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**RESOLUTION ON  
COMBATING CORRUPTION**

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The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum,

*Noting* that the direct costs of corruption to national economies have come to a critical level disrupting stability and justice,

*Further noting* that corruption endangers democracy, economic growth, the integrity of our institutions and our social values,

*Being convinced* that corruption is a crime that exacerbates poverty and degrades morale of nations,

*Recalling* that public and private sectors corruptions do not respect national boundaries and are interrelated with transnational organized crimes,

*Noting* that corruption significantly inhibits development in developing countries and in the Asia-Pacific region and that it threatens the sustainability of national development and international cooperation,

*Concerned* with the fact that corruption acts committed in many countries have hindered the programs of poverty alleviation, unemployment, and creation of new employment, putting at risk the attainment of the UN Millennium Development Goals,

*Convinced* that corruption disrupts national development programs and international trade and investment;

All Member States of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum resolve to:

*Fully support* the international community's efforts in combating corruption as outlined in the United Nations Convention Against Corruption;

*Implement steps* consistent with the principles and provisions of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption;

*Call on* all states in Asia-Pacific region, particularly Member states of APPF, to promote and enhance cooperation in prevention and eradication of corruption in the region,

*Support and facilitate* all international efforts to prevent and combat corruption,

*Deny* safe haven to officials and individuals guilty of public corruption, and Intensify regional cooperation on extradition, mutual legal assistance, and the recovery and return of proceeds of corruption; in accordance with the relevant existing laws and their respective administration system,

*Strengthen* bilateral and multilateral cooperation to exchange necessary information as well as personnel and expertise in the investigation of corruption cases,

*Encourage* the engagement of the civil society including NGOs and other civil organizations in the campaign to eradicate corruption to ensure effective corruption prevention.