

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION

**WOMEN'S ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY
OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION**

(Draft Resolution proposed by the Russian Federation)

Recalling the resolutions on empowerment of women, approved at the 27th Annual Meeting of the APPF;

Calling for creation of conditions for full and equal participation of women in the political, economic, social and humanitarian spheres of life of the society, including through the adoption of appropriate national strategies in the women's interests;

Recognising that women parliamentarians must constitute serious political force capable of influencing the situation in the world;

Welcoming the continuous growth in the number of women in the parliaments all over the world and calling for more active involvement of women in the election process to increase their representation in the parliaments of different states;

Calling for every possible support of extending women participation in different spheres of humanitarian activities, including volunteering and charity;

Welcoming the efforts for implementation of projects and initiatives on extension of women involvement in the economic activity on equal terms with men;

Alarmed by the increasing incidence of violence, including domestic violence, in different forms that women are exposed to all over the world;

Recalling Resolution 70/1 adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 25 September 2015 "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development";

Calling for support of the development of regulatory basis for women leadership programs aimed to increase the number of women in executive positions in politics and business;

Noting that digital technologies provide women a better access to making decisions regarding social and political issues;

Recognising women's substantial contribution to strengthening of inter-religious and inter-ethnic dialogue focused on the building of harmonious world order and humanisation of international relations for the sake of peace and development;

Supporting the creation and operation of international discussion platforms making a valuable contribution to the consolidation of the global woman community to ensure stable and secure future, and *welcoming* the Third Eurasian Women's Forum to be held in September 2021 in the Russian Federation, and similar forums in other states of the Asia-Pacific Region;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **To promote** support for the encouragement and participation of women in public administration, and to this end, contribute to the strengthening of the Eurasian Association of women - regional leaders, the development of dialogue between women leaders, sharing knowledge, experience and ideas on the implementation of joint projects;

2. **Pay** close attention to the regulatory basis for extension of legal, economic and social opportunities for women, provision of high-quality medical and social aid, support of initiatives in the cultural sphere and sphere of women's volunteer activities associated with promotion of sport, healthy lifestyles and longevity;

3. **Pay attention** to the necessity of strengthening of the principle of gender equality in different sectors of economy, taking measures at the national level for removal of formal and informal barriers hindering women's access to higher positions in the hierarchical structure of the company (enterprise);

4. **Note** the necessity of active utilisation of digital technologies potential to ensure more effective participation of women in the process of decision-making within the framework of national, regional and international institutions;

5. **Welcome** the opportunity of ensuring more flexible methods of work arrangement, provided by digital technologies, to achieve the balance between the private and business responsibilities, which makes a valuable contribution to improvement of the quality of women's living;

6. **Emphasise** the necessity of public awareness about the importance of digital literacy development among women through educational and professional training programs;

7. **Support** the initiatives on development of special educational programs and retraining projects for women from rural districts;

8. **Emphasise** the importance of creation in the APPF member countries of special funds intended to provide financial support to women-entrepreneurs starting their own business;

9. **Call upon** the APPF member countries to take the necessary regulatory measures for prevention and restraining of domestic violence in their states, provision of legal protection, access to justice as well as medical care, social and psychological support to the women victims of sexual violence;

10. **Strengthen** the women's role in the conservation of traditional family values of maternity and childhood, improve the interaction of the international woman community in this sphere;

11. **Call upon** the APPF member countries to restore confidence in the sphere of trade and abandon the use of unilateral restrictive measures, including those affecting supply of essential commodities, medicines and medicinal equipment, desperately needed by women and children from large families or low-income families;

12. **Propose** the APPF member countries to send women parliamentarians to the Third Eurasian Women's Forum to be held in September 2021 in the Russian Federation.