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**COMBATING TERRORISM, ILLEGAL DRUG TRAFFIC AND  
TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME**

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*Referring* to the APPF resolutions aimed at combating terrorism unanimously adopted at the previous annual meetings as well as the respective resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and the United Nations General Assembly,

*Underlining* that terrorism poses one of the most serious threats to peace and security,

*Taking into account* that terrorist activities directly threaten the fundamental human right - the right to life as well as social stability and economic development of the countries,

*Noting* that a broader dialogue and better mutual understanding among different civilizations, cultures and religions are indispensable in combating terrorism,

*Confirming* the central coordinating role of the United Nations in the international efforts to counteract terrorism,

*Welcoming* further development of regional counterterrorism cooperation, namely in the framework of APEC, ASEAN, the ASEAN Regional Forum, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and the Collective Security Treaty Organization,

*Stressing* that combating and preventing of terrorism must be conducted in compliance with the purposes and principals of the UN Charter and other established rules of international law,

*Reaffirming* that the efficient steps to combat terrorism and the observance of human rights are the two goals which do not contradict, but complement and reinforce each other,

*Noting* that the threats arising as the result of regional conflicts are dangerous not only for the member countries and their neighbors but may spread into a wider geographic area,

*Understanding* the impact that organized crime and drug trafficking has on the welfare of the people,

RESOLVES TO:

1. *Unanimously and strongly condemn* acts of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations irrespective of their motivation, place of execution and nature of perpetrators;

2. *Emphasize the necessity of* continuing collective efforts in order to strengthen and enhance the legal basis of international cooperation to combat terrorism, drug trafficking and transnational organized crime;

3. *Note* the importance of the work carried out by the APPF members on improving national legislations on combating terrorism, drug trafficking and transnational organized crime and bringing them into accord with each other, and calls them to accelerate this work;

4. *Call* upon the APPF members to expand cooperation in combating terrorism, drug trafficking and transnational organized crime so that each person involved in financing, planning, preparing or executing acts of terrorism, drug trafficking and transnational organized crime or rendering assistance to terrorist acts, drug trafficking and transnational organized crime, should be brought to justice basing on the principle “either extradite or prosecute”;

5. *Underline* the necessity of extending the intergovernmental exchange of information on terrorists and terrorist organizations, drug trafficking and transnational organized crime, their activities, plans, movements and financing;

6. *Note* the utmost importance of totally preventing access of terrorists to weapons of mass destruction;

7. *Emphasize* vital importance of uncompromising fight with transnational organized crime, illicit turnover of narcotic drugs, legalization of criminal incomes, illicit arms trade, which are the nutrient medium for terrorist activities;

8. *Reaffirm* the need for increased cooperation between member states to combat transnational crime, such as money laundering, trade in illicit drugs, people smuggling and human trafficking, which will reinforce and complement counter-terrorism efforts

9. *Call upon* APPF members to consolidate efforts to avoid double standards and prevent any discrimination on racial, cultural or religious basis in the framework or under pretext of combating terrorism;

10. *Support* escalation of antiterrorist efforts by regional organizations as the important component of global strategy of counteraction to threats and challenges to the security of XXI century being formed under the aegis of the United Nations;

11. *Emphasize the necessity* of entering into force of the International Convention on Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism as soon as possible and *urge* for instant coordination and adoption by the UN of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism which could significantly reinforce the legal basis of counter-terrorism cooperation;

12. *Call on* all states to ensure that any measures taken to combat terrorism comply with their obligations under international law, in particular human rights law, refugee law and international humanitarian law and *calls for* the establishment of national parliamentary monitoring systems to follow up the implementation of these instruments;

13. *Call* on Governments, Parliaments, and international community to identify and address the root causes of terrorism, including but not limited to, prolong unresolved conflict, lack of rules of law, and violation of human rights, ethic, national

and religious discrimination, political exclusion, socio-economic marginalization and lack of good governance, while recognizing that this can not justify acts of terrorism;

14. *Promote* dialogue, tolerance and understanding among civilizations, cultures, peoples and religions, and promote mutual respect for and prevent the defamation of religions, religious values, beliefs and cultures.