

RESOLUTION ON PROMOTING PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY FOR REGIONAL SECURITY

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We, the parliamentarians of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF), gathering in Bangkok, Thailand, for the 30th Annual Meeting of the APPF under the theme *Parliaments and the Post-COVID-19 Sustainable Development*:

Recalling the main objective of the establishment of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum, which is to promote greater identification and regional non-military cooperation, with a particular emphasis on the advancement of peace, freedom, democracy, and prosperity within the Asia-Pacific region;

Realizing common challenges in the Asia-Pacific region, such as human trafficking, terrorism, violent extremism, transnational crime, transboundary environmental concerns and impacts of climate change, cross-border pandemics, among others, which call for immediate parliamentary actions among APPF Member Parliaments;

Recalling the 26th APPF resolution (APPF26/RES/05) on promoting parliamentary diplomacy for peace, security and prosperity in the region and the world, adopted in January 2018 in Hanoi, Vietnam, encouraging APPF Member Parliaments to increase efforts in parliamentary diplomacy to achieve peace, stability, economic integration and sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region and the world;

Reaffirming the commitment of all APPF Member Parliaments to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations, especially Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels in which parliamentary roles are also emphasized;

Expressing serious concern that rising tensions, conflicts, and human rights violations in the region could very well undermine peace, stability, and development, which if not handled properly, could escalate into unnecessary conflicts and confrontation; and

Emphasizing the significant role of parliamentarians in strengthening peace, security and sustainable development as well as promoting common interests by using parliamentary diplomacy to compliment the traditional diplomacy;

RESOLVE TO:

1. **Encourage** APPF Member Parliaments to periodically engage in parliamentary diplomacy to help enhance regional peace, security and prosperity within the region;

2. **Recommend** APPF Member Parliaments to play an active role to support their respective governments to cope with and address common challenges and security threats such as terrorism, military tensions, transnational crimes, human trafficking, and cyber security threats, among others in order to promote peace, security, and sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region;
 3. **Call upon** APPF Member Parliaments to promote inter-parliamentary bilateral and plurilateral cooperation and dialogues through the parliamentary friendship groups and inter-parliamentary forums to formulate and together adopt a common legislative framework where applicable to best serve mutual interests within the Asia-Pacific region by exchanging information and sharing standard of best practices;
 4. **Call on** APPF Member Parliaments to ensure adequate financial and human resources to support their governments to promote regional peace and security in order to achieve the SDG 16;
 5. **Encourage** APPF Member Parliaments to engage the private sector and civil society including all stakeholders at all levels in promoting peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region; and
 6. **Request** APPF Member Parliaments to work with their respective governments to ensure peaceful resolution of international conflicts.
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