

## Women Parliamentarians Meeting

### *WPa. Promoting gender equality for sustainable development and shared prosperity, realising the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*

(Draft resolution sponsored by Australia)

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

**Recalling** the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> APPF resolutions on gender equality and women's empowerment to achieve shared prosperity and sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region;

**Recalling** international treaties enhancing the protection and promotion of women's rights, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Charter of the United Nations and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW 1979), and commemorating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary;

**Welcoming** the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, which agreed a historic roadmap for the empowerment of women and girls, envisioning a world where each woman and girl can exercise her choices and freedoms and realise all her rights;

Also **welcoming** the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UNSCR1325 on women, peace and security, adopted by the United Nations Security Council in 2000, which acknowledged the disproportionate and unique impact of armed conflict on women and girls and the vital role that women's leadership and participation plays in preventing and resolving conflict;

**Reaffirming** that gender equality is a fundamental human right and central to sustainable development and peace;

Also **reaffirming** our commitment to the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including Goal 5, which targets the most significant challenges of achieving gender equality and empowerment for all women and girls;

**Underlining** that gender equality cross cuts the SDGs, and that a gender responsive implementation of the entire 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development is required to meet SDG targets;

**Recognising** that the global indicators framework for the SDGs exposes methodological gaps and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development requires monitoring and reviewing of commitments to disaggregate data and close data gaps;

**Expressing** concern that the international community is not on track to meet the SDG commitments on gender equality;

**Expressing** concern over the multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination faced by women and girls including women and girls with a disability, LBQTI women, older women,



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young women, indigenous women, and migrant women, and particularly concerned by the disproportionate impact of humanitarian disasters and conflicts on women and girls;

**Highlighting** that enabling women and girls' access to political and economic decision-making and resources processes contributes to security, peace and sustainable development; and

**Welcoming** the permanent status of APPF Women Parliamentarians Meeting in the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum and commitments to achieving gender equality by 2030.

**RESOLVE TO:**

1. **Remind** APPF Member Countries that the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development recognises the link between gender equality and sustainable development and that gender equality is a stand-alone goal (SDG5) and also cross cuts the SDGs;
2. **Encourage** Asia-Pacific countries to ratify, implement and monitor treaties, conventions and regulatory frameworks related to gender equality and women's empowerment in order to promote a gender responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to meet SDG targets;
3. **Remind** APPF Member Countries that we cannot achieve the SDGs, eradicate poverty or sustain peace without addressing gender inequalities;
4. **Call upon** APPF Member Countries to support collection of better gender and disaggregated data to ensure effective monitoring of the SDGs and more effective targeting of policies and programming;
5. **Remind** APPF Member Countries that women are powerful mediators, peacebuilders and leaders in making significant contributions to lasting peace and sustainable development;
6. **Urge** APPF Member Countries to promote the meaningful inclusion of women in decision-making positions, including in peace processes; humanitarian responses, and climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts in order to enhance security, peace and sustainable development and ensure these efforts meet the needs and rights of women and girls;
7. **Remind** APPF Member Countries of the urgency of eradicating violence against women and girls, and to strengthen and implement laws and policies against this human rights' violation particularly in humanitarian, disaster and conflict settings, noting that vulnerability to violence increases in these settings;
8. **Call on** all parties involved in conflict, and in humanitarian and disaster response and recovery to take special measures to protect women and girls from gender-based violence, particularly rape, sexual abuse, and harassment; and
9. **Urge** APPF Member Countries to make gender equality and empowerment of women and girls for peace and sustainable development a priority by implementing SDG5 and other gender SDG targets, through actions focused on eliminating all barriers to the realisation of the human rights of women and girls, ending violence against women and girls, increasing women's economic participation and access to economic resources and representation in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), ensuring women and girls' access to high quality education and health services, ensuring infrastructure, services and urban planning meets the needs of women and girls, and ensuring women are included in decision making and leadership.