

Session 1: Political and Security Matters

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DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ADDRESSING DRIVERS OF RADICALISATION *(Proposed by Australia, Co-Sponsored by Indonesia)*

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Taking Note of all relevant UN Security Council’s resolutions, including Resolution 1624 (2005), which calls on States to prohibit incitement to commit acts of terrorism and to counter incitement motivated by extremism and intolerance, Resolution 2178 (2014), on stemming the flow of foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs), Resolutions 2178 (2014), and the Resolutions 2354 (2017) on supporting a comprehensive international framework on countering of terrorist narratives;

Recalling previous APPF Resolutions on terrorism and the importance of strengthening peace and security in the Asia Pacific region, inter alia Resolution APPF27/RES/12 on Combating Terrorism and Transnational Crime in the Region, Resolution APPF27/ RES/11 on Building Trust for Peace, Security and Sustainable Development in the Region, and underlined by the 1997 Vancouver Declaration, on transforming the Asia-Pacific region into a cohesive, peaceful, secure, stable, and prosperous community;

Recalling the 2016 APEC Leaders Declaration in Lima that strongly condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and recognize that terrorism poses serious threat to the values that underpin the free and open Asia Pacific economies, as well as the commitment of Asia Pacific region to the UN Global Counter Terrorism Strategy as a global instrument to enhance national, regional and international efforts to counter terrorism, particularly in addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism;

Acknowledging the rise of extreme ideologies including hate-rhetoric actions such as incitement and hate speech, as well as radicalisation (that serve as the foundation of terrorism), both in the online and offline spheres as a threat to regional security, stability and prosperity;

Recognizing that the effort of fighting the threat of terrorism and curbing extreme ideologies and radicalisation should be based on respect for human rights, international law and the United Nations Charter, and that terrorism cannot be and must not be associated with any religion, nationality or any civilization

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RESOLVE TO:

1. **Encourages** the APPF Member Countries to engage at regional and international levels with a view to strengthening relevant legislative and policy frameworks and exchanging best practices and lessons learned on preventing and countering terrorism, extremism and radicalisation;
2. **Calls upon** the Parliaments of APPF Member Countries to keep the topic of preventing and countering terrorism, extreme ideologies and radicalisation on their national agendas, and ensuring oversight on the counter-terrorism and counter-radicalisation efforts by the government, that are in line with the principle of human rights and the value of democracy;
3. **Calls upon** the Parliaments of APPF Member Countries to act as a driving force at the national level, in reinforcing counter-narrative efforts and counter-engagement to terrorism, extremism and radicalisation, as well as improvement of methodologies and approaches in addressing drivers of radicalisation;
4. **Stress on** the importance of engagement between parliamentarians and their respective communities in raising awareness on the threat of terrorism, extremism and radicalisation as well as building trust and dialogue among all levels of society, by advocating solidarity with the victims of terrorism and by supporting counter-terrorism and counter-radicalisation narratives at national and local levels;
5. **Encourage** the national enforcement agencies of the Asia Pacific Member Countries to enhance cooperation with their regional counterparts and to be more proactive and resilient in addressing, countering and combating the rise of terrorism, extremism and radicalisation;
6. **Calls on** the Asia Pacific Member Countries to work together in preventing and countering terrorism, extreme ideologies and radicalization through increased cooperation, and a balanced approach of law enforcement and prevention effort with the active contribution of all participating APPF Member States and relevant international and regional organizations, as well as local communities and civil society