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THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

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

Convinced that achieving a final and peaceful settlement of the issue of Palestinian statehood is imperative for the attainment of comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East;

Hoping that the Israelis and the Palestinians will continue their united efforts to realize the two-state solution whereby the Israelis and the Palestinians live side by side in peace;

Reaffirming that a just and lasting solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict must be based on such resolutions as the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council Resolutions, and previous agreements between Israel and the Palestinian territories;

Expressing support for the Middle East peace process and the efforts to reach a final and lasting settlement between the Israeli and the Palestinian sides as soon as possible;

Recognizing that the Middle East continues to face issues such as the rise of Daesh and a large number of refugees and internally displaced persons affected by Daesh, and that those issues interrelate with the Middle East Peace Process in terms of securing peace and stability in the region;

Mindful that ongoing conflicts throughout the world posed by radicalization and extremism, including by Daesh, have been diverting international attention from the prolonged conflict between the Palestinian territories and Israel;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Call upon** both the Israeli and the Palestinian sides to resume early direct negotiations;
2. **Urge** both the Israeli and the Palestinian sides to settle the issue through negotiation based on the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, the Madrid Principles, the Roadmap, the agreements previously reached by the parties and the Arab Peace Initiative;
3. **Urge** both the Israeli and the Palestinian sides to halt the use of force and to achieve a durable unconditional cessation of violence;
4. **Call upon** both parties to avoid unilateral actions which prejudice final status issues;
5. **Encourage** all parties concerned to make efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, reaffirm that establishment of a Palestinian state, as well as security for Israel and its borders are essential factors for permanent peace; and call upon both the Israeli and Palestinian sides to strive for building a proper environment conducive to the establishment of a Palestinian state;
6. **Confirm** that creating a viable Palestinian economy premised on tangible improvement of living standards is necessary for building a Palestinian state; and therefore call upon the international community including Israel to support the Palestinians and encourage the governments of the APPF Member States to enhance assistance to them;
7. **Urge** all sides involved in the conflict to improve the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip;
8. **Support** the efforts of the international community including the Middle East Quartet (the United States, the Russian Federation, the European Union and the United Nations) towards the progress of peace talks between the Israeli and the Palestinian sides, and call upon the Quartet, other concerned countries and all the APPF Member States to continue to extend as much support and cooperation as possible to the Middle East peace process;
9. **Highlight** the importance in providing capacity building in the Palestinian territories.