

**22ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
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FACING CLIMATE CHANGE (OUTCOMES OF COP 19)

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

Noting with grave concern the projected impacts of climate change outlined in the contribution of Working Group One to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Warning that climate change represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies, future generations and the planet, that continued emissions of greenhouse gases will cause further warming and changes in all components of the climate system and that limiting climate change will require substantial and sustained reductions of greenhouse gas emissions.

Aware of the urgent need for effective and sustainable global measures to address climate change and the implementation of adaptation actions nations should take in response to the effects produced by Climate Change;

Recognising the role of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as the premier forum to address climate change.

Noting the decision of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting adopting amendments establishing the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol from 2013 to 2020;

Considering that COP19 held in Warsaw, Poland November 11-22, 2013, reiterated the importance of developing a Protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force by 2015 and for it to come into effect and be implemented as from 2020;

Concerned about the challenges countries face in coordinating their efforts under a binding global commitment to change current consumer patterns, convert industrial plants and execute other long term actions that involve strong economic investments and the development of new technologies;

Aware of the role of incentives, including market incentives, in affecting the advancement in replacing high greenhouse gas emission technologies in general, with new technologies based on renewable energy and clean energy;

Concerned about the serious human losses and economic impact natural disasters have produced on our peoples and economies in recent years —such as those most recently experienced in the Philippines;

Believing of the fact that the safety, health and welfare of the people and nations in the Asia Pacific region and other regions of the world, will benefit from effective steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions globally;

Convinced that the countries comprising the Asia Pacific region are willing and assume their responsibility to their own people to move forward and implement their commitments.

Recognising the importance of regional and other cooperation and information sharing to address climate change, including through international cooperative initiatives.

Reaffirming the call for Governments in the region to integrate sustainable development into policymaking, to bring sustainable development to the forefront of their agendas and budgets, and to consider innovative models of international cooperation to achieve sustainable development.

RESOLVES TO:

- 1. Call on** all APPF member countries to work constructively together under the UNFCCC to develop a Protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome for dealing with climate change with legal force by 2015 and for it to come into effect and be implemented by 2020.
- 2. Encourage** all APPF member countries to start preparing contributions for 2015.
- 3. Promote** initiatives within our parliaments that complement the UNFCCC and serve to implement ambitious mitigation actions in areas related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, the reduction of fossil fuel subsidies, Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD +) and international civil aviation and maritime transportation, among others;

4. **Contribute** to strengthening Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) in developing countries within the framework of sustainable development and the eradication of poverty;
5. **Encourage** APPF member countries to share practical experience of their domestic mitigation actions to reduce emissions;
6. **Encourage** APPF member countries to undertake domestic measures to adapt to the projected impacts of climate change;
7. **Promote** through our international parliamentary work, the design of the new climate change agreement to encourage adaptation actions as an important component of efforts, and which should be addressed with the same priority as mitigation;
8. **Encourage** APPF member countries to enhance and share knowledge and understanding of good risk management approaches;
9. **Support and promote**, from a gender perspective by ensuring the increased participation of women in UNFCCC negotiations and in representing the Parties in the bodies established under the Convention or the Kyoto Protocol;
10. **Contribute** to improving Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects, recognizing that the carbon market is still an option that can be used to comply with ambitious mitigation commitments and serve as a source of funding mitigation activities in developing countries;
11. **Welcome** the decision to establish the Warsaw international mechanism for loss and damage under the Cancun Adaptation Framework;

12. Establish a mechanism for inter-parliamentary online communication to exchange information, successful legislative experiences and knowledge providing appropriate and opportune elements on the response to climate change, inter alia, to our national legislative bodies to promote stronger coordination efforts and, eventually, progress in their standardization processes.

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