

**RESOLUTION ON PROMOTING RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE AND CULTURAL
UNDERSTANDING
IN LIGHT OF COMBATING TERRORISM**
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The 13th Annual Meeting of the Asia - Pacific Parliamentary Forum,

Alarmed at recent international terrorist attacks committed by minority groups using religion,

Cognizant of the growing possibility of confusion with regard to Islam and terrorist acts around the world,

Recalling the APPF resolution on combating international terrorism adopted during the 12th Annual Assembly, which stressed that terrorism should not be associated with any race, culture, or religion,

Desiring to promote efforts in promoting religious tolerance and cultural understanding through inter-faith dialogues,

Welcoming progress of inter-faith dialogues and faith-based organizations adhering to the guiding principles of the APPF in fostering mutual understanding, mutual trust, and true friendship in the Asia-Pacific, in promoting such religious tolerance and cultural understanding,

Adhering to the principles of international law and the United Nations Charter aimed at eliminating international terrorism,

Reaffirming the need for a sustained and comprehensive approach involving the active participation and collaboration of all states, international and regional organizations,

Underlining the necessity to conduct increased educational campaigns regarding world religions, through, among others, inter- faith dialogues,

Resolves to:

1. Encourage APPF members to support all international efforts towards tolerance and understanding of culturally and religiously diverse peoples,
2. Underline the importance of greater cultural understanding among world religions in the prevention of religious prejudice,

3. Promote information activities and support the mass media in order to counter religious prejudice and to promote religious tolerance,
4. Enhance cultural and educational exchanges between Muslim-majority countries and other countries,
5. Urge governments of the APPF member countries to fully integrate minority groups, either religious-based or ethnic-based, into the mainstream of their societies,
6. Consider the establishment of an APPF Committee on inter- faith Dialogue to provide a venue for cultural understanding,
7. Pursue broader inter-faith dialogues to promote inter-religious solidarity,
8. Create opportunity to forge religious understanding, ecumenism and solidarity.