

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

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**THE PARLIAMENTARY DIMENSION OF ECONOMIC
COOPERATION**

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

Recognizing that the Asia Pacific region has been known for sustaining its continued growth in recent years as a result of the different cooperation mechanisms adopted;

Accepting that multilateral commerce, with its corresponding rules and regulations, has spurred economic growth and promoted development;

Knowing that commercial and bilateral trade agreements have promoted the growth of our economies, thus increasing opportunities for our citizens;

Aware of the fact that our region is gradually becoming the leading cause of global growth, we reaffirm our commitment to resist protectionism and trade distorting measures;

Considering that the success of multilateral trade and regional and bilateral agreements has lifted hundreds of millions of people out of poverty across the Asia Pacific region;

Convinced of the importance of taking the measures needed to allow us to maintain economic growth and financial stability in the region in order to avoid negative side effects;

Recognizing the need to strengthen macroeconomic policies and work together to promote sustainable and inclusive growth in the Asia Pacific region;

Committed to creating the conditions that allow us to improve jobs, attract private investment, reduce poverty and improve the living standards of our people;

Committed to providing support to micro, small and medium enterprises to encourage investment, innovation, leadership, economic growth, employment and expansion;

Recognizing that the Leaders' Declaration of the Asia-Pacific Cooperation Mechanisms adopted in October 2013 led to the creation of the 2013-2016 Multi Year Plan on Infrastructure Development and Investment.

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Encourage** the adoption of measures that allow us to improve infrastructure to increase productivity, stimulate investment and promote better communications among the APPF member countries.
2. **Adopt**, update and revise the laws, regulations and practices that facilitate investment between Asia Pacific member countries in infrastructure and promote the private sector's involvement in this group.
3. **Encourage** and support the joint venture between the public and private sectors to maximize investment in construction and development of airport, railway, seaport, roadway and telecommunications infrastructure.
4. **Support** measures that allow for the creation and development of core transmission, distribution, electricity, gas and oil pipeline networks and telecommunications and to improve hospital infrastructure.

5. **Promote** the adoption of laws in the APPF member countries that establish guidelines to build, equip, maintain, rehabilitate, strengthen, rebuild and enable educational facilities.
6. **Adopt** laws and facilitating investments plans to expand our ability to enhance social, corporate responsibility and sustainable investment practices.
7. **Promote** economic and technical cooperation with the participation of the public and private sectors to foster inclusive economic growth among APPF member countries.

Puerto Vallarta, México

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