

ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF)

24TH ANNUAL MEETING

RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.12

PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF HALAL ECOSYSTEM

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The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Recalling the Resolution of the 23rd APPF Annual Meeting in Quito, Ecuador on Halal Industry as a source of economic growth;

Realizing that the rapid growth of the halal industry is influenced by the huge demand created by more than 1.8 billion Muslims worldwide and the emergence of new halal markets such as the North and South East Asia regions;

Noting that due to these drivers of growth, the halal agenda has moved up the political and economic ladders of many countries, irrespective of whether they are Muslim majority or Muslim minority countries, necessitating the development of a more robust and efficient global halal supply chain;

Acknowledging the need to promote and facilitate the development of a proper Halal Ecosystem that consists of various infrastructure components such as dedicated industrial areas, testing laboratories, research institutes, knowledge reference Centre's, policies, incentives, financing instruments, standards, certification systems and human capital development programs;

Highlighting the need for a proper ecosystem that would catalyse sustainable growth of the halal industry and provide significant impact to a country economically and socially;

Stressing the importance of developing an entity that would act as a focal point for a country in matters pertaining to the halal industry development, particularly in halal trade, investment, financing and research;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Call upon** APPF Member States to consider appointing an agency or an entity for halal industry development matters to foster better government to government collaborations among APPF Member States, particularly in the areas of halal trade, investment, financing and research;
2. **Encourage** all APPF Member States to promote halal knowledge transfer among Member States;
3. **Seek** cooperation amongst APPF Member States to establish classification of potential halal products and services based on international standards such as the United Nations' Codex Alimentarius.