

23rd Annual Meeting

Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum

Sponsored by: Chile and Micronesia

RESOLUTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Considering with great concern the anticipated impacts on the global climate system described in the contribution made by the Work Group One to produce the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;

Referring to the fact that Climate Change presents significant threats to the achievement of the MDG's and post 2015 development agenda and also has irreversible potential consequences for human societies, the future generations and the planet;

Acknowledging the urgency and importance of adopting a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the UNFCCC applicable to all Parties to the Convention at its twenty-first session and for it to come into effect and be implemented from 2020;

Bearing in mind that the continuous emission of Greenhouse Effect Gases (GHG) is the primary cause of a greater warming effect and of the changes in all of the components of the climate system, and that stopping the Climate Change requires substantial and constant reductions of GHG emissions;

Considering that even with a zero level of net emissions in the immediate future, the global warming phenomenon will continue its effect in the future due to the high levels of accumulated concentrations of GHG;

Drawing attention to the fact that the predictions made by the IPCC which are based on rigorous analyses of different climate models, not always can assess, in its true dimension, the synergies amongst the different variables that take part in the evolution of the climate;

Emphasizing the urgent need to take effective and sustainable global measures to deal with the Climate Change and to implement local and nationwide adapting measures to fight, even partially, the effects caused by the Climate Change;

Acknowledging the role of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as the main forum to talk about Climate Change;

Acknowledging with appreciation that the Conference of the Parties (COP 20) held in Peru in December 2014 underscored its commitment to reach an agreement in 2015

that reflects the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in light of different national circumstances;

Acknowledging the problems the different countries are facing not only regarding the coordination of their policies and efforts aimed at reaching a global binding agreement to change: current energy production patterns, current consumption patterns, industrial plants technologies but also to carry out other actions in the short and long term that involve large economic investment and the development of new technology;

Highlighting the role of the incentives, including market mechanisms, can make the advance possible in order to replace the high Green House Effect Gasses (GHG) technologies with new technologies based on renewable and efficient energy;

Noting the human and economic effect that may be the result of climate change;

Noting that safety, health and welfare of the APPF Member States and people of the Asia Pacific region and other parts of the world can benefit from effective measures that can reduce the GHG worldwide;

Realizing the need for APPF Member States and other Nations to assume their responsibilities both towards their own people and towards humankind and to move forward and honor their commitments;

Valuing the importance of regional cooperation and, at different levels – the information exchange to face climate change through international cooperation initiatives.

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Urge** all APPF Member States to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions consistent with relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) in Lima Peru in 2014;
2. **Exhort** APPF Members States to work together inside the UNFCCC, to develop a protocol another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the UNFCCC applicable to all Parties;
3. **Encourage** all APPF Member States to start preparing their contributions for 2015;
4. **Boost** initiatives inside our own parliaments that could complement the UNFCCC Framework Convention;
5. **Support** to the strengthening of the Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) in the developing countries within the sustainable development framework;
6. **Encourage** the sharing of practical experiences of domestic mitigation actions to reduce emissions;

7. **Call** the governments of the region to support sustainable development policies and consider innovative models of international cooperation to reach sustainable development;
8. **Work** towards a new agreement on Climate Change through our parliamentary work to stimulate adaptation actions;
9. **Work** towards improving clean developing mechanisms;
10. **Welcome** the decision to set the Warsaw International Mechanism for loss and damage under the Cancun Adaptation Framework;
11. **Implement** an inter-parliamentary communication mechanism to exchange information, successful legal experiences and knowledge that could provide the proper and timely elements in response to Climate Change, amongst others, to our own domestic legislative bodies to promote stronger coordination efforts and eventually the progress during their normalization processes.

Quito, January 14th, 2015