RESOLUTION ON
PROMOTING REGIONAL CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND TOURISM

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We the parliamentarians of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF), gathering in Canberra, Australia, for the 28th Annual Meeting of the APPF under the theme *Parliamentary Partnerships for 2020 and Beyond*:

*Recognising* sustainable tourism is a key driver for economic, social and regional development, creating jobs and promoting investment, supporting communities including through the regional dispersal of tourism, and fostering greater understanding between peoples;

*Recalling* the Declaration on Advancing Tourism’s Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals made by G20 Tourism Ministers, in Hokkaido, Japan, on 26 October 2019;

*Noting* the Statement on Harnessing Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism in the Asia Pacific made by APEC Tourism Ministers, in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, on 1 June 2018;

*Welcoming* the contribution regional cultural diversity and tourism cooperation can make to economic growth, maintenance of peace, and promotion of understanding between nations in the region; and

*Underscoring* the region’s strong cultural diversity and multicultural attributes.

RESOLVE TO:

1. *Encourage* sustainable tourism to promote economic growth in the region;

2. *Promote* cultural diversity, education including vocational education in tourism, and tourism exchange across the region to increase people-to-people interaction and promote economic development; and

3. *Enhance* regional air and sea connectivity through direct flights and shipping services, including cruise shipping, by encouraging investment in infrastructure.