

**RESOLUTION ON SUPPORT TO THE GLOBAL AGENDA OF THE SMALL
ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES**
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The 13th Annual Meeting of the Asia - Pacific Parliamentary Forum,

Recalling the Declaration of Barbados and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, adopted by the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States in 1994;

Recalling the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation (“Johannesburg Plan of Implementation”) of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (2002), in particular the emphasis given to small island developing states;

Recalling the decision to convene the Mauritius Ministerial meeting in January 2005, including a high-level segment, to undertake a full and comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action, as called for in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

Reaffirming the importance of sustainable development, globally and in the Asia Pacific region;

Reaffirming also the political importance of the ten-year review of the progress achieved since the Global Conference, and stressing that the risk from the vulnerabilities of and challenges to small island developing states has increased and requires the strengthening of cooperation and more effective development assistance towards achieving the goals of sustainable development;

Welcoming the preparatory activities undertaken at the national, regional and international levels for the International Meeting;

Resolves to:

1. Acknowledge that the nations that are members of the APPF can and must assume the commitment of achieving new global understanding for the situation of the small island developing states;
2. Acknowledge that the nations that make up the APPF must support the cause of the small island developing states under a program of economic solidarity and environmental co-responsibility based on the geographic affinity and their

location in the Asia – Pacific region, one of the main geographic areas of the planet where the small insular nations are located;

3. Urge the parliaments that integrate APPF to promote greater attention to the problems of the small island nations, acknowledging that these are shared by the large insular nations and by continental nations that have insular systems, to offer a new vision of regional and global co-responsibility and deal with problems common to all the nations on the planet, such as climatic change and global warming;
4. Urge parliamentarians to request their governments to acknowledge that the negotiations developed within the framework of the Doha Development Agenda must reconcile the different positions among the developed countries, the developing countries, and the small island developing nations, accepting that the positions of the latter must be fundamentally understood based on the fact that they face particular vulnerabilities and challenges not experienced by other developing countries;
5. Encourage states to implement the outcomes from the Mauritius Ministerial meeting;
6. Call upon Asia-Pacific Parliaments to carefully examine the outcomes from the Mauritius Ministerial meeting and actively pursue policies necessary to ensure the implementation of the Program of Action for the sustainable development of small island developing states.