

**28th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY
FORUM (APPF)**

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**IMPROVING PARLIAMENTARY ROLES IN THE PROMOTION OF PEACE,
SECURITY AND PROSPERITY IN THE REGION**

Recalling that on June 26, 1945, the Charter of the United Nations was signed in the post-war context in order to avoid the outbreak of an international conflict such as World War II that caused the irreparable loss of many lives and generations; and taking into account that article 1 of chapter I of said instrument establishes, among other things, that the purposes of the United Nations Organization (UN) are to maintain international peace and security, as well as to suppress any threat to them;

Emphasizing the importance of the powers and instruments conferred to the United Nations to promote and maintain international peace and security, as well as the principles adopted by the Members States of the international community regarding justice, respect of international law and the pacific solution of controversies;

Considering that the Sustainable Development Goal 16 (SDG 16) talks about Promoting fair, pacific and inclusive societies and has among its goals to establish the promotion of the rule of law at national and international level, and to guarantee equal access to justice for all;

Emphasizing that in the 27th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (27 APPF), celebrated in Siem Reap, Kingdom of Cambodia 2019, the parliamentarians approved resolutions APPF27/RES/11, APPF27/RES/12 and APPF27/RES/14 related to building trust for peace, security and sustainable development in the region; fighting terrorism and transnational crimes in the region, and peace in the Korean Peninsula, respectively;

Recognizing that peacekeeping faces various challenges such as complex mandates, frozen and prolonged conflicts, ungovernability, political and social destabilization caused by poverty and inequality that sharpen the increasingly dangerous the increasingly dangerous scenarios that threaten the lives of peacekeeping operations personnel;

Reaffirming the importance of women participation in the prevention and resolution of conflicts for a lasting peace and to develop fair and equal societies;

Emphasizing the importance of the International Peace Day (September 21), established in 1981 by resolution 36/67 of the General Assembly of the United Nations, in order to reinforce the ideals of peace in all nations and towns of the world;

Taking into account that the publication of the “Global Study of Homicides 2019” of the Nations United Office against Drugs and Crime (UNODC) indicates that in 2017 approximately 464,000 murders were registered in the world and that the safest zones of the world are Asia, Europe and Oceania with a rate of homicides of 2.3, 3.0 and 2.8 respectively per 100,000 inhabitants.

RESOLVES TO:

- 1. Strengthen** the dialogue, association and cooperation based on the principles of mutual interests; mutual understanding; and respect of the independence, sovereignty, equality and territorial integrity, with a view to building a lasting peace, stability, security, trust and prosperity in the region.
- 2. Call** APPF Member States to continue collaborating in peacekeeping operations with the objective of strengthening them and promoting collective action;
- 3. Improve** the protection and security of peacekeepers in order to reduce the threats and deaths of women and men involved in such operations;
- 4. Invite** APPF Member States to promote political and pacific solutions to the various conflicts that develop in the region, focused on safeguarding the life of the civilian population, as well as promoting and protecting their human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- 5. Develop** greater exchange of experiences and legislative work by APPF parliaments members on security.
- 6. Promote** legislation that encourages the exchange of information among APPF members that allow the promotion of international peace and security in the region.
- 7. Urge** the Parliaments of APPF Member States to commemorate the International Day of Peace, every September 21;
- 8. Request** the Parliaments of APPF Member States to implement an agenda on the participation of women, guaranteeing equality and increasing their number in peacekeeping operations.