

ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF)

24TH ANNUAL MEETING

RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.20

BUILDING AN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK ON ANTI-CORRUPTION

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

Recalling the United Nations Convention Against Corruption, the APPF Resolution on Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation to Prevent and Fight Corruption adopted at the 22nd APPF Annual Meeting in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, 2014 and other relevant APPF resolutions;

Recalling also the 22nd APEC Economic Leaders' Declaration and the 2014 Beijing Declaration on Fighting Corruption adopted at APEC Ministerial Meeting held in Beijing, China, 2014 which calls for more concerted efforts for Asia Pacific cooperation in the fight against corruption including through denying safe haven to those engaged in corruption;

Welcoming the works of the APEC Network of Anti-Corruption Authorities and Law Enforcement Agencies (ACT-NET) to advance cross-border cooperation between agencies responsible for investigations and prosecutions of corruption, bribery, money laundering, and illicit trade and the identification and return of proceeds of those crimes;

Mindful that the establishment of the APPF aimed to promote cooperation among Parliaments of Asia and the Pacific countries and to provide solutions on regional problems by considering the principles of mutual interest and respect;

Reaffirming the commitment to enhance the role of the APPF in curbing corruption by building parliamentary integrity, accountability, and good governance in respective member countries;

Noting the importance of cooperation amongst parliamentarians and others, including through the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC), to combat corruption and promote transparency and accountability to maintain highest standards of integrity in public sectors;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Support** the work of anti-corruption parliamentary organizations and/or networks as platforms for sharing best practices, knowledge and capacity building of parliamentarians to adopt and effectively implement anti-corruption measures;
2. **Encourage** APPF Member States to convene a meeting of parliamentarians to discuss developments and legislation addressing the anti-corruption situation in the Asia-Pacific region;
3. **Encourage** the timely development of bilateral and multilateral anti-corruption instruments, in particular the *United Nations Convention Against Corruption* (UNCAC), addressing extradition, mutual legal assistance, and the recovery and return of proceeds of corruption through inter-parliamentary cooperation;
4. **Provide** the appropriate domestic parliamentary measures to support the work of anti-corruption agencies in performing their duties and to strengthen agency to agency relationships in developing further regional cooperation.