



**20TH ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM  
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RESOLUTION  
ON

**HIGH SEAS FISHING**  
*(Sponsored by Chile)*

THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

**Recalling** the 1993 Tokyo statement that stipulates the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF), it points out that one of its goals is to afford opportunities to Parliament officials on the Asia-Pacific regions to identify common features, thus encouraging and developing regional cooperation endeavors in these matters, searching for broad and non-exclusive cooperation in several topics, including a sustainable development and good environmental practices.

**Aware** that the Vancouver Statement accounts for the Forum concern on environmental degradation that could spread beyond the country boundaries and affect a neighbor region, promoting therefore the existence of a regional approach for environmental management.

**Reaffirming** the principles of the Santiago Statement regarding the need of the Legislative to participate in the creation of an equalitarian legislation, for the benefit of the protection of property, people and the accomplishment of conservation, care, and preservation measures of the Pacific ocean and environment;

**Highlighting** the Resolution subject-matter on the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum held in January 2011 in Ulaanbaatar – Mongolia, by virtue of which it is recalled to be aware of the overexploitation state of certain fishing resources on the Pacific, in addition to calling upon the fishing States in the zone to adopt efficient preservation measures.

**Stressing** the urgent need to protect the high seas resources, particularly trans-zonal resources, amongst them the jack mackerel, one of the main resources of the Southeastern Pacific, it undergoes a critical stage nowadays.

**Under the Conviction** that the Convention on Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, adopted on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2009 in Auckland, New Zealand, has the necessary elements for the existence of an adequate, joint regulation for high seas fishery resources available in the Asia-Pacific zone.

**Concern** exists on the need that the Convention on Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean has to be in force soon.

**Bear in mind** that the Convention on Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean requires, for legal effect, eight ratification instruments, of at least three riverside States, adjacent to the Convention zone and three non-riverside states, along the coast, adjacent to the Convention zone.

**Agrees to:**

**Call upon** the states participating in the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum to be held in Tokyo Japan, to undertake as much effort as possible at the Parliament to allow its respective States to ratify, as soon as possible, the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean.