

**28th ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM**

DRAFT RESOLUTION

**COUNTERING TERRORISM AND EXTREMISM
IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION**

(Draft Resolution proposed by the Russian Federation)

Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF):

Pointing out that terrorism in all its forms and aspects is one of the most serious threats to the international peace and security, and any act of terrorism is a crime and unjustifiable wrongdoing irrespective of its motives, of where, when and by whom it is committed;

Again calling on UN member-states, international and regional organizations, as well as all the forces of the world community to unite within the framework of a broad international coalition in countering the global threat of terrorism, primarily coming from ISIS, Al-Qaeda and individuals and organizations related with them, based on the principles of the UN Charter, resolutions of the UN Security Council and international anti-terrorism conventions;

Confirming the commitment to the 2006 UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, and striving for its full implementation, also in the Asia-Pacific Region (APR);

Stressing that international cooperation in the field of combating terrorism and extremism should be based on international law, including the universally recognized principles of the sovereign equality of states and non-interference in their internal affairs, as well as on the recognition of the decisive role of states and their competent bodies in countering terrorism and extremism, and taking into account the national experience and the specifics of states;

Emphasizing specially the inadmissibility of the practice of using terrorist and extremist groups by states, as well as the problems of countering international terrorism and extremism as means of achieving political goals;

Taking into consideration the risk of emergence of new hotbeds of armed conflicts and further extension of the geography of terrorism, and threats from foreign terrorists returning from armed conflict zones to countries of origin or moving to third countries;

Noting with concern that terrorists, by creating false perception of religious values, use the Internet and social networks for recruitment and to incite to committing acts of terrorism;

Reaffirming the inadmissibility of public calls and incitement to terrorism and extremism, and in this context, welcoming the UN Security Council resolution 2354 “Threats to international peace and security posed by terrorist acts” in support of a “comprehensive international framework” with a set of recommendations and best practices to counter the terrorist propaganda;

Highlighting as priority tasks for the APPF member parliaments the building up of interaction in the fight against the use of information and communication technologies for terrorist and other criminal purposes and for the widespread counter-propaganda of terrorist and extremist ideas;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Confirm** that the states play the leading role and bear primary responsibility in the combating and prevention of terrorism both at the national level and within the framework of international anti-terrorism cooperation;

2. **Call upon** the states of the APPF member parliaments to abandon unilateral restrictive measures which have a negative impact on their anti-terrorism cooperation;

3. **Strengthen** inter-parliamentary cooperation within the APPF to improve legal and regulatory framework regarding prevention of terrorism and extremism,

creation of conditions for effective fighting against these phenomena at the national and international levels including counteraction to the financing of terrorism;

4. **Use** the potential of the parliamentary diplomacy for active promotion of meaningful international anti-terrorist agenda and political discussion of anti-terrorist cooperation within the scope of international measures;

5. **To promote** the improvement of cooperation between special services and law enforcement agencies in the field of preventing the use of information and communication technologies in terrorist activities and for the information space protection;

6. **Contribute** to ratification and implementation of international treaties aimed at combating the terrorism;

7. **Use** capabilities of the APPF member parliaments to support ratification and implementation of international treaties regulating the cooperation of states in combating the terrorism;

8. **Take measures** to harmonise the national law in the field of security and combating new challenges and threats, combating the terrorism and extremism; focus efforts on the development of laws countering the use of internet for instigation to extremism and radicalisation, which lead to terrorism and recruitment;

9. **Support** the prevention of media sites provision to terrorists and their sponsors, increasing tension in the information space contributing to terrorist radicalisation, focus efforts on ensuring responsibility established by law for relevant violations.

10. **Contribute** to ensuring the rule of law at the international and national level as a fundamental principle governing measures to combat terrorism and provide for strict adherence to the international human rights law.