

**ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF)  
25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

**RESOLUTION APPF25/RES.01**

**ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

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**The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum;**

**Reaffirming** the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women (DEVAW), the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Beijing Platform for Action (BPA) that seek to address and eliminate violence against women;

**Acknowledging** that violence against women is one of the most universal and pervasive human rights violations in the world, a barrier to the creation of safe and peaceful societies, and that violence against women can take several forms including physical, sexual, psychological, mental, intellectual and economic abuse;

**Noting** that investing in ending violence against women has transformative effects in advancing gender equality and attaining the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and within the ambit of the SDGs, many targets specifically recognise women's equality and empowerment which can be accelerated by ending violence against women;

**Recognising** the challenges concerning the availability of and access to data on violence against women; and

**Conscious** of the fact that the consequences of violence against women are significant and have an extreme impact on physical, social, mental health and economic aspects;

**RESOLVES TO:**

1. **Encourage** APPF Member States to review, amend and develop comprehensive legislation on violence against women to ensure that they comply with international human rights conventions including Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and CEDAW;
2. **Exhort** APPF Member States to strengthen legal systems to adequately respond, prosecute and chastise perpetrators of violence against women and eliminate any adverse practices that discriminate against women;
3. **Call upon** APPF Member States to strengthen national activities and programmes to end violence against women and to ensure that priority is given to resourcing services to support and empower women who have experienced violence;
4. **Encourage** and strengthen efforts to provide access for survivors to protection and support in a coordinated manner addressing their legal, medical, psycho-social and accommodation needs;

5. **Call on** APPF Member States to strengthen collection of globally comparable national representative data on the cost of violence to the state and key service providers for appropriate and targeted policy and programme formulation and delivery;
6. **Call upon** APPF Member States to take a zero tolerance approach to violence against women in fulfilling regional and international commitments to eliminate violence against women, and commit to identifying and sharing best practices in the region; and
7. **Affirm** the determination of APPF Member States to take all necessary measures to eliminate violence against women.