



THE 14TH ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF)
15 – 20 January 2006, Jakarta – Indonesia

APPF-14/JC/2006

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

1. At the invitation of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia, the fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) was held in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 16 to 19 January 2006 with 278 participants from 22 member parliaments and one observer country. Representatives from Asian Development Bank (ADB), Regional Representative Council of Indonesia, Kemitraan Indonesia (Partnership Governance Reform in Indonesia) and National Democratic Institute (NDI) also attended the meeting as guests. The list of participants appears as **Appendix I**.
2. The Executive Committee convened on 15 January 2006 in Jakarta and approved the agenda and program of activities of the Annual Meeting, which was held before the first plenary session. The Executive Committee Meeting also agreed that the host of the 15th APPF in 2007 will be the Russian Federation and supported New Zealand's proposal to host the 16th APPF in 2008. The report of the Executive Committee meeting appears as **Appendix II**.
3. On 16 January 2006, H.E Mr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, opened the Annual Meeting by warmly welcoming all participants of the 14th APPF. In his opening remarks, the President stated many challenges that will be faced in the year 2006, among others on how we can advance the building blocks for global cooperation that were put in place in 2005, how we can build-on the architecture of peace and prosperity, how we work together to deal with trans-national issues and non traditional threat, how to promote good governance and to fight corruption.
4. H.E. Mr. Y. Nakasone, the APPF Honorary President, and H.E. Mr. Nguyen Van An, former President of APPF expressed their sincere appreciation to the Republic of Indonesia for its hospitality and excellent preparation for the Meeting as well as best wishes for the success of the 14th APPF meeting.
5. H.E. Mr. Agung Laksono, President of the 14th APPF and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia, welcomed all delegations and observer of the 14th APPF. On behalf of the people of Indonesia, he expressed the most heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to governments, international governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and individuals, especially from countries in the Asia-Pacific Region, for their support and assistance provided to the victims of the December 2004 Tsunami in Aceh and Nias. He also underlined some challenges faced by the world today.
6. In the plenary session on item 1: Political and Security Matters in the Asia-Pacific Region, delegations shared the view that despite the ongoing trend of

stability, cooperation and development, the Asia-Pacific region continues to face a number of traditional and non-traditional threats to peace and security such as terrorism and transnational crimes.

7. With regard to terrorism, the meeting reaffirmed that terrorism is a crime that cannot be justified under any circumstances, regardless of motive, location, timing or identity of the perpetrator. The meeting affirmed that terrorist acts constitute a threat to all peoples and countries, and to the common interest in ensuring peace, stability, security and economic prosperity in the region and beyond. The meeting also shared the view that the proliferation of chemical, biological, nuclear and radiological weapons and their delivery vehicles remains one of the most serious security challenges of our time. The meeting further agreed that in the hands of terrorists, these weapons would pose an even greater threat.
8. The delegates of the 14th APPF Annual Meeting expressed their deep condolences to the families of victims of terrorist attack, especially to the victims of the recent bombing in Bali.
9. The delegates also recognized that the transnational nature of terrorism calls for a comprehensive national, regional and global response that embraces action on many fronts, including addressing regional conflict, injustice, poverty, and underdevelopment and social, political and ideological factor that underpin and foster extremism. The meeting declared that terrorism contravenes the laws, religious beliefs and fundamental values of all countries concerned and should not be associated with any religion, race, or nationality. The meeting stressed the importance of bilateral, regional and multilateral cooperation to combat terrorism. In this regard, the meeting agreed to increase efforts of the APPF in examining ways of combating terrorism.
10. The meeting exchanged views on recent development on the Korean Peninsula. The meeting emphasized the importance of resuming the Six Party Talks and expressed the hope that the six parties would find a solution acceptable to all concerned parties leading to the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. The meeting stressed the significance of the Six Party Talks process in addressing the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula and encouraged all parties to ensure its continuation and effectiveness. The meeting also underlined the importance of finding a peaceful solution to the issue of denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula. The meeting stressed the importance of all parties concerned promoting mutual confidence and a common approach on the basis of the principle of mutual respect for sovereignty and equality.
11. The abduction issue was brought up at the meeting (**Appendix III**).
12. Regarding Middle East Peace Process, the delegations of APPF welcomed the holding of legislative election in Palestine this month and hoped that it could advance the implementation of the Roadmap for Peace. In this regard, the international community, including APPF, should support the Peace Process that leads to the establishment of a Palestine State that lives in harmony with the State of Israel.
13. On the situation in Iraq, the meeting supported the newly elected government of Iraq in its quest for stability, security and sovereignty for all citizens and acknowledge the need for the timely withdrawal of foreign troops from the country and urged greater involvement of the UN.

14. The meeting emphasized continued support for concrete actions on counter terrorism such as the activities of the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation (JCLEC), the Southeast Asia Regional Centre for Counter Terrorism (SEARCCT) and the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA).
15. The meeting underlined the importance of cooperation to address people's smuggling and trafficking in persons. They welcomed ongoing practical cooperation under the Bali Process on People's Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crimes to develop national and regional capacities to combat people's smuggling and trafficking in person.
16. The meeting agreed on the positive contribution of APPF to the dialogue on how best to speed up the abolition of weapons of mass destruction, especially nuclear weapons.
17. Statements delivered at the first plenary session also touched upon other issues of common concerns such as Democratization in the Asia-Pacific region.
18. In the plenary session on item 2: Economic and Trade Matters in the Asia Pacific Region, the meeting took note of the dynamism and significant economic potential of the region. However, the meeting expressed its concern that many developing countries and least developed countries in the region can not enjoy the potential benefits of such dynamism because of debts burden. The region is also marked by low level of economic integration. In this regard, the meeting took note of the efforts by APPF member countries to increase trade and economic cooperation and integration. The meeting also emphasized the need to strengthen cooperation among countries in the region to address ongoing economic integration and globalization.
19. The meeting emphasized the need to strengthen cooperation among APPF member countries to empower the economies of the developing and LDC's. In this connection, the meeting appreciated the increasing assistance provided by some APPF member countries to other APPF countries. On the other hand, there remains a need to reduce the debt burden of developing and least developed countries in the region, and the role of the developed countries is essential in that regard.
20. The meeting welcomed a report from the Republic of Korea on the results of the 13th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (AELM) held in Busan, Republic of Korea in November 2005. The meeting expressed its hope that the Busan Roadmap, which was adopted and endorsed at the APEC Summit, will be fully implemented to reach the Bogor Goals by the declared timelines. The Meeting also welcomed the new initiative on the socio-economic disparity issues to expand the circle of beneficiaries of economic growth. The meeting was briefed by Viet Nam on the preparation for the 14th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting which will be held in Hanoi in November 2006.
21. The meeting also welcomed the report of Malaysia on the outcomes of East Asia Summit in Kuala Lumpur last December. The meeting also supported that ASEAN, including its processes should be at the driver's seat of the East Asia Summit process and East Asia Summit should serve as an integral part of the whole evolutionary process of creating a new architecture in the region. The meeting emphasized the importance of East Asia Summit as a forum for dialogue on broad strategic, political and economic issues of common interest and concern with the aim of promoting peace, stability and economic prosperity in the region.

22. The meeting welcomed a report by China on the holding of the Sixth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Hong Kong last December. The meeting reaffirmed its abiding commitments to the objectives of the Doha Development Agenda of the WTO and the importance of the Hong Kong WTO Ministerial Meeting establishing a clear roadmap for the completion of the Doha Round in 2006. The meeting reiterated its strong preference that all WTO members must ensure the Doha Round meet the need of developing and LDC's, such as, among others, development-oriented trade, real gains delivery for trade in agriculture, non agriculture market access and services. The meeting reiterated their strong support to Vietnam and the Russian Federation for their prompt accession to the WTO.
23. The meeting reaffirmed that great and imminent FTAs/RTAs should be transparent, consistent with the WTO principles and should embody open provisions. They further hoped that FTAs/RTAs take into account the development interests of less developed member nations, and would promote sustainable economic development in the region as well as in the world.
24. The meeting also stressed on the importance of strengthening regional and global economic cooperation. In this regard, the meeting underlined the significant role of ASEAN, UN-ESCAP, East Asia Summit, APEC, ADB, etc in supporting economic development of the countries in the region.
25. In the plenary session on item 3: Regional Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific, delegations exchanged views on a number of global and regional issues, including energy security, combating corruption, women's participation, poverty alleviation, socio cultural relation, civil society and good governance, and pandemic disease.
26. In this plenary session, Indonesia made presentation on the progress of the reconstruction and rehabilitation effort in Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam (NAD) and Nias after the Tsunami disaster. In his presentation, Mr. Kuntoro Mangkusubroto, Chairman of the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Executing Agency for Aceh-Nias expressed appreciation for the assistances made by governments, international governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and individuals, especially from countries in the Asia-Pacific Region. He underlined the important role of international community in relation to critical matters such as continued support for rehabilitation and reconstruction effort; flexibility to support immediate projects that urgently needed by the people of Aceh and Nias; and common concern to promote good governance in project monitoring system.
27. Considering the devastating impacts of natural disasters such as Tsunami, the meeting agreed that APPF member countries should increase regional and international cooperation to mitigate the impacts of the disasters. The meeting also emphasized on the need to establish early warning system in the region enabling us to detect earlier. With regard to the management of financial assistances for natural disaster, the meeting shared the views that theses assistances are managed in accordance with the principles of accountability and transparency.
28. The participants were invited by parliament of Canada to attend the 12th General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentarians Conference on Environment and Development (APPCED) to be held in Whistler, British Columbia, from April 17 – 21, 2006. The theme of the conference will be on Natural Disasters.

29. On the issue of energy security, the meeting underlined the vital contribution of energy for economic growth and development and affordable supplies of energy are essential for sustained economic growth, people's prosperity, as well as political and social stability. Therefore, the meeting suggested that APPF member countries should implement energy policies that observe the enhancement of energy security, promotion of economic efficiency, and protection of the environment. The meeting also stressed on the importance of APPF member countries to develop energy alternatives that are environment friendly aimed at reducing dependency on expensive energy.
30. With regard to corruption, the meeting supported the efforts made by APPF member countries to combat corruption. Corruption endangers democracy, economy growth, degrades integrity of our institutions and social values, and also exacerbates poverty and degrades morale of nations.
31. The meeting took note of progress made by the region on the role women's participation in politics and economy. They further hoped that their role should be further increased. The meeting was also briefed by some delegates on national policy to promote the role of women in their respective countries. In that regard, the delegates congratulated Chile for having the first woman president in the country and in Latin America with the election of Madame Michele Bachelet as the President of Chile.
32. The meeting emphasized on the importance of the APPF member countries to strengthen efforts in eradicating poverty which involve many aspects such as bad nutrition, health, water, etc. The meeting also stressed the importance of close cooperation among APPF members to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. In this regard, the meeting agreed that APPF take active role through cooperation with developed countries regarding effective mechanism of ODA, trade access and debt for MDG swap.
33. The meeting welcomed report by Canada on the outcomes of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change which was held in Montreal, Canada on 27 November – 9 December 2005. The meeting underlined the importance of the APPF member countries to give priorities on preparations to face climate change.
34. The meeting agreed that socio-cultural relation is an important element in promoting mutual understanding among nations in the region, thus making contribution to reducing and eliminating clashes among civilizations. The meeting underlined the importance of dialogue among civilization, including interfaith dialogue as an important element to build global common understanding among various societies. The meeting encouraged the APPF member countries to promote and build life in harmony and tolerance, and respect for culture diversity, non discrimination and freedom of expression.
35. The meeting encouraged APPF member countries to create a political environment conducive to the development of civil society, that should be in line with the principle of independence and sovereignty, to ensure that their activities are conducted for the creation of good governance. The meeting also stressed on the increasing role of parliaments in the Asia-Pacific region to promote the implementation of civil society and good governance.
36. Taking into consideration the danger posed by pandemic disease/Avian Influenza, the meeting emphasized the close cooperation between APPF member countries to address the pandemic. In addressing the issue, the meeting urged a well coordinated approach at the national and regional level, particularly between animal and human health sectors, in support of regional

and global efforts towards pandemic preparedness and response planning. The meeting hoped that APPF member countries strengthen cooperation on exchanging of information and sharing of experiences and best practices in dealing with Avian Influenza. The meeting also appreciated the positive role of regional cooperation such as ASEAN and APEC in addressing the pandemic disease.

37. In the plenary session on item 4: Future Activities of APPF, the meeting underlined the importance of bringing constructive and concrete impacts from various commitments made at annual meeting of the APPF on the people's in the Asia-Pacific region.
38. The issue of considering the possibility of inviting DPRK to observe the APPF Annual Meetings was brought up. The Meeting decided to postpone the debate on the issue and refer it to the next Annual Meeting of the APPF.
39. The delegates congratulated the host nation, the Republic of Indonesia, for achieving a peaceful and comprehensive settlement to the Aceh conflict.
40. The delegates unanimously accepted the kind invitation of the Russian Federation's Parliament to host the 15th Annual Meeting in January 2007, with the venue to be informed later.
41. The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum adopted 1 Joint Statement and 23 Resolutions, as follows:
 - APPF-14/JS/2006 : Joint Statement on Terrorist Bombing in Bali (Sponsored by Japan)
 - APPF-14/RES/01 : Resolution on Terrorism and Other Transnational Crimes (Sponsored by Australia, Indonesia, Japan and the Philippines)
 - APPF-14/RES/02 : Resolution on Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula (Sponsored by Japan and Republic of Korea)
 - APPF-14/RES/03 : Resolution on Middles East Peace Process (Sponsored by Japan and Indonesia)
 - APPF-14/RES/04 : Resolution on Democratization in the Asia - Pacific Region (Sponsored by Indonesia)
 - APPF-14/RES/05 : Resolution on Strengthening Political and Security Cooperation (Sponsored by Indonesia)
 - APPF-14/RES/06 : Resolution on Strengthening of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime and Nuclear Weapons Free Zones through Education for Peace (Sponsored by Mexico)
 - APPF-14/RES/07 : Resolution on Enjoining Concerned Countries to Actively Participate in the Study and Exploration on South China Sea for Mutually Beneficial Purposes, to Promote Peace and Amity among Them in the Region (Sponsored by the Philippines).
 - APPF-14/RES/08 : Resolution on Cooperation on Empowering Economy of the Developing and the Least Developed Countries (Sponsored by Indonesia)
 - APPF-14/RES/ 09 : Resolution on Strengthening Regional and Global Economic Cooperation (Sponsored by Indonesia)
 - APPF-14/RES/10 : Resolution on Economic and Trade (Sponsored by Japan)

- APPF-14/RES/11 : Resolution on the Fulfillment of the Doha Development Agenda (Sponsored by Mexico)
- APPF-14/RES/12 : Resolution on Information Technology and Communications and Internet Governance (Sponsored by Mexico)
- APPF-14/RES/13 : Resolution on Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development (Sponsored by Mexico)
- APPF-14/RES/14 : Resolution on Water and Sustainable Development (Sponsored by Mexico)
- APPF-14/RES/15 : Resolution on Measures for Managing Challenges Posed by Urbanization and Mitigating its Negative Effects (Sponsored by the Philippines)
- APPF-14/RES/16 : Resolution on Energy Security (Sponsored by Indonesia, Japan and Russian Federation)
- APPF-14/RES/17 : Resolution on Combating Corruption (Sponsored by Indonesia)
- APPF-14/RES/18 : Resolution on Promoting Women's Participation in Political and Economic Life (Sponsored by Indonesia and Canada)
- APPF-14/RES/19 : Resolution on Poverty Alleviation and Millennium Development Goals (Sponsored by Australia and Indonesia)
- APPF-14/RES/20 : Resolution on Cultural and Interfaith Dialogue among Civilizations (Sponsored by Mexico and Indonesia)
- APPF-14/RES/21: Resolution on Good Governance and Civil Society (Sponsored by Indonesia)
- APPF-14/RES/22 : Resolution on the Asia Pacific Response to the Montreal Plan of Action of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Sponsored by Canada)
- APPF-14/RES/23 : Resolution on Pandemic Disease (Avian Flu) (Sponsored by Australia, Canada, Indonesia, the Philippines and Chile)

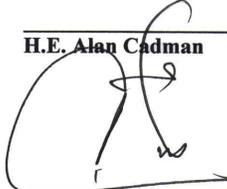
The abovementioned Joint Statement and Resolutions appear as **Appendix IV**.

42. The Annual Meeting appreciated the Drafting Committee for its efforts to develop a package of significant resolutions which contributed to the success of the 14th APPF.
43. The Annual Meeting expressed its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia for its outstanding organization and hospitality, especially to H.E Mr. Agung Laksono, the President of 14th APPF and Speaker of House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia for his chairmanship of the 14th Annual Meeting and to the Secretariat and the staff for their hard work and excellent arrangement for all participants, which contributed to the success of the Annual Meeting.

Done in Jakarta, Indonesia, the Nineteenth Day of January, in the year Two Thousand and Six (2006).

For AUSTRALIA

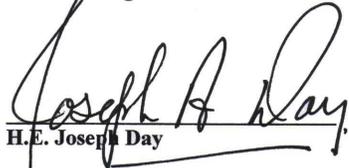



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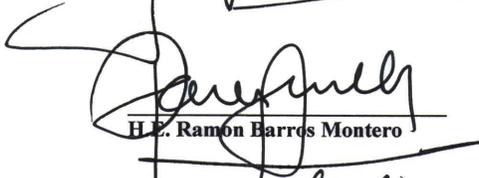
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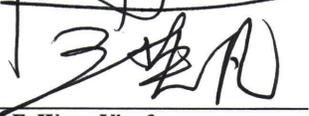
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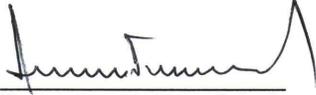
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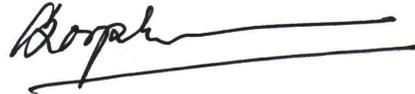
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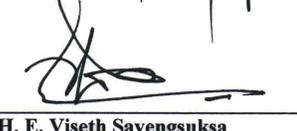
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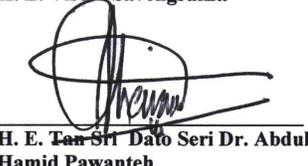
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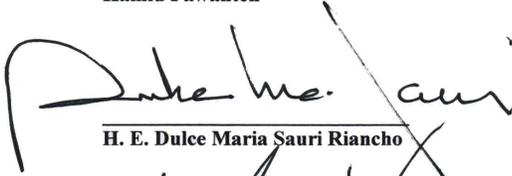
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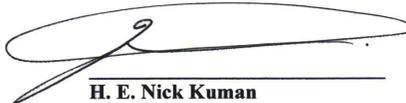
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