

28th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum

Resolution on Promotion of Free and Fair Trade

(Draft Resolution proposed by the Republic of Korea delegation)

The 28th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF):

Reaffirming Resolution APPF27/RES/08 on Building Strong Institutions to Promote Trade and Investment for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth and other resolutions discussed in past APPF meetings to promote the economy and free trade,

Acknowledging that trade and investment are supported by rules-based multilateral trade system enabled by the World Trade Organization (WTO) and that cooperation among members is an imperative to reform the WTO to maintain mutual trust and respond to changes in the global trade environment,

Emphasizing the proactive role of parliamentarians of member states for full implementation of Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) entered in force to complement multilateral trade system based on the WTO,

Welcoming the completion of negotiations for a trade deal among 15 nations at the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Summit held in Bangkok, Thailand in November this year,

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Call upon** APPF members to restrain protectionist measures and trade practices inconsistent with the rules of the WTO, and refrain from taking arbitrary and unilateral tariff or non-tariff measures with political intention,
2. **Urge** APPF members to increase negotiation efforts for WTO reforms, including the normalization of the WTO Appellate Body, to produce a meaningful outcome at the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference,
3. **Call for** concerted efforts of APPF members to broaden the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) aimed at complementing multilateral trade system based on the WTO,
4. **Encourage** participants of the RCEP to accelerate efforts to complete a finalized deal, and moreover, to materialize the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP), and
5. **Request** APPF members to reinforce their policy support to better facilitate broader exchange of technology and human resources and free transfer of products and

production factors.