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**Resolution
on
Terrorism**

(Submitted by Mexico, Australia and the Philippines)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Convinced of the need to fight, by all means, and according to the United Nations Charter, against threats against international peace and security represented by acts of terrorism;

Welcoming the progress achieved through national counter-terrorism efforts, regional cooperation, and international efforts including continuing action in the United Nations, and the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism;

Deeply concerned by the increase, in several world regions and especially in the Asia-Pacific region, of acts of terrorism motivated by intolerance or extremism;

Resolved that terrorism is a crime that cannot be justified under any circumstances, regardless of motive, location, timing or identity of the perpetrator;

Recognizing the need for the States to complement international cooperation by adopting other measures to prevent and quell in their territories, by all legal means, the financing and preparation of these acts of terrorism;

Noting with concern the links between international terrorism and transnational organized crime;

Firmly condemning all acts of terrorism such as those manifested abominably in the attempts occurred in Mumbai, India;

Reaffirming our shared determination to prevent, combat and eliminate terrorism in all its forms through close and effective international cooperation;

Hereby resolves to:

1. **Urge** all states to accede to and implement all United Nations counter-terrorism conventions and protocols;
2. **Call on** all states to implement effectively all United Nations Security Council counter-terrorism related resolutions;
3. **Adhere** as soon as possible to pertinent international agreements and protocols related to terrorism, including the International Agreement for repressing the financing of terrorism of December 9, 1999;
4. **Cooperate**, particularly through bilateral and multilateral agreements and accords to prevent, combat and respond to terrorist acts;
5. **Call upon** the States to work urgently to prevent and quell acts of terrorism, in particular by increasing cooperation between parliaments and governments and fully complying with pertinent international agreements against terrorism;
6. **Encourage** all states to enhance further national, regional and international cooperation and coordination efforts among police, defence, justice, customs, immigration, intelligence and other relevant agencies in order to ensure more effective law enforcement, border control and intelligence sharing;
7. **Find** the means to intensify and speed up the exchange of operational information, especially in relation to activities and movements of individual terrorists or terrorist networks; travel documents illegally altered or forged; trafficking of arms, explosives or dangerous materials; the use of communication technologies by terrorist groups and the threat represented by the possession of weapons of mass destruction by terrorist groups;
8. **Adopt** measures consistent with international human rights instruments and national laws, to ensure that refugee status is not abused by the perpetrators, organisers or facilitators of terrorist acts.