

**22ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM**

RESOLUTION APPF22/RES 02

**COMBATING TERRORISM, DRUG AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING
AND ORGANISED CRIME**

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The 22nd Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum,

Reaffirming the previous resolutions concerning the fight against terrorism, drug traffic and organised crime adopted by the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Reiterating strong and unequivocal condemnation of terrorism which constitutes a persistent threat to regional and international peace and security, and one that is becoming increasingly dispersed and complex;

Willing to contribute to enhancing the efforts of the international community to combat effectively the scourge of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

Reaffirming the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy adopted on September 8, 2006 and striving for its comprehensive implementation in an integrated manner including in the Asia-Pacific region;

Reaffirming the need to enhance the role of international, regional and sub-regional organizations in implementation of global counter-terrorism measures;

Recognizing that terrorism is facilitated by other international crimes, including drug and arms trafficking, corruption, money laundering, cyber-crime, human trafficking, kidnapping and piracy, which can be used in direct support of this scourge, in particular as a funding source;

Experiencing concerns about the increased use, in a globalized society, by terrorists and their supporters of new technology, in

particular the internet, for the purposes of recruitment and incitement to commit terrorist acts, as well as for the planning and preparation of their activities.

Welcoming the valuable work and substantial contribution being made by the Global Counterterrorism Forum to strengthen the coordination and effectiveness of international counter-terrorism efforts;

Recognizing the interdependent nature of challenges posed by illicit drug production and trafficking, noting that production levels are rising in some countries;

Noting the significance of assistance rendered by the international community, international and regional organizations as well as non-governmental organizations to the countries of the region in reducing illicit drug production and trade;

Convinced that parliaments can effectively contribute to ensuring progress in improving national legislation on preventing and combating terrorism and other interrelated crimes;

Mindful of the need to strengthen regional counter-terrorism cooperation;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Urge** all States to speed up their accession to and effective implementation of the 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. **Call on** all APPF Parliaments to strengthen inter-parliamentary regional and international cooperation to improve the national and international legal basis for preventing and combating terrorism.

4. **Urge** all APPF Parliaments to enhance information exchange on national legislation related to preventing and combating terrorism and other interrelated crimes as well as monitoring implementation.
5. **Call upon** those States that have not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols.
6. **Call on** all APPF states to act properly to prevent terrorists from exploiting technology, communications and resources, in particular the internet, to incite support for terrorists acts.
7. **Recognize** the need to deny criminals and criminal organizations the proceeds of their crimes and call upon all States within their national legal systems to adopt effective mechanisms for the seizure, restraint and confiscation of proceeds of crime and to strengthen international cooperation to ensure effective and prompt asset recovery.
8. **Urge** all APPF Parliaments to work together to address the issues of human trafficking on the region.
9. **Stress** the need for stronger regional and international cooperation in countering the global threat posed by illicit drug production and drug trafficking.
10. **Stress** the importance for APPF member countries of enlarging and strengthening interfaith and intercultural dialogue with a view to countering violent extremism for the benefit of peace and stability, and fruitful relationships in the Asia-Pacific region.

11. **Call on** all States to adopt measures to prevent money laundering and the financing of terrorism, including enhancing the effectiveness of States' domestic anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regimes.

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