

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION

**ENHANCING PARLIAMENTARY ROLES IN PROMOTING PEACE, SECURITY AND
PROSPERITY IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION BY STRENGTHENING ITS ANTI-TERRORISM
LAWS TO ADDRESS OR CURB EXTREMISM**

(Draft Resolution proposed by the Philippines)

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

Recognizing that the most eminent threats to the over-all security in the Asia-Pacific region remain to be poverty, environmental degradation and natural disasters, health pandemics and transnational crime, primarily **terrorism**;

Alarmed that terrorism is a destructive force that has no regard for innocent lives and that has spread into a global phenomenon that has sown fear and insecurity in many of our communities;

Confirming the deaths of thousands and enormous destruction of property by the acts of terrorist and extremist groups, and the strong negative economic impact in our region and which has taken its toll on our goals to reach sustainable and inclusive peace and development;

Noting that terrorism can destabilize governments, undermine civil society, jeopardize peace and security, threaten social and economic development and adversely affect people, all of which have a direct impact on the enjoyment of fundamental human rights, hence, the fight against it should require a comprehensive approach, ranging from political, economic, diplomatic, military and legal means;

Emphasizing with concern on the continuing evolution of the platforms of terrorism which has continued to use science and technology, in particular the use of the internet and social networks, to further its cause in terms of recruitment and to incite to committing acts of terrorism;

Noting that the Asia Pacific region will not be able to maintain its long-term prospects for enduring peace, growth and prosperity unless these constant as well as new threats of terrorism are curtailed and addressed;

Affirming that Parliamentarians play a crucial role in promoting peace, security and prosperity in the region by adopting and strengthening legislation that provide the necessary policy framework to ensure that a long-term climate of peace, security and prosperity is achieved;

Noting that as parliamentarians, we do not only provide our armed forces the weapons to combat terrorism by providing the appropriate budgets but also arm them with the necessary laws that shall empower them in implementing peace and order;

Stressing the urgent need for APPF Member Parliaments to closely coordinate and work together in the fight against terrorism which has used information and communication technology in terroristic and criminal activities and the widespread proliferation of terrorist and extremist ideas;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Call** on Member Parliaments of the APPF to be steadfast amid the threat of terrorism and show the world that we are all in solidarity in the global fight against terrorism by introducing and implementing relevant legislation to address the same;
2. **Promote** to work towards the strengthening of institutions, measures and mechanisms, additional training and capacity building and deeper defense cooperation among Asia Pacific countries, to foster an environment of peace, stability and sustained development;
3. **Confirm** that the fight against terrorism requires a comprehensive approach, comprising political, economic, diplomatic, military, and legal means duly taking into account the root causes of terrorism while acknowledging these as justifications for terrorist and/or criminal activities;
4. **Continue** to create measures which include conflict management and post-conflict peace-building, addressing the roots of conflict by building state capacity and promoting equitable economic development;
5. **Remind** that peace, security, prosperity, human rights, democracy and the rule of law are interconnected, interdependent and mutually reinforcing, and that international cooperation in the field of combating terrorism and extremism should comply with international law;
6. **Call** on all APPF Member countries, Parties to international conventions, international and regional organizations, as well as major players in the world community to fully support a broad international coalition in countering the global threat of terrorism and consider the creation of **permanent joint coordinating mechanisms**, improved computer emergency response team cooperation among Asia Pacific countries, **additional training and capacity building**, and **deeper defense cooperation**, as potent measures necessary in curbing acts of terrorism;
7. **Further remind** all Member Countries to ensure the compatibility of initiatives in the promotion of peace, security and prosperity especially in the areas of similar global concerns such as terrorism; and
8. **Continue** to strengthen the role of the APPF in intensifying inter-parliamentary cooperation efforts for the protection of the peoples of the Asia Pacific region against the actions of terrorist and extremist groups.