

Political and Security Matters

1b. *Enhancing parliamentary roles in promoting peace, security and prosperity in the region*

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The 28th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum:

Noting the Resolution APPF27/RES/08 on *Building Strong Institutions to Promoting Trade and Investment for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth* as well as the Resolution APPF27/RES/11 on *Building Trust For Peace, Security And Sustainable Development In The Region* adopted at the 27th annual meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) in Siem Reap in 2019;

Recalling the Ha Noi Declaration of 2018 which committed the APPF to build up a responsible parliamentary partnership towards a shared Asia-Pacific community's future of peace, stability, innovation, interconnected and sustainable development;

Reaffirming the 1997 Vancouver Declaration, which committed all APPF Member Countries to transform the Asia-Pacific region into a cohesive, peaceful, secure, stable, and prosperous community; and the 2012 New Tokyo Declaration, which promotes the APPF vision of open and non-exclusive cooperation based on frank and constructive dialogue for peace, stability and prosperity;

Confirming the role of parliaments of APPF Member Countries in creating an enabling environment to strengthen institutions that underpin peace, security and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific;

Recognising the interests of all people in the region to live securely and peacefully, and recalling the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member Countries in 2015, especially Sustainable Development 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*;

Reaffirming United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women Peace and Security and United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security, and Human Rights Council Resolution on Human Rights and Transitional Justice;

Recognising the crucial role of strong institutions in enhancing the rules-based order and inclusive growth and the crucial role of parliamentarians to adopt effective laws and policies; and

Stressing that peace, security, prosperity, human rights, democracy and the rule of law are interdependent and mutually reinforcing, and in this regard recalling the report of the United Nations Secretary-General on strengthening and coordinating United Nations rule of law activities, in which the Secretary-General addressed the ways and means of developing further the linkages between the rule of law and the three main pillars of the United Nations, namely, peace and security, human rights and development.

RESOLVE TO:

1. **Call** on the Parliaments of Member Countries to step up efforts toward mutual inclusive economic prosperity and security and addressing inequality in the region by pursuing effective and appropriate laws and policies;
2. **Enhance** transparency, accountability and deliberation in our National Parliaments;
3. **Promote** further work to build strong institutions within and between nations to create the enabling environment for peaceful, sustainable, inclusive development;
4. **Confirm** that everyone has the right to enjoy peace such that all human rights are promoted and protected and development is fully realised;
5. **Formulate and implement** policies and initiatives that would, in particular, eliminate violence against women and girls, and promote their social, political and economic development;
6. **Call** upon Member Countries to continue reforming, harmonising and implementing their laws, policies, and regulatory frameworks, and enhance institutional capability, especially in less developed countries, in order to promote sustainable development and eradicate poverty, including extreme poverty;
7. **Recognise** that peace is not only the absence of conflict but also requires a positive, participatory process where dialogue is encouraged and conflicts are solved in a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation, and socioeconomic development is ensured; and
8. **Urge** Member Countries of the APPF to continue to recognise the cross-cutting nature of the rule of law, crime, conflict and violence prevention, and development, and recommends that such linkages and interrelationships be properly addressed and further elaborated, while reiterating the commitments made with regard to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular in connection with the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 16.