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RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.26

RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATES AND PARLIAMENTS TOWARDS REFUGEES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN HUMANITARIAN CRISES

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

Recognizing that living in a peaceful and prosperous world is an inalienable human right;

Welcoming the commitment made by State Parties to the 1951 United Nations Convention on Refugees, and commitment by international community to provide assistance and protection to refugee and internally displaced persons (IDPs);

Noting that growing complexity of current humanitarian crises requires multidimensional approaches of humanitarian assistance with due regards to humanitarian principle and shall be based upon the principle of impartiality;

Being aware of the transit countries' role in ensuring the protection needs of refugee, as well as current challenges faced by transit countries including gap in domestic legal protections, inadequate detention facilities and support services, lengthy refugee status determination process and resettlement placement;

Acknowledging that parliament plays a crucial role in development of national legislation and have unequivocal influence over the Executive and en-masse population to create awareness on such issue;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Encourage** the APPF Member Countries and international community to share the responsibility of assisting the country of asylum and the transit country, and to cooperate with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and all other organizations concerned with irregular migration, in order to monitor the implementation of international conventions for protecting asylum seekers and refugees;
2. **Strengthen** the national legislation to ensure effective delivery of humanitarian assistance to civilians and non-combatants;
3. **Encourage** the countries of asylum and transit countries to provide physical facilities and material needs of the refugees in a non-discriminatory manner, and in conformity with national legislation and international human rights law;
4. **Encourage** transit countries to respect the principle of non-refoulement;
5. **Encourage** transit countries to not criminalize, detain or otherwise punish refugees solely for their method of arrival in a country, notwithstanding that transit countries are sovereign;
6. **Support** states in putting together effective and coordinated measures to protect refugees from human rights abuses by traffickers and smugglers.