

ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF)

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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.23

PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANT WORKERS

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

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and all other relevant international instruments, particularly the rights of the migrant workers and members of their families;

Acknowledging the contribution of migrant workers to the social and economic development of origin states and receiving states;

Being concerned for the safety and security of migrant workers, particularly women migrant workers, including for their protection from human rights abuses, sexual harassment and physical violence, discrimination, and poor working conditions;

Being concerned also with the vulnerability of migrant workers to forced labour, or being deceived into exploitative situations during the process of voluntarily migrating from their country;

Declaring that effective action to prevent and combat trafficking in persons, especially women and children, requires a comprehensive international approach in the countries of origin, transit and destination that includes measures to prevent such trafficking in particular labour trafficking, to punish the traffickers and to protect the victims of such trafficking, including by protecting their internationally recognized human rights;

Reaffirming that the protection and promotion of the rights of migrant workers is the responsibility of all APPF Member States under the common vision of regional security and prosperity;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Encourage** APPF Member States to ensure that their national laws and regulations protect and promote the rights of migrant workers;
2. **Encourage** APPF Member States to improve bilateral and multilateral cooperation to facilitate access to nationally appropriate welfare services and transferrable social protections;
3. **Urge** APPF Member States to promote fair and proper working conditions, fair and reasonable wages, and adequate access to decent living conditions for migrant workers;
4. **Encourage** the origin states to train the migrant workers with adequate skills for them to be able to fulfill their task, and to equip the migrant workers with cross cultural knowledge for them to understand the culture, prevailing laws and regulation in the country of their employment;
5. **Encourage** APPF Member States to adopt and implement the principles of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, particularly women and children, for forced and exploitative labour, including sexual exploitation;
6. **Urge** the governments of APPF Member States to take measures to protect migrant workers from fraudulent and illicit recruitment practices that facilitate trafficking in persons;
7. **Encourage** APPF Member States to strengthen cooperation in addressing the challenge related to clandestine movements and trafficking in migrant workers, while at the same time assuring the protection of their fundamental human rights.