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"Reinforcing parliamentary roles and joint action to face climate change"

Resolution Proposal sponsored by the Chilean House of Representatives

Highlighting that the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) represents a joint effort for regional integration, which has embodied progress and improvements in the most diverse areas of the international community;

Recalling the Asia-Pacific region's vulnerability to climate change, the importance of the rapid implementation of adaptation and mitigation measures for global warming, and the growing importance of international cooperation to have better and more coordinated policies;

Bearing in mind the resolutions approved in previous annual APPF meetings, which have been encouraging all APPF Member States to legislate and design policies to promote global cooperation in this matter, as well as to supervise and monitor the correct implementation of legislation by national governments; and reaffirming the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum's commitment to comply with the obligations of said Agreement, to keep a global temperature rise below 2 degrees Celsius versus pre-industrial levels and to join efforts to limit the temperature rise to under 1.5 degrees Celsius;

Expressing our concern in that the severity of climate phenomena in the last decade has led to millions dying, entire communities being relocated due to water or food shortages, billions of tons of food resources lost due to red tides, frost, virus and vectors, natural disasters throughout the world, the accelerated melting of glaciers, an unprecedented air contamination in more than a hundred cities globally, the continuous reduction of watersheds, and an unprecedented loss of biodiversity,

Convinced about the importance of national parliaments and multilateral events contributions, which we feel are essential, as parliamentarians are the representatives of civil society and guarantors of rights of future generations, through the implementation of normative frameworks which can stop or attenuate the effects of climate change on agriculture, on the availability of natural resources, on the quality of life of rural and insular communities as well as for indigenous peoples, our elderly and children and teenagers,

Pleased when we see children and teenagers mobilizing in every city around the globe, demanding concrete measures from States that mitigate the contaminants causing climate change, regulating extraction industries and adopting measures and innovative technologies that are specifically focused on fighting this phenomenon, determined to end the pollution of oceans by land-based industries, excessive extraction of raw materials and the extinction of species of flora and fauna,

Aware of the role that parliamentarians can play, and the role of parliamentary diplomacy in contributing towards this global effort, and based on all the aforementioned,



It is hereby resolved to:

Encourage APPF Member States to implement policies that fight climate change, adapting their territories considering a greater climate sensitivity and mitigating the emission of gases and contaminants by their industries, while ending environmental sacrifice areas;

Urge States to start discussing, designing, promoting and implementing national and local legislation, as well as sectorial plans and programs and public policy, that allows adapting to the currently unstoppable effects of climate change, as well as to mitigate greenhouse gases and short-life climate contaminants which currently affect land and marine biodiversity, guaranteeing the availability of drinking water and other natural resources, in order to offset the negative impact on the quality of life of billions of people who live in unfavorable conditions, vulnerable situations, under energy poverty and with complications to access basic supplies;

Drive from inside our parliaments, the design and implementation of national normative frameworks that adopt all necessary legislative, administrative and other measures to regulate industries, production chains and processes, which promote transparency in the industries and create accountability and inspection mechanisms to guarantee sustainable development;

Encourage APPF member parliaments to adopt bilateral, multilateral and regional agreements between States that foster sustainable growth and the creation of green jobs, with particular attention on the regulation of extraction industries, zero emission electricity matrices, and on international cooperation to finance the fight against climate change;

Urge States to sign international agreements that favor environmental protection, encouraging the commitment of parliaments to support their ratification when this is pending from their governments;

Encourage competent authorities to adopt all measures needed to guarantee transparency in the compliance of commitments agreed by the parties, from the Paris Treaty to the packages of messages that are to be agreed at COP25 in Santiago, Chile in December this year, which are fundamental for success in the fight against climate change;

Encourage from the APPF Member State's parliaments, and together with the competent authorities, the environmental awareness within different educational levels, starting with pre-school, disseminating basic concepts like the circular economy, the importance of relating with natural environments, the study of waste management techniques like composting and recycling, and the relevance of generating electricity using renewal sources, as well as the implementation of reforestation policies, especially those of native species;

Foster transparency and the proper monitoring of the implementation of new regional public policies that face climate change as a whole, for which it is required that APPF Member States adapt and improve their local systems to provide greater reliability for their citizens and the international community.