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PROMOTING PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND IMPROVING INTER-KOREAN RELATIONS

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

Reaffirming the Resolution on Achieving Denuclearization and Peace on the Korean Peninsula (APPF23/RES-01) adopted by the 23rd Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) in January 2015 in Quito, Ecuador and other resolutions concerning the Korean Peninsula which have been discussed by the APPF so far;

Recognizing that provocations and attempts at nuclear armament by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), including its 4th nuclear test conducted on January 6, 2016, pose a clear threat to peace and stability in the region and beyond;

Stressing the importance of building international cooperation networks in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond for peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula, which is key to peace, stability and prosperity in the region and beyond;

Noting the Joint Statement of the Fourth Round of the Six-Party Talks adopted in September 2005, UN Security Council Resolutions 1695, 1718, 1874, 2087 and 2094, the Resolution on Implementation of NPT Safeguards Agreement between the IAEA and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea adopted at the 59th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), all of which have expressed the international community's position that North Korea should never be allowed to have nuclear weapons;

Urging the DPRK to respond to the humanitarian concerns of the international community;

Emphasizing a peaceful approach through meaningful dialogue between the two Koreas as a practical way to contribute to peace on the Korean Peninsula;

Committed to the ultimate goal of ensuring peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Reaffirm** the importance of a nuclear-weapon free Korean Peninsula;
2. **Strongly condemn** the DPRK's 4th nuclear test, which is a clear violation of Security Council resolutions and therefore a clear threat to international peace and security;
3. **Call on** the DPRK to comply with its obligations under the UN Security Council resolutions on North Korean nuclear issues, the Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks in September 2005 and NPT and IAEA Safeguards Agreements not to conduct any further provocative actions and to abandon all of its nuclear weapons, nuclear programs and ballistic missile programs in a complete, verifiable and irreversible way;
4. **Call on** North Korea to open unconditional dialogue with the Government of the Republic of Korea and the international community to discuss key issues such as denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula;
5. **Confirm** that the process of the Six-Party Talks provides an effective framework for the peaceful resolution of the DPRK nuclear issues and call upon the relevant parties to take concrete actions conducive to the resumption of further meaningful negotiations under the Six-Party Talks, and express the support APPF Member States for this process;
6. **Request** continued attention of the international community to the situation on the Korean Peninsula, including inter-Korean relations, and encourage its proactive efforts towards the peaceful resolution of the issues of the Korean Peninsula;
7. **Support** the efforts of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea to improve inter-Korean ties such as proposal of an inter-Korean parliamentary speakers' meeting, and vow to combine the strengths of member parliaments of APPF to bring peace to the Korean Peninsula and improve ties between the two Koreas;
8. **Contribute** to all efforts that can establish conditions of lasting peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region.