide capacity-building assistance to countries in the Asia-Pacific region to address the threat posed by money laundering and terrorist financing;

8. **Encourage** APPF Member States to provide one another the greatest measure of assistance in connection with criminal investigations or criminal proceedings related to the financing or support of terrorist acts, in accordance with domestic and international laws;



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9. **Call** on APPF Member States to work cooperatively in pursuing all possible steps to protect the integrity of the global financial system and global economy, including by taking actions to deny individuals and groups the ability to use legitimate financial systems to finance criminal and terrorist activities.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.14

ARMS TRADE TREATY

(Sponsored by Australia)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Recalling the entry into force of the Arms Trade Treaty on 24 December 2014;

Welcoming Tuvalu's ratification of the Arms Trade Treaty in September 2015;

Welcoming the fact that 79 States are party to the Arms Trade Treaty as of December 2015;

Recognising that disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation are essential for the maintenance of international peace and security;

Recognising the security, social, economic and humanitarian consequences of the illicit and unregulated trade in conventional arms;

Recognising further the legitimate political, security, economic and commercial interests of States in the international trade in conventional arms;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Call on** all Governments that have not yet done so to accede to the Arms Trade Treaty;

2. **Call upon** those States Parties in a position to do so to provide assistance, including legal or legislative assistance, institutional capacity-building and technical, material or financial assistance, to requesting States in order to promote the universalization of the Treaty.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.15

POLITICAL AND SECURITY MATTERS IN ASIA PACIFIC
(Sponsored by the Russian Federation and Indonesia)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Affirming the commitment to the goals and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

Recalling the APPF Resolution on International Dimensions of Security adopted during the 10th Annual Meeting in Hawaii, USA, which recognizes the increasing challenges of regional security and the need to preserve inter-state relations based on mutual respect;

Recalling the APPF Resolution on Review of the Political and Security Situation in the Asia Pacific and the World adopted at the 12th Annual Meeting in Beijing (China), which reaffirms the importance of open and inclusive regional architecture for Asia Pacific security;

Referring to the resolutions on policy and security in Asia-Pacific No. APPF20/RES/5, No. APPF21/RES-01 and No. APPF22/RES-01, respectively adopted at the 20th (Tokyo, Japan, January 2012), 21st (Vladivostok, Russia, January 2013), 22nd (Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, January 2014) Annual Meetings;

Recalling the APPF Resolution No. APPF23/RES/18 on Strengthening Peace and Stability in the Asia Pacific Region, adopted at the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (Quito, Ecuador, January 2015) that affirms the need to step up practical efforts to build a multipolar world order system to create a secure and adequate configuration of interstate relations in the Asia Pacific region which complies with the modern realities and builds upon the interests of all states;

Noting the APPF New Tokyo Declaration adopted in 2012 that promotes the APPF vision of open and non-exclusive cooperation based on constructive dialogue toward peace, stability and prosperity for the region;

Recognizing the shift in economic and strategic weight to the Asia-Pacific region, which has assumed increasing importance in world affairs, a development that constitutes one of the key vectors of the development of international relations;

Underlining the need to ensure further sustainable and dynamic financial, economic, trade and investment growth of the Asia Pacific region with a view to create decent and favorable living conditions for its peoples;



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Understanding the relationship between security and development;

Acknowledging that the continued potential for conflict in the Asia Pacific region could threaten the future stability and prosperity of the region;

Reiterate the Charter of the United Nations, including our mutual respect for independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity, and its foundational principles that all states must settle their international disputes by peaceful means, and refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state;

Reaffirming the importance of strengthening cooperation within the frameworks of strong and transparent regional interstate organizations and forums;

Emphasizing the importance of the discussion of the security issues in the framework of the East Asia Summits;

Welcoming the steps taken by the East Asia Summit (EAS) participating countries to promote multilateral Dialogue on Elaborating Security Architecture in the Asia Pacific region launched in accordance with the decision of the 8th East Asia Summit in Brunei in October 2013;

Acknowledging that non-traditional security challenges, such as climate change, resource scarcity, natural and man-made disasters, environmental degradation, the spread of pandemic diseases, the proliferation of nuclear weapons, missiles and related technology; transnational crime; terrorism; trafficking in persons, piracy, and others, have a destabilizing effect on regional and national security;

Underlining that the APPF is an effective platform for a parliamentary dialogue on political and security matters of the Asia Pacific region as well as for strengthening trust and understanding between the peoples of the member countries;

Emphasizing that parliamentarians can play an effective role in promoting peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Confirm** the importance of inter-state cooperation within the framework of regional organizations and forums in the Asia Pacific, which should be based on, and work to promote, the rules and principles of international law, including the peaceful settlement of disputes, mutual respect for independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, and opposition to the use of intimidation, coercion and force between and among states;

2. **Encourage** parties involved in territorial disputes to continue in exercising self-restraint and non-use of force; and the peaceful resolution of disputes, in accordance with universally recognized principles of International Law, including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);



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3. **Acknowledge** the importance of ensuring synergy and harmonization between the existing national initiatives in the field of maintaining peace and stability with a view to elaborate an integrated approach of the countries of the region to the future system of comprehensive security and sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region;
4. **Call upon** APPF Member States to promote the formation in the Asia-Pacific of an extensive network of partner relations among multilateral regional unions;
5. **Support** the efforts aimed to further enhance the regional economic integration, including within the forum of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) that will promote the prosperity and sustainability of economies of the region and will contribute to global stability, including food, water and energy security;
6. **Call upon** APPF Member States to strengthen cooperation aimed at implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
7. **Affirm** the importance of respect and understanding of the cultural and religious diversity and of promotion of tolerance, dialogue and cooperation among various cultures, civilizations and peoples;
8. **Emphasize** the importance of the consolidation of international cooperation in the area of mitigation of natural disaster risks in order to reduce the vulnerability of the APPF Member States in the face of natural and man-made disasters and to enhance peoples' capacities to withstand natural disasters and to eliminate their effects using their own resources;
9. **Reaffirm** that the common efforts of the parliamentarians of the APPF Member States in the area of politics and security can help to strengthen peace, development and prosperity in the Asia Pacific region.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.16

**ADDRESSING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME, SPECIFICALLY
TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, DRUGS AND SOME ILLEGAL
(UNREGULATED AND UNREPORTED) FISHING**

(Sponsored by Indonesia)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Recalling the APPF Resolution on Alternative Policies and New Approaches to Combating Terrorism and other Transnational Organized Crime, and the Resolution on Combating Human Trafficking adopted at the 23rd Annual Meeting of APPF in Quito, and other relevant resolutions adopted by the APPF;

Taking into account the provisions of United Nations (UN) Convention on Transnational Organized Crime (TOC) and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children as well as the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air serve as the instruments in combating organized crime, especially with regard to trafficking in persons;

Recalling the three major international drug control treaties, the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1954 (as amended in 1972), the Convention on Psychotropic Substances (1971) and the UN Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (1988);

Noting significant findings published by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in its 2014 Global Report on Trafficking in Persons elaborating that appropriate legislation to combat the crime is of importance;

Recognize that Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) Fishing has become a serious problem and causes harmful economic, environmental, social and security impacts; in some cases, IUU fishing could be a form of TOC; **Deeply concerned** by the fact that UNODC's 2015 World Drug Report noted that between 162 million and 329 million people, corresponding to between 3.4 per cent and 7.0 per cent of the global population between the ages of 15-64 years, had used an illicit drug at least once in 2013—mainly a substance belonging to the cannabis, opioid, cocaine or amphetamine-type stimulants group;



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RESOLVES TO:

1. **Encourage** APPF Member States that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and Protocols Thereto, and encourage States parties to the Convention and the Protocols thereto that have not yet done so to harmonize their national legislation in a manner consistent with their obligations thereunder;
2. **Provide** necessary parliamentary means to ensure full compliance of national legislation to the protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air;
3. **Support** initiatives that aim to enhance public awareness and to provide preventive measures in tackling illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, which is a global problem that threatens ecosystems and livelihoods;
4. **Enhance** international cooperation, including with respect to transparent sharing of data and analysis, to help better understand the drug problem and address the many challenges including the related issues of violence and insecurity;
5. **Invite** APPF Member States on a voluntary basis to share information and best practices and exchange ideas at the annual meeting of the APPF on issues related to transnational organized crimes.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.17

ECONOMY, TRADE AND REGIONAL VALUE CHAINS

*(Sponsored by the Russian Federation, New Zealand, Canada, Japan,
Mexico, and Thailand)*

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Noting the Resolution on Economy and Trade that was adopted in the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum in January 2015, the “G20 Leaders’ Communique” of the G20 Antalya Summit in November 2015, and the Leaders’ Declaration of the 23rd APEC Economic Leaders Meeting in Manilla in November 2015;

Affirming that global economic growth is uneven and continues to fall short of expectations, despite the positive outlook in some countries’ economies;

Recognising that risks and uncertainties remain in the global economy, including inadequate demand growth, financial volatility and structural problems that weigh on actual and potential growth;

Emphasising that economic growth, innovation and investment in human capital are among the most powerful tools not only to boost standards of living around the world and reduce inequality, but also to address the root causes of terrorism and radicalisation;

Recognising the importance of a stable currency system to ensure economic growth;

Recognising that national economic liberalization, the increasing importance of international trade and finance, and the internationalization of corporate structures have contributed to deepening the degree of interdependence, communication and interaction between governments and national societies;

Reconfirming that global trade and investment continue to be important engines of economic growth and development, generating employment and contributing to welfare and inclusive growth;

Acknowledging that production processes have become more globalized as tasks are increasingly separated and performed in different locations, often spread across countries as part of global value chains;



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Emphasizing that the implementation of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Trade Facilitation would improve the efficiency of value chains in the Asia-Pacific region and could help facilitate the integration of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in regional and global value chains;

Noting the successful conclusion of negotiations for the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP), and other positive developments in sub-regional economic integration in the Asia-Pacific region;

Underscoring that adherence to, and enforcement of, internationally recognized labour standards – such as the 1998 International Labour Organization Declaration – fosters value chains that are operated more responsibly;

Further underscoring that respecting strong environmental standards results in value chains that support sustainable development;

Reiterating the significant role of the multilateral trade system under the guidance of the World Trade Organization (WTO);

Upholding the intention of the APEC Economic Leaders to consolidate the rule-based, transparent, non-discriminatory, open and inclusive multilateral trade system;

Noting again the importance of the Bogor Goals and reaffirming the commitment to fulfill the tasks aimed at their achievement;

Noting that any regional economic integration should be open to all countries in the Asia-Pacific region;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Confirm** that APPF Member States should exchange views on the occasion of the annual meetings of the APPF aiming at policy co-ordination in the region, and continue to oversee policy in each country in order to correct imbalances in economies and monetary and financial markets;

2. **Call upon** all APPF Member States to promote measures that can enhance the stability and resilience of financial markets, while also ensuring financial inclusion and the access of citizens to reliable financial services;

3. **Recognise** the significance of enabling the full participation of all sectors and segments of our society, especially women, youth, people with disabilities, indigenous peoples, low-income groups, and SMEs to achieving inclusive growth and the importance of empowering them with the ability to contribute to and benefit from future growth;



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4. **Recommend** that APPF Member States expand cooperation with all stakeholders to support and strengthen the efforts in legislative works to make progress on related SMEs laws, and to accede to the ratification or support of international agreements related to SMEs;
5. **Call for** APPF Member States to support the 2015 APEC Leader's Declaration in strengthening the capacity building of SME entrepreneurs to push forward the economic growth and expansion of trade and investment with the use of internet and digital economy to achieve innovative, sustainable, inclusive, and secure growth;
6. **Affirm** the importance of a universal, rule-based, transparent, non-discriminatory, open and fair multilateral trade system based on the WTO principles, with the intention to improve its operation by well-coordinated joint efforts to create an inclusive and efficient world trade system;
7. **Encourage** Member States to commit themselves to complete the Doha Round negotiations, in order to facilitate economic growth through free trade and investment;
8. **Call** on APPF Member States that have not already done so to ratify the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation and undertake the measures necessary to implement the Agreement;
9. **Call upon** all APPF Member States to continue their efforts to provide the guarantees that bilateral, regional and multilateral trade agreements are transparent and inclusive, as well as contribute to the achievement of the goals of the multilateral system and do not contravene the WTO rules;
10. **Call upon** all the economies within APEC to continue advancing the process toward eventual realization of the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP), as a comprehensive and high-quality free trade agreement by building on ongoing regional undertakings, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) which has been concluded in October 2015, in line with the APEC Economic Leaders Declaration in November 2015 as a means not only to further promote regional economic integration in the Asia-Pacific region, but also to complement and to strengthen the multilateral trading system based on the WTO in a transparent and globally beneficial way;
11. **Affirm** that the recent joint statement issued by Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Participating Countries to further intensify their efforts to the conclusion of the RCEP negotiations in 2016 is an important step in this direction along with other regional economic integration processes;
12. **Reaffirm** the importance of realizing a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) among Japan, China and the Republic of Korea (ROK), from the same point of view, as well as recognizing the importance of a new discussion among governments on a possible framework of a wide economic partnership in Northeast Asia, including Russia;



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13. **Welcome** the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community in 2015;
14. **Promote** the improvement of commercial standards as related to intellectual property rights and investment, as well as the implementation of best practices in commercial regulation;
15. **Encourage** the joint participation of the public and private sectors in the development of regional infrastructure, thus creating more productive jobs and increasing business productivity in the Asia-Pacific region;
16. **Foster** a democratic knowledge based economy that provides opportunities for technical and scientific capability construction within an environment that favors innovation, regional connectivity and respect towards intellectual property rights, and through the promotion of ITCs (information technologies and communications) and support for coherent regulatory convergence and cooperation for e-commerce;
17. **Ensure** that national laws and regulations related to environmental protection are fully and consistently respected, and are not weakened in an effort to increase trade and attract investment;
18. **Urge** APPF Member States to take steps to enhance the participation of developing countries in international trade and regional value chains, including through initiatives that aim to address infrastructure gaps and build institutional capacity;
19. **Advocate** the development of comprehensive and transparent data on global value chains, including the value-added by each country in the production of goods and services that are consumed worldwide;
20. **Promote** responsible value chains by using all tools at the disposal of APPF parliamentarians to ensure that domestic laws and regulations comply with internationally recognized labour standards and are enforced;
21. **Encourage** the Parliaments of the region to promote the exchange of information, practices and experiences in matters of cooperation and sustainable development, focused on strengthening the different national legislation in these fields.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.18

THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

(Sponsored by Japan and Indonesia)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Convinced that achieving a final and peaceful settlement of the issue of Palestinian statehood is imperative for the attainment of comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East;

Hoping that the Israelis and the Palestinians will continue their united efforts to realize the two-state solution whereby the Israelis and the Palestinians live side by side in peace;

Reaffirming that a just and lasting solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict must be based on such resolutions as the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council Resolutions, and previous agreements between Israel and the Palestinian territories;

Expressing support for the Middle East peace process and the efforts to reach a final and lasting settlement between the Israeli and the Palestinian sides as soon as possible;

Recognizing that the Middle East continues to face issues such as the rise of Daesh and a large number of refugees and internally displaced persons affected by Daesh, and that those issues interrelate with the Middle East Peace Process in terms of securing peace and stability in the region;

Mindful that ongoing conflicts throughout the world posed by radicalization and extremism, including by Daesh, have been diverting international attention from the prolonged conflict between the Palestinian territories and Israel;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Call upon** both the Israeli and the Palestinian sides to resume early direct negotiations;

2. **Urge** both the Israeli and the Palestinian sides to settle the issue through negotiation based on the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, the Madrid Principles, the Roadmap, the agreements previously reached by the parties and the Arab Peace Initiative;



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3. **Urge** both the Israeli and the Palestinian sides to halt the use of force and to achieve a durable unconditional cessation of violence;
4. **Call upon** both parties to avoid unilateral actions which prejudice final status issues;
5. **Encourage** all parties concerned to make efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, reaffirm that establishment of a Palestinian state, as well as security for Israel and its borders are essential factors for permanent peace; and call upon both the Israeli and Palestinian sides to strive for building a proper environment conducive to the establishment of a Palestinian state;
6. **Confirm** that creating a viable Palestinian economy premised on tangible improvement of living standards is necessary for building a Palestinian state; and therefore call upon the international community including Israel to support the Palestinians and encourage the governments of the APPF Member States to enhance assistance to them;
7. **Urge** all sides involved in the conflict to improve the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip;
8. **Support** the efforts of the international community including the Middle East Quartet (the United States, the Russian Federation, the European Union and the United Nations) towards the progress of peace talks between the Israeli and the Palestinian sides, and call upon the Quartet, other concerned countries and all the APPF Member States to continue to extend as much support and cooperation as possible to the Middle East peace process;
9. **Highlight** the importance in providing capacity building in the Palestinian territories.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.19

**PROMOTING PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND IMPROVING
INTER-KOREAN RELATIONS**

(Sponsored by Canada, Japan and the Republic of Korea)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Reaffirming the Resolution on Achieving Denuclearization and Peace on the Korean Peninsula (APPF23/RES-01) adopted by the 23rd Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) in January 2015 in Quito, Ecuador and other resolutions concerning the Korean Peninsula which have been discussed by the APPF so far;

Recognizing that provocations and attempts at nuclear armament by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), including its 4th nuclear test conducted on January 6, 2016, pose a clear threat to peace and stability in the region and beyond;

Stressing the importance of building international cooperation networks in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond for peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula, which is key to peace, stability and prosperity in the region and beyond;

Noting the Joint Statement of the Fourth Round of the Six-Party Talks adopted in September 2005, UN Security Council Resolutions 1695, 1718, 1874, 2087 and 2094, the Resolution on Implementation of NPT Safeguards Agreement between the IAEA and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea adopted at the 59th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), all of which have expressed the international community's position that North Korea should never be allowed to have nuclear weapons;

Urging the DPRK to respond to the humanitarian concerns of the international community;

Emphasizing a peaceful approach through meaningful dialogue between the two Koreas as a practical way to contribute to peace on the Korean Peninsula;

Committed to the ultimate goal of ensuring peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Reaffirm** the importance of a nuclear-weapon free Korean Peninsula;



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2. **Strongly condemn** the DPRK's 4th nuclear test, which is a clear violation of Security Council resolutions and therefore a clear threat to international peace and security;

3. **Call on** the DPRK to comply with its obligations under the UN Security Council resolutions on North Korean nuclear issues, the Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks in September 2005 and NPT and IAEA Safeguards Agreements not to conduct any further provocative actions and to abandon all of its nuclear weapons, nuclear programs and ballistic missile programs in a complete, verifiable and irreversible way;

4. **Call on** North Korea to open unconditional dialogue with the Government of the Republic of Korea and the international community to discuss key issues such as denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula;

5. **Confirm** that the process of the Six-Party Talks provides an effective framework for the peaceful resolution of the DPRK nuclear issues and call upon the relevant parties to take concrete actions conducive to the resumption of further meaningful negotiations under the Six-Party Talks, and express the support of APPF Member States for this process;

6. **Request** continued attention of the international community to the situation on the Korean Peninsula, including inter-Korean relations, and encourage its proactive efforts towards the peaceful resolution of the issues of the Korean Peninsula;

7. **Support** the efforts of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea to improve inter-Korean ties such as proposal of an inter-Korean parliamentary speakers' meeting, and vow to combine the strengths of member parliaments of APPF to bring peace to the Korean Peninsula and improve ties between the two Koreas;

8. **Contribute** to all efforts that can establish conditions of lasting peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.20

BUILDING AN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK ON ANTI-CORRUPTION

(Sponsored by Australia and Indonesia)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Recalling the United Nations Convention Against Corruption, the APPF Resolution on Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation to Prevent and Fight Corruption adopted at the 22nd APPF Annual Meeting in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, 2014 and other relevant APPF resolutions;

Recalling also the 22nd APEC Economic Leaders' Declaration and the 2014 Beijing Declaration on Fighting Corruption adopted at APEC Ministerial Meeting held in Beijing, China, 2014 which calls for more concerted efforts for Asia Pacific cooperation in the fight against corruption including through denying safe haven to those engaged in corruption;

Welcoming the works of the APEC Network of Anti-Corruption Authorities and Law Enforcement Agencies (ACT-NET) to advance cross-border cooperation between agencies responsible for investigations and prosecutions of corruption, bribery, money laundering, and illicit trade and the identification and return of proceeds of those crimes;

Mindful that the establishment of the APPF aimed to promote cooperation among Parliaments of Asia and the Pacific countries and to provide solutions on regional problems by considering the principles of mutual interest and respect;

Reaffirming the commitment to enhance the role of the APPF in curbing corruption by building parliamentary integrity, accountability, and good governance in respective member countries;

Noting the importance of cooperation amongst parliamentarians and others, including through the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC), to combat corruption and promote transparency and accountability to maintain the highest standards of integrity in public sectors;

RESOLVES TO:



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1. **Support** the work of anti-corruption parliamentary organizations and/or networks as platforms for sharing best practices, knowledge and capacity building of parliamentarians to adopt and effectively implement anti-corruption measures;
2. **Encourage** APPF Member States to convene a meeting of parliamentarians to discuss developments and legislation addressing the anti-corruption situation in the Asia-Pacific region;
3. **Encourage** the timely development of bilateral and multilateral anti-corruption instruments, in particular the *United Nations Convention Against Corruption* (UNCAC), addressing extradition, mutual legal assistance, and the recovery and return of proceeds of corruption through inter-parliamentary cooperation;
4. **Provide** the appropriate domestic parliamentary measures to support the work of anti-corruption agencies in performing their duties and to strengthen agency to agency relationships in developing further regional cooperation.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.21

BUILDING THE TOOLS OF DEMOCRACY

(Sponsored by Chile)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Considering that the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) is a parliamentary body that has become a crucial entity at the moment of generating cooperation amongst the countries of the region through a clear and constructive dialogue able to set the basis for peace, stability and prosperity in the region;

Conscious of the fact that the Declaration of Tokyo 1993, the Declaration of Vancouver 1997, the Declaration of Valparaíso 2001 and the New Declaration of Tokyo 2012 have established the permanent objectives and principles of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum that involve the respect for the universal values of regional peace, freedom, democracy and the fundamental human rights;

Recalling Resolution N°2 on Regional Cooperation in the Asia Pacific Region for the Promotion of Democracy, Participation and Political Leadership of Women adopted during the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum held in Quito, Ecuador on January 14th, 2015;

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted in 1948, in particular Article 21, which like the International Pact on Civil and Political Rights adopted in 1966, guarantees that everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, to have equal access to public service, to vote and to be elected;

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which sets forth in its Article 21 (3) “The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures”;

Reassuring the commitments adopted by the APPF member countries through the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the International Covenant on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. All of them guarantee the protection and promotion of men and women’s fundamental rights, as part



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of the human dignity of every person without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or any other status;

Bearing in mind resolution A/RES/70/1 of the United Nations General Assembly adopted on September 25th 2015 where the 2030 Agenda for the Sustainable Development was agreed, taking into account also the Millennium Development Goals agreed during the 2000 United Nations Millennium Summit;

Positively Valuing the Universal Declaration on Democracy adopted in 1997 by the Inter Parliamentary Union, which in its Article 1 defines democracy as “a universally recognized ideal as well as a goal, which is based on common values shared by peoples throughout the world community, irrespective of cultural, political, social and economic differences”. In its Article 2, it states that Democracy is both an ideal to be pursued and a mode of government “to be applied according to modalities which reflect the diversity of experiences and cultural particularities without derogating from internationally recognized principles, norms and standards”;

Recalling Article 7 of the Inter American Democratic Charter (2001) which recognizes the link between democracy and human rights when it states that “Democracy is indispensable for the effective exercise of fundamental freedoms and human rights in their universality, indivisibility and interdependence, embodied in the respective constitutions of states and in inter-American and international human rights instruments”;

Stressing the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document passed by the United Nations General Assembly where in number 135 the relationship between democracy and the right of free determination is highlighted when it states that democracy “is a universal value based on the freely expressed will of people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems and their full participation in all aspects of their lives”;

Considering the Democracy Program submitted in 1996 by the United Nations General Secretary before the United Nations Organization General Assembly;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Reaffirm** the commitments adopted by the APPF Member States in relation to the protection and promotion of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights that constitute the cornerstone of any democracy. Therefore it is essential for Parliament Members to carry out their legislative, representative and controlling duties considering human rights;

2. **Exhort** the APPF Member States to double their efforts in order to advance in the consolidation of the rule of law and the democratic institutions promoting equal access to justice, fighting against corruption, ensuring accountability, transparency and free access to information through the implementation of technology and communication in public administration;



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3. **Urge** the countries of the region to celebrate free, fair and competitive elections held at regular intervals on the basis of universal equal and secret suffrage, credible and perceived by the people as such. Therefore, impartial and independent election entities are required, with clear mandate, resources and will to carry out their duties;
4. **Renew** countries' commitment to lay the basis for building a robust civil society, promoting the participation of men and women, handicapped people, indigenous and tribal peoples, and migrants, with the aim of guaranteeing the promotion of their interests, the expression of their concerns and active participation in the process of making decisions that rule all aspects of their lives;
5. **Ask** the nations of the Asia Pacific to promote civil education and the building of a democratic culture based on the right to freedom of opinion and expression and on the values of mutual respect, tolerance and diversity;
6. **Reiterate** the commitment of the APPF Member States and their Parliament Members to work together to overcome poverty and inequality progressively under the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through policies focused on human development and gender equality, the promotion of growth and employment, of measures to distribute income and of policies showing respect for the environment;
7. **Encourage** the countries to continue to implement measures to increase regional security and peace, as both are critical aspects of a strong long lasting democracy based on regional cooperation and exchange of experiences and information to jointly and coordinately face up threats coming from terrorist activities, piracy, drug trafficking and organized crime;
8. **Request** the countries to promote preventive diplomacy and conflict resolution mechanisms, laying the bases for disputes to be solved peacefully through the strengthening of channels for dialogue at local, provincial and national levels, and the building of trust among the different areas of society;
9. **Urge** the Asia Pacific countries one more time to cooperate in the creation of a regional and international environment favorable to build and strengthen democracy by promoting pacific relations amongst the states, providing an incentive for the cooperation amongst authorities in issues related to peace, safety and justice, and creating the basis so that decision making be in agreement with international law and a good representative of the citizenship.



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**RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.22
ENSURING WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION AT ALL LEVELS OF POLITICAL
AND PUBLIC LIFE**

(Sponsored by New Zealand, Canada and Indonesia)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Recognizing that women's participation in political and public life is a human right, the fulfillment of which can strengthen peace, prosperity and social cohesion in the Asia-Pacific region and worldwide;

Being aware that the principle of equal opportunity in political and public life is essential to encouraging citizen engagement and crucial to building and sustaining democracy;

Considering that women in the Asia-Pacific region have proven abilities as leaders and agents of change;

Recalling the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, the *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women*, the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and the United Nations (UN) Security Council resolutions 1325 (2000), 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009), 1889 (2009), 1960 (2010), 2106 (2013), 2122 (2013) and 2242 (2015) on women, peace and security;

Emphasizing that world leaders have committed to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which aims to 'leave no one behind', including in the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, and envisions a world in which all legal, social and economic barriers to women's empowerment have been removed;

Recognizing the initiatives of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) to advance women's representation in leadership and decision-making roles, particularly in the economy

Reaffirming resolutions adopted by previous Annual Meetings of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) on women's full and effective participation in political and public life;

Welcoming the APPF Meeting of Women Parliamentarians, convened for the first time during the 24th Annual Meeting of the APPF in Vancouver;



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Being concerned with the underrepresentation of women in most of the decision-making positions in the legislative, executive, judicial, law enforcement, and private sectors of Asia-Pacific countries;

Recognizing that discriminatory laws and regulations, as well as gender stereotypes, can prevent or restrict women's participation in the political process and marginalize women from political and public life;

Being cognizant of the role that political parties can play in either facilitating or impeding women's participation in the political process, and the impact that a country's electoral system can have on women's representation in elected bodies;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Uphold** women's empowerment and participation in political and public life as essential elements of civic engagement, democracy, peace and prosperity;

2. **Call on** APPF Member States and APPF Parliaments to ensure the equal rights of women and men, and to monitor the national implementation of laws and regulations to ensure their consistency with State obligations under international human rights and gender equality instruments;

3. **Consider** specific measures – including quotas, targeted recruitment initiatives, civic education and/or awareness campaigns – that can achieve gender balance in the legislative and executive branches of government and the judiciary, as well as women's involvement in decision-making roles in those same bodies;

4. **Encourage** Member State Parliaments and parties to adopt policies and procedures that promote and respect diversity and that ensure equal opportunities for participation of all ethnic, cultural and gender groups respecting diversity;

5. **Call on** APPF Member States to ensure that women have equal access to high-quality education, training and skills-development opportunities, and financial resources;

6. **Promote** awareness among women, through education, mentorship and campaigns, of the political, social and business networks, the training, and the financial support that are available to them;

7. **Appeal** to political parties in the APPF region to review and reform candidate recruitment processes with the view to removing barriers that limit women's participation in those processes and to increasing the number of female party candidates;

8. **Recommend** that APPF Parliaments utilize research and data to inform policy developments and legislative responses to gender-related issues, including violence against women and children, trafficking in persons, health, education and employment;



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9. **Encourage** APPF Parliaments to establish cross-party parliamentary groups or caucuses to ensure Parliaments raise gender equality issues and promote legislation;
10. **Call upon** APPF Parliaments to provide training to their legislators to inform them of the scope, causes and effects of family violence, and encourage men and women parliamentarians to work together to pursue legislative reform and hold governments to account in complying with international and regional commitments to gender equality;
11. **Promote** gender-mainstreaming throughout all parliamentary work and structures, supported by the effective training of parliamentarians and parliamentary staff on gender-based analysis and the collection of sex-disaggregated data that is made available to all parliamentarians;
12. **Appeal** to all APPF Parliaments to include a proportionate number of women as members of their delegations to all APPF Annual Meetings, and to ensure that gender perspectives are reflected in the resolutions adopted by Annual Meetings of the APPF;
13. **Invite** the APPF Executive Committee to report to each Annual Meeting on the inclusion of women in all delegations participating in that Annual Meeting;
14. **Recommend** that the APPF Meeting of Women Parliamentarians become a permanent fixture of APPF Annual Meetings and be reflected in the APPF *Rules of Procedure*.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.23

PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANT WORKERS

(Sponsored by Indonesia)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and all other relevant international instruments, particularly the rights of the migrant workers and members of their families;

Acknowledging the contribution of migrant workers to the social and economic development of origin states and receiving states;

Being concerned for the safety and security of migrant workers, particularly women migrant workers, including for their protection from human rights abuses, sexual harassment and physical violence, discrimination, and poor working conditions;

Being concerned also with the vulnerability of migrant workers to forced labour, or being deceived into exploitative situations during the process of voluntarily migrating from their country;

Declaring that effective action to prevent and combat trafficking in persons, especially women and children, requires a comprehensive international approach in the countries of origin, transit and destination that includes measures to prevent such trafficking in particular labour trafficking, to punish the traffickers and to protect the victims of such trafficking, including by protecting their internationally recognized human rights;

Reaffirming that the protection and promotion of the rights of migrant workers is the responsibility of all APPF Member States under the common vision of regional security and prosperity;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Encourage** APPF Member States to ensure that their national laws and regulations protect and promote the rights of migrant workers;
2. **Encourage** APPF Member States to improve bilateral and multilateral cooperation to facilitate access to nationally appropriate welfare services and transferrable social protections;



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3. **Urge** APPF Member States to promote fair and proper working conditions, fair and reasonable wages, and adequate access to decent living conditions for migrant workers;
4. **Encourage** the origin states to train the migrant workers with adequate skills for them to be able to fulfill their task, and to equip the migrant workers with cross cultural knowledge for them to understand the culture, prevailing laws and regulation in the country of their employment;
5. **Encourage** APPF Member States to adopt and implement the principles of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, particularly women and children, for forced and exploitative labour, including sexual exploitation;
6. **Urge** the governments of APPF Member States to take measures to protect migrant workers from fraudulent and illicit recruitment practices that facilitate trafficking in persons;
7. **Encourage** APPF Member States to strengthen cooperation in addressing the challenge related to clandestine movements and trafficking in migrant workers, while at the same time assuring the protection of their fundamental human rights



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.24

COUNTER-TERRORISM

(Sponsored by the Russian Federation, Malaysia, Indonesia, Mexico and Chile)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Reaffirming the earlier Resolutions adopted by the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum regarding counter-terrorism, illegal drug trafficking and organized crime;

Recalling Resolution APPF22/RES01 on “Political and Security Matters in Asia Pacific” which was held in Puerto Vallarta Mexico on 12 to 16 January 2014;

Cognizant of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy adopted on 8 September 2006 and striving for its comprehensive implementation in an integrated manner including in the Asia Pacific region;

Drawing attention to the threat known as Daesh, the sectarian conflict emanating in or from the Middle East that is on the growing scale that affect the global prosperity, peace and security;

Highlighting the fact that terrorism committed by Daesh undermines political stability and political security and that they are tearing the fabric of a just society;

Noting that acts of terrorism committed or inspired by Daesh and other terrorist organizations constitute a persistent threat to regional and international peace, security and growth and one that is becoming increasingly dispersed and equally complex;

Endorsing Resolution 60/1 of the 2005 General Assembly, Point 89, on the importance of assisting victims of terrorism and of providing them and their families with support to cope with their loss and their grief;

Following up resolution on the role of parliaments in combating all terrorist attacks perpetrated by organizations such as Daesh and Boko Haram against innocent civilians, in particular women and girls, adopted unanimously by the 132nd IPU Assembly in Hanoi, Vietnam on 31 March 2015;

Accept in principle that victims of terrorism can bring legal actions against state-sponsored terrorism;



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Condemning in the strongest terms all forms and manifestations of terrorism and emphasizing that no terrorist acts on ideological, religious, political, racial, ethnic or any other grounds can have any justification;

Reaffirming that terrorism cannot be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group;

Emphasizing the central role of the UN in the coordination of the multilateral counter-terrorism cooperation that shall comply with international law, including the UN Charter, refugee law and humanitarian law, as well as rights and fundamental freedoms of man;

Referring to the adoption of the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the fight against terrorism as presented by the Mexican State to the Third Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization, reiterating the commitment of the international community to respect international obligations in the matter while at the same time urging the safeguarding of the work of civil society and humanitarian organizations, guaranteeing the right to privacy and guaranteeing the full and effective participation of women in drawing up and examining measures to combat terrorism;

Noting that they were preceded by the terrorist acts in the Middle East and North Africa that arouse sincere resentment and require immediate measures aimed to curb terrorism;

Being aware that humanity has faced a global challenge that no country in the world would be capable to address alone;

Sharing the conviction that today this challenge shall receive a decisive response strictly within the framework of international law;

Recognizing that only by establishing efficient coordination of the currently separate counter-terrorism efforts, by eliminating all possibilities for terrorism financing (including by terminating purchase of stolen oil and ancient works of art and culture), only by ensuring the inevitability of criminal prosecution and punishment for all terrorists and their accomplices, we would be able to defeat this absolute evil;

Being convinced that the member parliaments can successfully promote the improvement of the national legislation in the area of terrorism prevention and fight against terrorism and other related crimes;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Call upon** APPF Member States to consistently implement the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and relevant Resolutions of the UN Security Council aimed to fight international terrorism, seek fastest completion of the approval of the proposed UN Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism;



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2. **Call upon** APPF Parliaments to strengthen the interparliamentary and international cooperation in order to improve the regulatory framework for preventing and countering terrorism effectively, fostering spaces, and the exchanging of opinions, information and technology related to the prevention and combat of terrorism;
3. **Call upon** all members of the international community to create a broad coalition of states rejecting terrorism and violent extremism in a consistent manner, and willing to contribute to the win over common evil;
4. **Adopt** necessary legislation, in accordance with international law, in order to criminalize terrorism and any assistance to it, to unify the conditions of interaction between special services and law enforcement agencies for prosecuting and punishing terrorists and their accomplices by utilizing the potential of parliamentary diplomacy for approving adequate decisions;
5. **Coordinate** efforts of relevant organizations in order to prevent terrorist acts, detect terrorist networks and terrorist support channels, agree upon military operations to inflict maximum damage to terrorist groups at the places of their immediate location, create a single unified list of terrorist organizations, as well as the mechanism for its prompt update;
6. **Call upon** all APPF Member States and encourage other non-member countries to detect and promptly eradicate any terrorism financing sources, including the proceeds of drug trafficking, trafficking in persons, sale of energy and other resources, as well as channels for weapon supply to terrorist organizations;
7. **Use** parliamentary diplomacy to actively promote the international counter-terrorism agenda and the political discussion of counter-terrorism cooperation issues;
8. **Ensure** the safeguarding of the cultural heritage based on the UN Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict adopted on May 14, 1954;
9. **Condemn** misanthropic ideologies, including any justifications of terrorist methods used for the attainment of any goal involving civil society and religious communities for this purpose;
10. **Prevent** the glorification of acts of violence, deter radicalization in all its forms, and state that there will be punishment for terrorist activities;
11. **Call** on the parliaments of the APPF Member States and encourage other states, as well as international parliamentary organizations, to establish broad and efficient cooperation in the fight against international terrorism;
12. **Urge** all APPF Member States to fully implement the Security Council Resolution 2178 which recognizes that a comprehensive approach is needed to defeat terrorism and threats from Daesh. The resolution requires national, regional, sub-regional and multilateral action, taking into account specific national situation and legislation;



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13. **Necessitate** high respect of the international law and cooperation between APPF Member States that works as mechanisms needed to maintain trust, peace, security and harmonious co-existence as a way in strengthening partnerships for security and growth;

14. **Emphasize** the competency, defined in terms of expertise and skills, well-versed in communicating and sharing ideas or information, ability in developing strategies in defending common interest of APPF Member States and the rest of the world for all-encompassing strengthened partnerships for peace, prosperity, security and growth;

15. **Encourage** APPF Member States to forge closer understanding and cooperation with religious leaders to oppose radicalism, and consider the potential risks of statements associating terrorism with religion;

16. **Encourage** support for the victims of terrorism, attaining their social inclusion and reintegration into international society with an eye to the ensuing regional and global benefits.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.25

**STRENGTHENING THE GLOBAL RESPONSE TO HUMANITARIAN
CRISES**

(Sponsored by Canada)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Underscoring that the overall number of people around the world who are in need of humanitarian assistance and protection has nearly doubled in the past decade;

Concerned that many of today's armed conflicts are characterized by widespread brutality, as well as a disregard for human rights and basic rules of international humanitarian law;

Considering that an estimated 60 million people – half of whom are children – have been forced from their homes as a result of conflict and violence, a level of global displacement not seen since the Second World War;

Underlining the large-scale, complex and far-reaching nature of many contemporary crises, and the protracted situations of displacement that frequently result from them;

Mindful that, in the Asia-Pacific region, humanitarian crises often arise because of natural disasters, which are increasingly frequent and severe;

Drawing attention to emerging humanitarian risks, such as those that may result from climate change and environmental degradation, resource scarcity, pandemics, rapid and unmanaged urbanization, and mass migration;

Recognizing the instrumental role of international, non-governmental and civil society organizations, and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in assisting people affected by crises;

Aware of international, regional and national efforts to strengthen the impact of humanitarian assistance, and to improve the coordination of that assistance with reconstruction and development activities;

Cognizant that targeted efforts to strengthen the resilience of individuals, communities and institutions can help to enable them to withstand, adapt to and recover quickly from crises;



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Reiterating that humanitarian actions must take into account the needs of vulnerable groups, including women and girls, children and youth, the elderly, persons with disabilities, minorities and the poor;

Underscoring that women and girls are disproportionately affected by crises, and that humanitarian action must be designed in a way that empowers women as equal partners and leaders;

Determined to ensure that protection is prioritized in all humanitarian settings, including with respect to the prevention of all forms of sexual- and gender-based violence, the risk of which is especially acute in the context of migration, and to ensure that victims have access to necessary medical, legal and psychosocial services;

Acknowledging the financial contributions made by governments – including those in the Asia-Pacific region – in response to international humanitarian appeals;

Concerned about the significant proportion of humanitarian needs that remain unmet around the world;

Stressing that world leaders have pledged to ‘leave no one behind’ in the realization of the United Nations (UN) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a commitment that encompasses all people in situations of displacement and crisis;

Welcoming the UN Secretary-General’s decision to convene the first-ever World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, Turkey in May 2016;

Emphasizing the imperative of a collective commitment to humanitarian action;

Recognizing the guiding humanitarian principles of neutrality, humanity, impartiality and independence;

Reaffirming the importance of full and consistent respect for international humanitarian law;

Convinced that parliamentarians must provide political will that can generate adequate, timely and effective responses to humanitarian crises, and promote the peaceful resolution of conflict through political means;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Call on** APPF Member States to participate actively and constructively in the 2016 UN World Humanitarian Summit;



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2. **Urge** APPF Member States and APPF Parliaments to contribute to a humanitarian system that is effective and inclusive, focused on affected people and communities, and based on the prioritization of dignity, protection and resilience;
3. **Ensure** that gender perspectives are mainstreamed in decision-making about the planning, allocation and evaluation of humanitarian assistance, which must respond to the specific needs of women and girls in a comprehensive and consistent manner;
4. **Insist** that, in all humanitarian contexts and conflict settings, the safety and security of humanitarian personnel, facilities, equipment, vehicles and supplies be assured in accordance with APEC's Emergency Travel Facilitation Initiatives;
5. **Promote** accountability for all violations of international humanitarian law;
6. **Urge** APPF Member States and APPF Parliaments to redouble efforts to find durable solutions to conflicts through conflict prevention, diplomacy and mediation;
7. **Provide** parliamentary oversight of national funding mechanisms and budgetary allocations related to humanitarian assistance to ensure their consistency with commitments made at the international level;
8. **Advocate** responses to humanitarian appeals that are timely and adequate, commensurate with national capacity and the needs identified by the international humanitarian system, and by understanding responsive local considerations;
9. **Prioritize** disaster risk reduction and resiliency, including by supporting implementation of the *Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030* at the international, regional, national and local levels;
10. **Appeal** to APPF Member States to respond – in a manner consistent with international refugee law and international human rights law – to the humanitarian dimensions of refugee and migrant movements, and to displacement caused by anthropogenic climate change and natural disasters;
11. **Encourage** APPF Member States to cooperate in sharing the burdens and responsibilities associated with refugee crises, including by providing support to those countries that are host to significant numbers of refugees;
12. **Call on** APPF Member States, and encourage non-Member states, to place special emphasis on ensuring a strong legal framework that facilitates the distribution of humanitarian aid, and one that is transparent and fights against corruption.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.26

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATES AND PARLIAMENTS TOWARDS
REFUGEES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN
HUMANITARIAN CRISES**

(Sponsored by Indonesia)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Recognizing that living in a peaceful and prosperous world is an inalienable human right;

Welcoming the commitment made by State Parties to the 1951 United Nations Convention on Refugees, and commitment by international community to provide assistance and protection to refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs);

Noting that the growing complexity of current humanitarian crises requires multidimensional approaches of humanitarian assistance with due regards to humanitarian principle and shall be based upon the principle of impartiality;

Being aware of the transit countries' role in ensuring the protection needs of refugees, as well as current challenges faced by transit countries including gap in domestic legal protections, inadequate detention facilities and support services, lengthy refugee status determination process and resettlement placement;

Acknowledging that parliament plays a crucial role in development of national legislation and have unequivocal influence over the Executive and en-masse population to create awareness on such issue;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Encourage** the APPF Member Countries and international community to share the responsibility of assisting the country of asylum and the transit country, and to cooperate with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and all other organizations concerned with irregular migration, in order to monitor the implementation of international conventions for protecting asylum seekers and refugees;

2. **Strengthen** the national legislation to ensure effective delivery of humanitarian assistance to civilians and non-combatants;



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3. **Encourage** the countries of asylum and transit countries to provide physical facilities and material needs of the refugees in a non-discriminatory manner, and in conformity with national legislation and international human rights law;
4. **Encourage** transit countries to respect the principle of non-refoulement;
5. **Encourage** transit countries to not criminalize, detain or otherwise punish refugees solely for their method of arrival in a country, notwithstanding that transit countries are sovereign;
6. **Support** states in putting together effective and coordinated measures to protect refugees from human rights abuses by traffickers and smugglers.



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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.27

BUILDING RESILIENCE TO DISASTERS AND CRISES

(Sponsored by Japan, Chile and Mexico)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Recalling the particular vulnerability of the Asia-Pacific region to natural disasters and the large number of recent natural disasters in our region;

Mindful of the huge economic and human costs that natural and human-made disasters and crises contribute to the suffering of societies and economies in terms of fatalities, increased numbers of refugees and displaced peoples, and the destruction of infrastructure;

Noting that the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) is an organization that seeks to identify and discuss issues of regional interest and concern, with the aim of promoting them in a global context;

Recalling that the APPF Member States encourage and promote regional cooperation at all levels on issues of common interest with a sense of cohesion, understand and coordination;

Bearing in mind the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) previous resolutions in regard to risk prevention and management, specially Resolution N° 8 on “Disaster Prevention” passed during the 23rd Annual Meeting held in January 2015, Resolution N° 15 on “Disaster Risk Reduction” taken during the 22nd Annual Meeting held in January 2014 and Resolution N° 7 on “Cooperation on Disaster Prevention” taken during the 20th Annual Meeting held in January 2012;

Recalling the particular vulnerability of the Asia-Pacific region to natural disasters and the differentiated influence of the Pacific Plate, Nazca, Ring of Fire impacts, volcanic threats, tsunamis and El Niño – Southern Oscillation, among others;

Recognizing that investing in reducing risk and improving economic and social disaster resilience not only provides a comprehensive response to save lives, but also promotes sustainable socio-economic development;

Recognizing the substantial contributions of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) 2005-2015 to the formulation of strategies and policies to reduce disaster risk, eradicate poverty,



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reduce inequality and implement a sustainable and inclusive development, as a result of different factors such as climate change, rapid unplanned urbanization, and the inadequate use of soils and natural resources amongst others that tend to create higher vulnerability;

Welcoming the adoption of Sendai Declaration and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Sendai, Japan;

Welcoming the adoption of the resolution to designate November 5 as World Tsunami Awareness Day at the Plenary Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York on December 22nd, 2015;

Recognizing that the economic losses and damages from disasters and their impact on development tend to be exacerbated by current development patterns;

Recognizing the contributions of the Global Campaign "Developing Resilient Cities: My City is Getting Ready", so that societies are able to manage and prevent natural disasters, minimizing damage, and, in the case they occur, have effective, timely and coordinated measures for emergency, recovery and reconstruction;

Confirming that the international community should cooperate to the substantial reduction of disaster losses in lives and in social, economic, cultural and environmental assets;

Noting that governments in the Asia-Pacific region, with the support of parliamentarians, have made significant progress in their legal frameworks to effectively influence the disaster risk reduction;

Stressing the importance of Asia-Pacific parliamentary cooperation in the mitigation of natural disasters, due to increasingly important role played by international and regional parliamentary organizations in social and humanitarian areas;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Call upon** governments at all levels in the Asia-Pacific region to prioritize measures incorporating disaster risk reduction in their public policies and allocating adequate financial resources for this purpose;

2. **Recommend** the national authorities of the Asia-Pacific area to continue reinforcing the good governance in relation to disaster risk management strategies at all levels and specially value the importance of empowering – through the most suitable mechanisms for every country's situation - the local governments and communities to carry out prevention and disaster reduction tasks;

3. **Encourage** parliamentarians from the Asia-Pacific region to formulate national laws designed to regulate and coordinate prevention and response to the affected population in



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situations of disaster, ensuring that these laws pay special attention to the needs of the most vulnerable in the population;

4. **Encourage** parliamentarians from the Asia-Pacific region to in turn encourage their governments and UN agencies, to conduct risk reduction strategies, exchange of technology, establishment of early warning systems and rapid response mechanisms, and to update the Risk Atlas, among others;

5. **Promote** the topic of risk reduction in APPF Member States policies and development plans, including strategies for reducing poverty and sectoral and multi-sectoral policies and plans; additionally, introduce regulations and mechanisms that encourage compliance and promote incentives for risk reduction activities;

6. **Appeal** to APPF Member States to expand mutual cooperation in disaster risk reduction as stated in the "Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030", as well as dealt with regional cooperation frameworks such as APEC, ASEAN, the East Asia Summit (EAS) and the Trilateral Japan-China-ROK;

7. **Promote** investment among APPF Member States in the economic, social, health, cultural and educational resilience of persons, communities, countries and the environment, as well as through technology and research; enhancing multi-hazard early warning systems, preparedness, response, recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction, as mentioned in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030; and emphasizing the importance of reducing the risks through timely investments that uphold developing national disaster resilience at all levels of society;

8. **Promote** the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 among all APPF Member States, ensuring an approach to societal resilience that is participatory, inclusive, accountable and effective in the Asia-Pacific region in developing and strengthening mechanisms to follow up, periodically assess and publicly report on progress on national and local plans;

9. **Affirm** the importance of diffusing knowledge on tsunamis and raising people's awareness and promote countermeasures against tsunamis worldwide in order to protect as many precious lives as possible;

10. **Urge** the countries of the region - through their governments, parliamentary systems, universities, research centers and scientific technical institutes - to work in an integrated way and to collaborate in the reduction of information gaps and the improvement of the analysis and characterization of threats;

11. **Boost** the setting of standardized proceedings and guidelines on matters related to disaster prevention and management in the Asia-Pacific Region, and encourage not only the national competent agencies to work in coordination to provide answers during emergencies but also



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encourage the national work groups to face up catastrophes, and even to create task groups at regional levels able to deploy immediately in order to support the national teams;

12. **Remind** all competent authorities and all private and public interested parties, at all levels, that disaster risk reduction and resilience building is a task that involves the whole society, therefore it is necessary to count on the coordinated contributions of all actors;

13. **Draw special attention to** the most vulnerable people and social groups, as well as to developing countries that are being affected by disasters in an unprecedented way, and establish multi-sectoral disaster risk management policies that reinforce resilience in poor communities;

14. **State** that protecting essential services, particularly schools and hospitals, is a major social priority;

15. **Affirm** the importance of clearly having positioned disaster risk reduction in the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development in order to mainstream disaster risk reduction;

16. **Urge** the regional and international parliamentary organizations, United Nations agencies and regional and international organizations to double their efforts and develop programs and actions to foster consciousness not only on the damage caused by natural disasters and by those provoked by natural and human disasters;

17. **Ensure** that gender perspectives are mainstreamed in decision-making about the planning, allocation and evaluation during disaster and crises, which must respond to the specific needs of women in a comprehensive and consistent manner.



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ANEXO III: COMUNICADO CONJUNTO

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum Vancouver, Canada Joint Communiqué

At the invitation of the Parliament of Canada, the 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) was held in Vancouver, Canada from 17 to 21 January 2016 with 252 participants – including 113 parliamentarians – from 20 member countries and 1 observer country.

The first-ever APPF Meeting of Women Parliamentarians was held on 17 January, before the opening of the Annual Meeting. More than 40 delegates from 14 countries participated in the meeting Co-Chaired by the Honourable Dr. Nurhayati Ali Assegaf (Indonesia) and the Honourable Senator Mobina Jaffer (Canada). The Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada, the Honourable Geoff Regan, addressed the participants and communicated Canada's full support for this inaugural meeting, underlining that it would provide a legacy that would enrich APPF meetings for years to come.

The Meeting of Women Parliamentarians addressed themes that included women's participation in political and public life and women's leadership in building disaster-resilient communities. From these discussions, there was overwhelming consensus among the delegates who participated in the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians that there should be a permanent event at every Annual Meeting. This meeting also supported further consideration of the ways in which women's participation in APPF Executive Committee Meetings could be increased.

The Executive Committee convened on 17 January where it approved the Agenda and Program for the Annual Meeting. The Honourable Joseph A. Day, Senator of Canada, was confirmed as the Chair of the Drafting Committee.

On 18 January 2016, the Honourable Donald Neil Plett, Senator of Canada and President of the APPF, opened the Annual Meeting. The Honourable George Furey, Speaker of the Senate of Canada, and the Honourable Geoff Regan, Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada, provided keynote remarks. On behalf of the Mayor of Vancouver, the Deputy Mayor, Ms. Heather Deal, welcomed all delegates to the city of Vancouver. The Honourable Takuji Yanagimoto, Member of the House of Councillors and Head of the Delegation of Japan, delivered a speech on behalf of the



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APPF Honorary President, His Excellency Mr. Yasuhiro Nakasone. Ms. Pam Goldsmith-Jones, Parliamentary Secretary to Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, addressed the plenary on behalf of the Honourable Stéphane Dion, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

At the conclusion of the opening plenary session, the Agenda for the 24th Annual Meeting was adopted. The Honourable David Tkachuk, Senator of Canada, and Mr. Geng Tan, Member of Parliament of Canada's House of Commons, were designated as the Annual Meeting's Co-Chairs.

In the plenary sessions on political and security issues, delegates discussed a wide range of topics relevant to the peace and stability of the Asia-Pacific region. The plenary considered the ways in which parliamentarians can build the tools of democracy including through initiatives that can enhance citizen engagement and parliamentary outreach to the public, as well as those that can strengthen anti-corruption measures. Interventions also addressed the importance of regional security, including efforts to address transnational crime and end trafficking in persons. Particular attention was paid to the necessity of combatting terrorism in light of the January 2016 attacks in Jakarta, Indonesia. Noting that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) had announced that it had conducted a fourth nuclear test on 6 January 2016, delegates also emphasized the importance of achieving denuclearization and peace on the Korean Peninsula.

In the plenary sessions on economic and trade issues, discussions focused on regional efforts targeting the expansion of trade, investment and sustainable development. Cognizant that the global economic recovery remains uneven, delegates emphasized the need for further efforts to ensure that the benefits of global trade and economic development are inclusive, reaching the broadest possible range of countries, communities, and people. Another common theme was the optimization of global value chains, not only with respect to trade in merchandise, but also services. Measures that were highlighted as key building blocks included those targeting the integration of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises and the enhancement of connectivity and innovation, including through public and private investment in infrastructure.

In the plenary sessions on regional cooperation, delegates articulated their long-term vision for sustainable development in the region and the steps necessary for the realization of those objectives. Themes that were addressed included those pertinent to economic and social affairs – youth prosperity, employment and education – and those focused on societal and environmental resilience, including with respect to the prevention and recovery from disasters and crises and the protection of wildlife and marine ecosystems. These discussions were anchored by the recently adopted United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. As the APPF is an inter-parliamentary forum, delegates drew attention to the role of parliamentarians in the national implementation and monitoring of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and their 169 targets.



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Throughout the Annual Meeting, the members of the Drafting Committee carefully considered the many draft resolutions that had been submitted by APPF member countries, which culminated in the Committee's referral of draft resolutions to the plenary for review, approval and adoption. The Drafting Committee's work was greatly facilitated by the constructive engagement of delegates in six Working Groups oriented around the following themes: peace and security; terrorism and transnational crime; economy and trade; innovation, infrastructure and connectivity; tools of democracy; and, disasters and crises.

The 24th Annual Meeting of the APPF adopted the 27 resolutions. They are all available on the official website of the 24th Annual Meeting.

In the final plenary session, the participants discussed the work and activities of the APPF as an institution, including with respect to the APPF Meeting of Women Parliamentarians, which had been held for the first time in Vancouver. Throughout the week's proceedings, delegates emphasized the success of that inaugural meeting, and their support for its continuation at future APPF Annual Meetings, a matter that they agreed should be addressed in greater detail by the APPF Executive Committee. Delegates also welcomed confirmation that the 25th Annual Meeting of the APPF will be hosted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Fiji in January 2017.

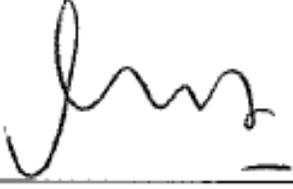
In his concluding remarks, the President of the 24th Annual Meeting, Senator Plett, congratulated the delegates and commended them for their important contributions to the plenary sessions, Working Groups and Drafting Committee, thus ensuring a productive, cooperative and inclusive Annual Meeting.

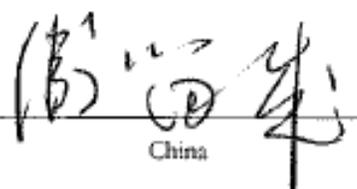
All delegates wish to thank the Parliament of Canada for hosting this 24th Annual Meeting and express appreciation for the kind hospitality extended to all of us in the beautiful city of Vancouver.

Signed in Vancouver, Canada on 20 January 2016.


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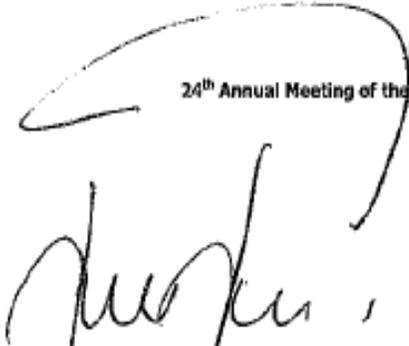
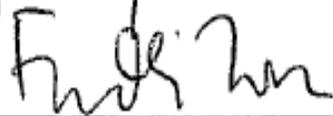
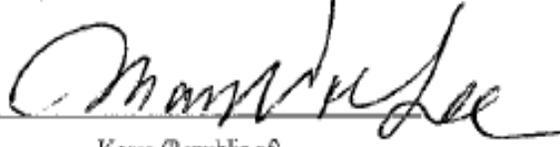
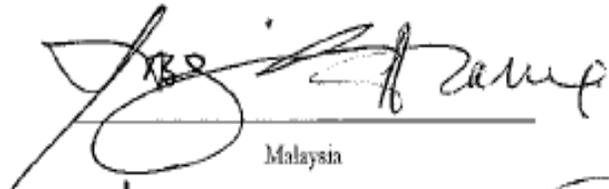
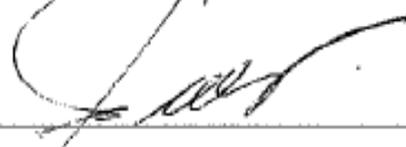
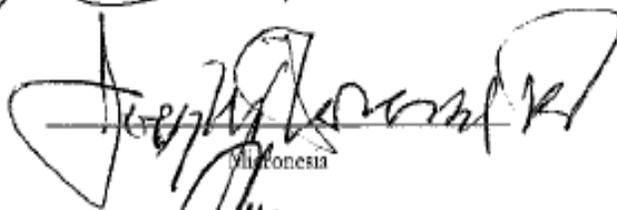
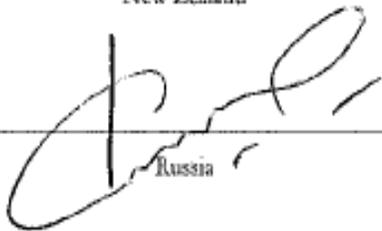
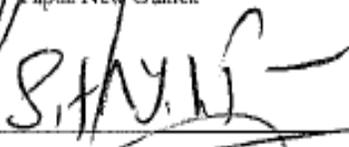
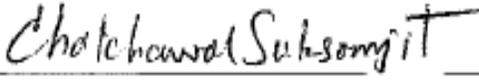
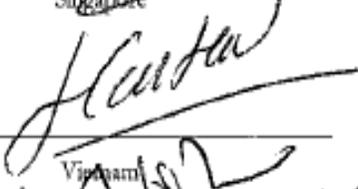
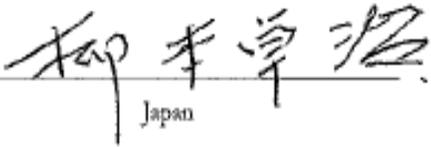
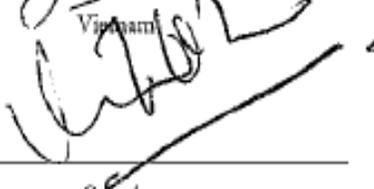

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