ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF)

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ROLE OF THE APPF IN ACHIEVING ASIA-PACIFIC AND GLOBAL PEACE AND PROSPERITY

The 30th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

**Being Concerned deeply** the relentless situation where many lives of innocent citizens are lost or losing a place to stay due to the war caused by the Russian invasion into Ukraine;

**Regretting deeply** that Russia, a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, is apparently violating the Charter of the United Nations, which prohibits the threat or use of force in Article 2, Paragraph 4;

**Appreciating greatly** the fact that, since its creation in 1993, the APPF has provided parliamentarians of sovereign states in the Asia-Pacific region with continued opportunities for candid and constructive dialogue, thereby contributing significantly to strengthening of relations among Member States as well as to the peace, stability and prosperity of the region;

**Emphasizing** that all the parliamentarians in the Asia-Pacific region undertake the obligation to strive to revitalize the United Nations in order to realize peace not only within the region but throughout the world;

**Affirming** that the roles of the parliamentarians in the Asia-Pacific region are important in order to implement a fundamental reform of the United Nations mechanisms and to create a new framework to maintain the world peace;

**Being resolved further**, even in the midst of changing circumstance in the international community and the Asia-Pacific region, to play our roles to achieve regional and global peace and prosperity while respecting the universal values of peace, freedom, democracy, basic human rights, and the rule of law having in mind three principles that have been nurtured in this region throughout the years—namely, tolerance, moderation and mutual support;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Call on** the APPF Member Parliaments to discuss the creation of new mechanisms for building peace in the Asia-Pacific region and the world, and to be further engaged in inter-parliamentary dialogues;

2. **Call on** the APPF Member Parliaments to fulfil their inherent function of overseeing their governments in order to realize peace, freedom, democracy, basic human rights, and the rule of law;

3. **Request** the APPF Member Parliaments to make even further efforts to reform and strengthen the United Nations functions including those of the Security Council in order to activate the United Nations’ original peace keeping functions especially those of the United Nations collective security system, bearing in mind that the Security Council has been paralyzed because of the veto system and we must find a way out to make the Security Council operational in any circumstances.