The 28th Annual Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum Meeting:

Recalling resolutions 24 and 25 of the APPF about gender equality and equality between men and women, women’s and girl’s empowerment; and resolution 26 about promoting gender equality for sustainable development and shared prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region.

Reaffirming the Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, Discrimination against women (CEDAW);

Reaffirming the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, as a roadmap towards a new development paradigm where people, the planet, prosperity, peace and alliances take on a central role;

Aware of the continuing gender inequality in all modern societies, which affect women and their access to development;

Recognizing that climate change represents a hazard for the progress in gender equality matters, as it affects men and women in different ways;

Aware that a higher participation of women in the development process represents the best route for social wellbeing in general;

Recognizing the importance of the participation of men in the promotion of women’s rights, their economic empowerment, the elimination of gender-related violence and the development of political participation;

It is hereby resolved to:

1. Urge parliaments to continue seeking the empowerment of women, promoting their comprehensive participation in sustainable development.

2. Include a gender approach in laws and public policy aiming both at reducing poverty and bringing an end to hunger.

3. Make progress towards legislation that protects universal access to health care, emphasizing discrimination towards women in this fundamental aspect for development.

4. Introduce gender approaches in educational programs looking to reduce the gaps produced by the hidden curricula and the historic generation of roles based on inequality between men and women.

5. Encourage a higher number of female leaders so they assume an active role in the promotion, defense and protection of women’s rights in all their aspects.
6. Legislate in favor of universal access to natural basic resources like water, empowering women so that they can participate on an even playing field with men in community decisions about access.

7. Develop an affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy infrastructure that allows equal access to men and women.

8. Move forward in integrating and safe labor legislation, where men and women have equal salaries, especially emphasizing the empowerment of women in the working world.

9. Encourage the construction of resilient infrastructures, promoting inclusive sustainable industrialization, fostering innovation. Reducing in this aspect, the large gender gap there is in participation in the industrial sector.

10. Create legislative conditions to move forward in the construction of sustainable inclusive cities and communities, so that human settlements are resilient to climate change.

11. Encourage responsible consumption, reducing products that are harmful for the environment, reducing the associated carbon footprint, achieving that men and women have an even participation in the consumption.

12. Adopt urgent measures to fight climate change in general, incorporating a gender approach in the strategies.

13. Sustainably conserve and use marine resources, seeking, just like with other natural resources, to guarantee equal access between men and women.

14. Protect and promote land life ecosystems, sustainably and inclusively using them to allow creating optimal conditions for biodiversity. Carrying out measures against desertification and unregulated felling of forests.

15. Promote peace and justice, especially focusing on gender inequality which damages democratic systems.