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## 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

