

**22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM**

**RESOLUTION APPF22/RES 01**

**POLITICAL AND SECURITY MATTERS IN ASIA PACIFIC**

*(Sponsored by Australia, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation)*

**The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum,**

**Recalling** the APPF Resolution on International Dimensions of Security adopted during the 10th Annual Meeting in Hawaii, USA, that recognizes the increasing challenges of regional security and the need to preserve inter-state relations based on mutual respect;

**Recalling also** the APPF Resolution on Review of the Political and Security Situation in the Asia Pacific and the World adopted during the 12th Annual Meeting in Beijing, China, that reaffirms the importance of open and inclusive regional architecture for Asia Pacific security;

**Recalling** the Resolution APPF20/RES/5 on Strengthening Peace and Security in the Region adopted at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum on 8 -12 January 2012 in Tokyo, Japan and the Resolution APPF21/RES-01 "Political and Security Matters in Asia Pacific" which was adopted at the 21st Annual Meeting of the APPF in Vladivostok in January 2013;

**Aware** that stable political security at the regional level is prerequisite to persistent economic growth;

**Understanding** the relationship between security and development;

**Acknowledging** that consolidation of the Asia Pacific region as one of influential centers of emerging polycentric world order and its transformation into a world economic growth engine constitute a significant factor that will be determining mainstream of international developments in the nearest future;

**Considering** the shift in economic and strategic weight to the Asia Pacific region and the significant increase in Asia's collective military expenditure over the last 20 years.

**Pointing out** that the Asia Pacific region asserts itself as a vital center of economic development and growing political influence as well as an attractive area for cooperation, a cross point for interests of main stakeholders and major multilateral institutions;

**Recalling** the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter.

**Cognizant** of the need to preserve the peace and security of the region, including through the adherence to the principles of international law and democracy, for the long term prosperity of the region as a whole.

**Aware** also to the changing structure of the intelligence community, including tasking, collection, covert action, and counterintelligence activities with consideration to the compatibility of such actions to the secrecy and democracy and other ethical questions;

**Concerned** that intelligence activities must respect and support the principles of mutual respect and sovereignty.

**Acknowledging** the need to prevent the escalation of a political conflict and the need of securing ourselves against hostile undertakings;

**Aware** that the effective management of regional security issues must be supported by strong and transparent regional institutions

**Stressing** the need for all APPF member countries to overcome the narrow confines of nationalism and build a community of common destiny in order to achieve the peace and stability in the Asia Pacific region;

**Calling** for stern and firm action to be taken against any threat to the peace and stability of the region, while giving top priority to a legitimate and peaceful resolution of conflicts;

**Emphasizing** the key importance of cooperation within the framework of such inter-state organizations and forums as Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, – Shanghai Cooperation Organization, East Asia Summit, Association of South East Asian Nations, ASEAN Regional Forum, ASEAN Defense Ministers Meeting mechanism and its dialogue partners (ADMM-Plus), Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, Asia Cooperation Dialogue;

**Recognizing** the crucial importance of evolution towards an updated configuration of international relations in the region, fit to provide broad opportunities for the promotion of multilateral trade, economic and investment cooperation, eliminate existing multifaceted security challenges, prevent the

emergence of new threats and serve to form an integrated economic and political space;

**Welcoming** East Asia Summit (EAS) leaders' discussions of regional security issues at their summit in Brunei Darussalam on 10 October 2013, and supporting their decision to launch multilateral dialogue on forming regional security architecture in line with the aim of common and comprehensive security

**Recognizing** that the threats of nuclear and missile proliferation and transnational organized crime, such as international terrorism, illicit drug trafficking, people smuggling and piracy, have a destabilizing effect on regional and national security.

**Convinced** that regional security is enhanced by improved development outcomes, further regional economic integration, environmental management, and crisis response.

#### **RESOLVES TO:**

1. **Encourage** APPF member countries to work together to strengthen the momentum towards strong, sustainable and balanced global economic growth, to contribute to the ongoing prosperity and security of the region.
2. **Call upon** APPF member countries to further analyze and mitigate the impact of political risk to regional businesses and investments both at macro and micro levels;
3. **Confirm** the conviction that the stability in the Asia Pacific region should be based on the indivisibility of security, peaceful settlement of disputes, non-use of force or threat of force, rejection of confrontation and interaction directed against third party countries.
4. **Call** on all APPF member countries to continuously reinforce the multilateral system for parliamentary diplomacy to ensure the peace and stability of the Asia-Pacific region;
5. **Urge** all member countries to regulate any act that may pose a threat to regional peace and stability and provide a legal and political mechanism to effectively respond to such threats;
6. **Renew** our efforts to support strong democratic institutions, accountable governance and robust civil society groups in our region.

7. **Reaffirm** our mutual respect for independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity in accordance with the UN Charter and international law.
8. **Embrace** the awareness that to breach the sovereignty of a country poses a significant risk to the political stability, business, and economic cooperation in the Asia Pacific;
9. **Urge** to promote and strengthen economic integration including within Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), provide for establishing horizontal links between multilateral regional associations.
10. **Reaffirm** our commitment to, and strengthening of, the regional multilateral architecture, including the EAS, ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM+) and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).
11. **Recommend** to keep being committed to further cooperation in other areas to ensure secure development in the region, first of all in the framework of the APEC consolidated counter-terrorism and secure trade strategy, further promoting interaction in preventing corruption, illegal trade, non-traditional threats and other types of transnational organized crime.
12. **Commit** to the goals of a nuclear weapon-free world, strengthened counterterrorism cooperation, and effective regional diplomacy to address common transnational issues.
13. **Promote** deeper cultural understanding, people-to-people contact and enhanced cooperation in uplifting the lives and wellbeing of our peoples to foster mutual trust and solidarity.
14. **Form** an integrated approach to build up a sustained architecture of security in the Asia-Pacific region as timely and reasonable task.
15. **Welcome** the constitutional and electoral processes begun by the Government of Fiji, and look forward to further progress towards a restored Fiji Parliament.
16. **Call on** all APPF member countries to work towards the goals of the International Dialogue on Peace Building and State Building and the New Deal for Engagement with Fragile States, and to work together to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

17. **Mindful** of the greater regional economic opportunities which requires concerted and coordinated responses based on a truthful manner of mutual respect;
18. **Recognize** the importance of consolidating peaceful conflict resolution by strengthening economic cooperation in the region;
19. **Enhance** the strategic role of APPF in facilitating the interests of Asia Pacific countries to build economic growth, peace, and political stability;
20. **Recommend** APPF member countries to enhance coordination and cooperation on key regional issues of common interest and concern in accordance with the fundamental principles of friendship and cooperation.
21. **Reaffirm** that the goal of common efforts of the parliamentarians of the APPF member countries in the area of politics and security is equal cooperation of all in order to strengthen peace, stability and prosperity in the Asia Pacific region.

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