

## Political and Security Matters

### 1c. Addressing drivers of radicalisation

(Draft resolution sponsored by Australia)

That the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum:

**Reaffirming** the commitment of the Asia-Pacific region to fully implement terrorism related United Nations Security Council Resolutions and to the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy adopted on 8 September 2006;

**Reiterating** that the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, in the 2016 Lima Declaration, strongly condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations; and later adopted the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan of the Working Group against Terrorism, which aims to secure an Asia-Pacific region free from terrorist activities, supporting free trade and investment to ensure regional growth and prosperity;

**Emphasising** that international initiatives in combating terrorism and violent extremism leading to terrorism and broad international coalition to combat global terrorism should comply with the Charter of the United Nations, relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions and other applicable international law, and recognising the central role of states in the context of a whole-of-society approach to combating terrorism;

**Recalling** the commitments and cooperation made by APPF Member Countries to condemn and combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including, *inter alia*, cooperation on implementing the existing legal frameworks and law enforcement mechanisms;

**Expressing** deep sympathy for victims of terrorism and their families while stressing the need to promote and protect the rights of victims of terrorism;

**Reiterating** that terrorism should not be associated with any religion, nationality, ethnic group or civilization, and acts of terrorism are unjustifiable regardless of their motivations, whenever, wherever and by whomsoever committed;

**Conscious** that there are a number of drivers underlying and conditions conducive to radicalisation to violence and that development based on the principles of human rights, social justice, inclusion and equal opportunities can contribute to the prevention of terrorism and violent extremism; and

**Emphasising** the urgent need to develop effective means to address the drivers of radicalisation to violence globally, including ways to counter the spread of violent extremist ideology and propaganda, and to forestall recruitment.

#### RESOLVE TO:

1. **Reaffirm** our commitment to counter violent extremist ideology, particularly those which lead to terrorism in all forms and manifestations, through means such as the

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prevention of radicalization to violence, financing, recruitment and mobilization of individuals into terrorist groups and activities;

2. **Underscore** the necessity of the effective implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions on counter-terrorism and the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, to support the United Nations Secretary-General Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism, and for APPF Member Countries to implement their obligations;
3. **Promote** inter-parliamentary cooperation among APPF Member Countries to actively promote the international counter-terrorism agenda, and to effectively address the drivers of radicalisation to violence through sharing of best practices and the development of whole-of-society national counter-terrorism capacities;
4. **Call upon** APPF Member Countries to share best practices and to support disengagement programs for prison inmates related to radicalised violent extremist ideology in order to seek to rehabilitate and reintegrate them into society;
5. **Recognise** the importance of ensuring that approaches to preventing and countering violent extremism are based on a gender-sensitive analysis of the conditions conducive to involvement in violent extremism;
6. **Encourage** APPF Member Countries to promote public awareness and participation including private sector, communities, civil society organisations, and women and women's organisations, in efforts to counter violent extremism and terrorism, as well as to develop a culture of peace, enhance interfaith dialogues, promote positive messages and values of moderation including non-violence, mutual respect and understanding; and
7. **Call upon** relevant international, regional, and sub-regional organisations to enhance collaboration to more efficiently and effectively address the drivers of radicalisation to violence.