ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF) 25TH ANNUAL MEETING

RESOLUTION APPF25/RES.16

STRENGTHENING COOPERATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

(Sponsored by the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Indonesia, Fiji)

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

Reaffirming the Resolution on Enhancing Cooperative Action on Climate Change (APPF24/RES.06) adopted by the 24th Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) in January 2016 in Vancouver, Canada and other resolutions concerning climate change which have been discussed by the APPF so far;

Noting that the international community is increasingly alert to the significance, costs and risks of climate change to humanity;

Considering that the Asia-Pacific region represents 52% of the surface of the earth, 40% of the global population and that around 70% of natural and global disasters strike in the Asia-Pacific region, forcing its populations to cope with adverse effects;

Welcoming the fact that the Paris Agreement adopted on 12 December 2015 at the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Paris entered into force after the countries largely responsible for global greenhouse gas emissions have ratified the Agreement;

Recognising the need for a balanced and integrated strategy between climate change mitigation and adaptation by financing low emission climate resilient development; and

Recognising that parliaments have a continuing role to play in strengthening climate change responses at domestic and international levels;

RESOLVES TO:

- Commit to the strengthening of cooperation among the APPF Member States and make efforts to combat climate change in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities (CBDR-RC);
- 2. **Reaffirm** APPF Member States' commitment on each respective Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) on climate change;
- 3. **Call upon** nations to ratify and deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Paris Agreement to accelerate their domestic procedures to join the Agreement;

- 4. **Reaffirm** our commitment to fulfill the obligations of the Paris Agreement to keep a global temperature rise well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius;
- 5. **Encourage** the parliaments of APPF Member States to enact legislation to promote global cooperation on climate change and closely oversee and monitor their governments' faithful implementation of the legislation;
- 6. **Urge** APPF Member States to strengthen their own national public financing management systems to manage, track and monitor the use of public funds on climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- 7. **Urge** APPF Member States to intensify their efforts to develop and implement new technologies in order to support the use of renewable energy technologies and the reduction of greenhouse gases;
- Request the UNFCCC to set a new quantified goal from a floor of USD 100 billion per year
 prior to 2025 and to put forward a future financial roadmap for both climate change
 mitigation and adaptation which seek greater balance between finance for mitigation and
 for adaptation; and
- 9. **Call** for transparent, locally fitted, and sustainable support on capacity building activities and technical assistance to meet the gaps and needs of developing countries.