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**Resolution
on
Strengthening Peace and Security in South East Asia**
(Submitted by the Lao People's Democratic Republic)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Based on the will of the peoples of South East Asia to live in peace and prosperity within the ASEAN Community, and in harmony with the other peoples of Asia-Pacific and the rest of the world;

Reaffirming that peace, stability, cooperation and development are the major trends of today's globalized and interconnected world;

Acknowledging, nevertheless that unilateralism, disregard of international law, terrorism, transnational crime, poverty and the development gap remain the global challenges and threats of our time;

Reiterating the need for closer cooperation among APPF member parliaments in the areas of politics and security, economics and trade, education, culture, health, environment and development;

Hereby resolves to:

1. **Call upon** APPF member parliaments in South East Asia to promote in their own countries the implementation of the ASEAN Charter endorsed at the ASEAN Summit in Singapore in November, 2007;
2. **Urge** all APPF member and observer parliaments to provide support and assistance to the realization of the ASEAN Community as mentioned in the Vientiane Action Programme;
3. **Resort to** dialogues based on mutual trust, interests and understanding to solve political conflicts that may arise in the region;
4. **Support** the efforts made by governments of ASEAN countries to strengthen peace and security in South East Asia;
5. **Improve** the quality of dialogues on peace and security by making them more relevant and efficient.