

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

RESOLUTION APPF22/RES 07

**INTER-PARLIAMENTARY
COOPERATION TO PREVENT AND FIGHT CORRUPTION**
(Sponsored by Indonesia Chile and Malaysia)

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

Recalling APPF Resolution on Strengthening Cooperation in the Asia Pacific Region to Combat Corruption adopted at the 15th APPF Annual Meeting in Moscow, Russia, that acknowledges the alarming impact of corruption on economic and political life of nations, in particular the developing countries in the Asia Pacific region; the APPF Resolution on Combating Corruption adopted at the 17th APPF Annual Meeting in Lao PDR, that emphasizes that the efforts to counter corruption can facilitate greater regional cooperation; the Kuala Lumpur Statement on Anti-Corruption Strategies and the Panama City Agreement in 2013 which has set guideline or indicators to develop and implement country anti-corruption,

Highlighting the importance of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), to advance global anti-corruption endeavors;

Recognizing that the national legal systems are essential to the prevention of and fight against corruption and therefore shall be brought into conformity with the provisions of the UNCAC;

Reiterating the concern about the seriousness of problems and threats posed by corruption to the stability and security of societies, undermining the institutions and values of democracy, ethical values and justice, and jeopardizing sustainable development and the rule of law;

Welcoming the establishment of an APEC Network of Anti-Corruption Authorities and Law Enforcement Agencies (ACT-NET) agreed during the 21st APEC Summit in October 2013 in Bali, Indonesia;

Mindful of the fact that the establishment of APPF aimed to promote cooperation among Parliaments of Asia Pacific countries and to provide solutions on regional problems by considering the principles of mutual interest and respect;

RESOLVES TO:

- 1. Encourage** the universal adherence to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption, and urges all countries that have not done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the Convention as soon as possible; and also promote the effective implementation of the Convention including through the strengthening of the national anti-corruption legal instruments;
- 2. Strengthen** inter-parliamentary cooperation, network and support related to the implementation of commitments adopted at the relevant regional forums including inter alia on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters;
- 3. Provide** necessary parliamentary measures to support the independency and works of anti-corruption agencies in performing their duties including in developing further regional cooperation;
- 4. Encourage** APPF member countries to voluntarily review and assess the compliance of the said Resolution and monitor what has been done in relation to it, according to all agreements and resolutions agreed in the past and to voluntarily report the progress of the implementation of measures related to transparency and anti-corruption and laws under the appropriate agenda item in future meetings.
- 5. Commit** to enhance the role of APPF in preventing and fighting corruption by encouraging parliamentary integrity, accountability, and good governance in respective member countries;

6. **Cooperate** with other relevant regional and international organizations to share best practices, knowledge and capacity building for parliamentarians and public officials to adopt and effectively implement anti-corruption measures.
7. **Encourage** the increased use of new information and communication technologies, and following the New Tokyo Declaration 2012, to improve the information and communication infrastructure, to set the basis for communication technologies and to establish the frameworks to allow the proper and efficient use of these tools.
8. **Encourage** the establishment of a uniform set of laws as stated in the Declaration of Valparaiso of 2001. It is necessary – due to the complexity of the international relations, both public and private – to find certain common rules in order to protect people as well as goods.

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