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PROMOTING GENDER EQUITY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND  
SHARED PROSPERITY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE 2030 AGENDA FOR  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**Considering** Sustainable Development Goal 5 (SDG 5) on Gender Equality and the empowerment of women and girls, which among one of its goals seeks to ensure the full and effective participation of women and equal leadership opportunities at all levels of decision-making in the political, economic and public area;

**Acknowledging** that violence against women is increasing and persists as the most common violation of women's human rights, and according to the World Health Organization (WHO) approximately 40% of women in South Asia endure partner violence;

**Recalling** Resolution 70/219 on women in development, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 22, 2015, which reiterates the need to intensify efforts to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women, and recognizes that this type of violence is one of the obstacles to achieving the goals of equality, development and peace;

**Emphasizing** that migrant, indigenous and rural women suffer from discrimination and greater vulnerability, living in conditions of poverty and marginalization, with lack of access to education, health and housing;

**Taking into account** the agreed conclusions of the 60th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) of 2016, in which measures were proposed such as strengthening regulatory, legal and political frameworks; promoting appropriate environments for the financing of gender equality; strengthening women's leadership and participation in decision making; strengthening the gender perspective in the processes of data collection, monitoring and analyzing, and improving national institutional arrangements;

**Underlining** that member countries of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum (APEC) recognize the importance of addressing the women's economic empowerment issue and their inclusion in the regional economy;

**Welcoming** the “Asia-Pacific Declaration on Advancing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing +25 Review” (December 2019), in which it was agreed that governments take measures to ensure that women and girls have the same opportunities for education, decent work, and financial inclusion;

**Bearing in mind** Resolution APPF27/RES/01 on Strengthening Regional Partnership for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls for Peace and Sustainable Development, adopted at the 27th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum, which reaffirms that gender equality is a fundamental human right and contributes to sustainable development.

**RESOLVES TO:**

1. **Call** APPF Member States to follow up on Sustainable Development Goal 5 (SDG 5) on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls, so that they achieve better opportunities and life conditions;
2. **Urge** APPF Member States to establish political and legal measures that fight violence against women and girls in the family, school and places of employment.
3. **Urge** APPF Member States to consolidate efforts together with UN Women to fight violence against women through the support provided to the countries by the organization;
4. **Request** Parliaments of APPF Member States to establish laws and standards related to gender equality issues and the empowerment of women, based on Sustainable Development Goal 5;
5. **Invite** Parliaments of APPF Member States to include issues related to migrant, indigenous and rural women in their work agendas to respond to their needs.