

**26TH ANNUAL MEETING
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**RESOLUTION ON COMBATING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM
AND TRANS-BORDER CRIME**

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The 26th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Recalling and Reaffirming the previous APPF Resolutions on “Political and Security Matters in Asia Pacific” which was previously held dealing with terrorism, organised crime and trans-border crimes which involves inter-alia, human trafficking, drug and arms trafficking, money laundering, kidnapping and piracy, cyber-crime, corruption and scourge related criminal activities;

Recalling specifically the UNSC Resolution 2320 (2016) that cooperation with regional and sub-regional organisations in matters relating to the maintenance of peace and security and consistent with Chapter VIII of the Charter of the UN, can improve collective security;

Aware that terrorism has taken a new turn and are treated as home-grown threats (HTF – Home-grown Terrorist Fighters) and tackling them could be complex due to the fact that perpetrators are often known to the authorities but not seen as potential terrorist especially those referred to as the FTFs (Foreign Terrorist Fighters or Returnees) and inspired by Daesh;

Mindful that terrorism and trans-border crime have continuously evolved their outreach strategies to attract and recruit target audience which broaden their support base and it is challenging to identify, track and monitor;

Acknowledge on the fact that terrorism and trans-border crime are now largely organised with network via hierarchical orders and every one order or orders carried out tantamount to colossal detrimental damage to assets and accountable death to innocent people;

Expressing grave concern that organized crime and or trans-border crime today would involve breach and stealing personal data which are likely to be used to prolong criminal uses;

Emphasising that combating terrorism and trans-border crime are the ultimate to safeguard the APPF Member States' political, social and economic stability and security from harm brought about by these heinous crime related activities;

Deeply concerned by the rising hate-rhetoric actions such as incitement, hate speech, xenophobia including Islamophobia, at both areas: the online and off-line spheres;

Affirming the commitment to the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy adopted on September 8, 2006 and aiming for its full and all-round implementation, including in the Asia-Pacific Region.

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Strengthen** the border control from being used as haven transit for terrorist activities and trans-border crime and that all APPF Member States to work in concerted efforts to deny such haven to criminal activities and equally deny any support to the criminals from public members;
2. **Call upon** the APPF Member States to form a full scope mandate and working in tandem in ensuring that radical religious and ideological beliefs from evolving and becoming terrorism threats;
3. **Strongly** urge the APPF Member States to adopt and synergise a “Whole-of-Government Approach” through the engagement, communication, coordination, cooperation, sharing and integration of actions for stronger legal frameworks and competent relevant enforcement agencies to continue combating terrorism and all forms of trans-border crime;
4. **Call on** the APPF Member States to come forth with assessment, recommendation and measures in curbing trans-border activities and the assessment of every kind of threats in relation to terrorism and extremism that well could endanger the internal and the external security of the APPF nations;
5. **Strengthen** by the APPF Members States administrative preventive measures and judicial prosecution on perpetrators and while ensuring that human rights issues are preserved on FTFs and HTFs;

6. **Ensure** that the APPF Member States work in cohort in denying safe haven for the perpetrators to qualify for any proceeds from their criminal activities;
7. **Encourage** APPF Member States to share information especially on any dynamic data base to determine the level of threats from terrorism and trans-border crime elements and to share on technical exploits by the police and military operations on perpetrators;
8. **Urge** all APPF Member States to integrate and monitor individuals undermining the stability on peace and security of the APPF nations and to decide in consensus the best measures to be taken;
9. **Call on** the APPF Member States to explore streamlining of legal tools and processes in handling matters against criminals for greater efficiency;
10. **Call upon** the APPF Member States to continue winning the hearts and minds of the people and to continue to advocate the principle of Moderation as an important value and a common approach to counter all forms of extremism and to promote dialogue, mutual respect, tolerance and understanding;
11. **Urge** the APPF Member States to fully understand that perpetrators deradicalized and criminals going through prison terms are still part of the society and could be a future human capital and thus rehabilitation should be focussed on integrated rehabilitation development of skills and knowledge;
12. **Call upon** the APPF Member States to share best practices on technology platform and information collection and sharing among all stakeholders (such as government agencies, civil societies, etc.) to further strengthen regional security;
13. **Encourage** the APPF Member States to use approaches and strategy that involve prudent and diplomatic approach to collaborate with enforcement agencies through strategy which includes related society members and perpetrator's family units;
14. **Also call** on Asia Pacific Parliaments to take firm action in denouncing hate-rhetoric actions as these may serve as the condition conducive to terrorism;

15. **Encourage** Asia Pacific Parliaments, respectively, to be the centre of dialogue among people of different faiths, groups, cultures and others, with a view to find more common ground, fight misconception and misleading information, promote tolerance and mutual respect and understanding;
16. **Remind** the APPF Member States on the SDGs 16 and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development for better future of the people and the nations;
17. **Call upon** the APPF Member States to stand resolute and united in combating terrorism and trans-border crimes;
18. **Confirm** that the states play the key role and bear the main responsibility in combating and preventing terrorism both at the national level and within the international counter-terrorism cooperation.