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RESOLUTION APPF25/RES.13

RESOLUTION ON PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA

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The 25th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Reaffirming the Resolution on Promoting Peace on the Korean Peninsula and Improving Inter-Korean relations (APPF24/RES.19) adopted by the 24th Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) in January 2016 in Vancouver, Canada and other resolutions concerning the Korean Peninsula which have been discussed by the APPF so far;

Recognising that provocations and attempts at nuclear armament by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), including its fourth nuclear test conducted on January 6, 2016, its fifth nuclear test on September 9, 2016 and a series of ballistic missiles launches pose a grave threat to peace and stability in the region and the world;

Stressing the importance of building international cooperation through a peaceful, diplomatic and political solution and refraining from escalating tensions in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond to ensure 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, 2094, 2270, and 2321, the Resolution on Implementation of the NPT Safeguards Agreement between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (GC(60)/RES/14) adopted at the 60th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in September 2016, all of which have expressed the international community's position that North Korea should neither be allowed to have nuclear weapons nor be accepted as a nuclear state;

Strongly welcome, in particular, the implementation reports pursuant to the UN Security Council Resolution 2270 submitted by around 70 UN Member States and the UN Security Council Resolution 2321, adopted unanimously on November 30, 2016;

Reiterating that all states have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Emphasising the DPRK's denuclearisation and a peaceful approach through meaningful dialogue between the two Koreas and between the DPRK and the international community as a practical way to contribute to peace on the Korean Peninsula;

Reaffirming the Six Party Talks as an effective framework for the peaceful resolution of the North Korean nuclear issue and supporting the resumption of a meaningful round of the Six Party Talks as well as the initiation of an inter-parliamentary dialogue among the parties to the Six Party Talks as a preliminary step to the resumption of the Six Party mechanism; and

Strongly committed to the ultimate goals of promoting peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Reaffirm** the importance of a nuclear-weapons-free Korean Peninsula;
2. **Define** the DPRK's fourth and fifth nuclear tests and ballistic missile launches as serious provocations against international peace and security and therefore condemn the acts in the strongest terms;
3. **Call again** upon the DPRK to comply with its obligations under all of the UN Security Council resolutions on its 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 including uranium enrichment, and ballistic missile programs in a complete, verifiable and irreversible way;
4. **Request** all UN Member States to fully implement the UN Security Resolutions 2270 and 2321, which represent a strong and united determination of the international community;
5. **Urge** the DPRK to respond in an expeditious and credible manner to the humanitarian concerns of the international community about the welfare and the right to development of its citizens;
6. **Confirm** the full support of the APPF Member States for an inter-parliamentary dialogue among the parties to the Six Party Talks, which the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea has been pursuing as a way to resolve the North Korean nuclear issue; and
7. **Request** the 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.