

Session 1: Political and Security Matters

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DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTIONS *(Proposed by Australia, Co-Sponsored by Indonesia)*

The 28th Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum:

Recalling the APPF24/Res.20 on Building an Inter-Parliamentary Network on Anti-Corruption which stresses the need to build parliamentary integrity, accountability, and good governance to curb corruption;

Reaffirming APEC Leaders commitment to foster integrity in the public and private sectors as emphasized in the 26th APEC Leaders Meeting Statement;

Aware of the fact that the decrease in public trust in the government and parliamentary institutions can drive public grievance into political and economic crisis and harm the relationship between the citizens and government.

Bearing in mind that the challenges of improving standards of integrity in both government and parliamentary institutions are strongly referring to transparency, good governance and probity as well as moral codes.

RESOLVE TO:

1. **Call on** APPF Member Countries to reinforce democratic mechanism and to establish a stronger mechanism to protect and respect fundamental rights and basic freedom of all citizens;
2. **Urge** APPF Member Parliaments to adopt measures that are strongly relevant to the development of parliamentary integrity including: a clear set of rules on conflict of interests, economic and benefit transparency, financial transparency and conduct accountability as well as ethics code;
3. **Determine** to work towards public transparency and accountability through the development of an open, reliable, participatory and accountable policies that guarantee the right of the people to freedom of access to information and to participate in the public affairs;
4. **Call on** APPF Member Countries to build synergy, collaboration and networks with relevant multilateral organizations working in the promotion of integrity, openness, transparency and

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good governance such as: the Open Government Partnership (OGP), the Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption (GOPAC), the Open Parliament e Network (OPeN) and other UN related agencies working to successfully achieve SDG 16.