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RESOLUTION ON ADDRESSING DRIVERS OF RADICALISATION

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We the parliamentarians of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF), gathering in Canberra, Australia, for the 28th Annual Meeting of the APPF under the theme *Parliamentary Partnerships for 2020 and Beyond*:

Taking note of all relevant UN Security Council resolutions, including Resolution 1624 (2005), which calls on States to prohibit incitement to commit acts of terrorism and to counter incitement motivated by extremism and intolerance; Resolution 2178 (2014), on stemming the flow of foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs); Resolution 2178 (2014) and the Resolution 2354 (2017) on supporting a comprehensive international framework on countering of terrorist narratives;

Recalling previous APPF resolutions on terrorism and the importance of strengthening peace and security in the Asia Pacific region, *inter alia* Resolution APPF27/RES/12 on Combating Terrorism and Transnational Crime in the Region, Resolution APPF27/ RES/11 on Building Trust for Peace, Security and Sustainable Development in the Region, and underlined by the 1997 Vancouver Declaration, on transforming the Asia Pacific region into a cohesive, peaceful, secure, stable, and prosperous community;

Recalling the 2016 APEC Leaders Declaration in Lima that strongly condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and **recognising** that radicalisation to terrorism poses serious threats to the values that underpin the free and open Asia Pacific economies, as well as the commitment of the Asia Pacific region to the UN Global Counter Terrorism Strategy as a global instrument to enhance national, regional and international efforts to counter terrorism, particularly in addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of radicalisation to terrorism;

Acknowledging the rise of extreme ideologies including incitement to violence and radicalisation to terrorism, both in the online and offline spheres, as a threat to regional security, stability and prosperity; and

Recognising that the effort of fighting the threat of terrorism and curbing extreme ideologies and radicalisation to terrorism should be based on respect for human rights, international law and the United Nations Charter, and that terrorism cannot be and must not be generically associated with any religion, nationality or any civilisation.

RESOLVE TO:

1. **Encourage** the APPF Member Countries to engage at regional and international levels with a view to strengthening relevant legislative and policy frameworks and exchanging best practices and lessons learned in preventing and countering terrorism and radicalisation leading to terrorism;

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2. **Call on** the Parliaments of APPF Member Countries to keep the topic of preventing and countering terrorism and radicalisation to terrorism on their national agendas, and ensuring oversight on the counter-terrorism and counter-radicalisation efforts by the government, that are in line with obligations under international law—including the UN Charter, international human rights law and international humanitarian law—and democratic values;
 3. **Call on** the Parliaments of APPF Member Countries to act as a driving force at the national level, in reinforcing counter-narrative efforts and counter-engagement to terrorism and radicalisation to terrorism, as well as improvement of methodologies and approaches in addressing drivers of radicalisation;
 4. **Stress** the importance of engagement between parliamentarians and their respective communities in raising awareness on the threat of terrorism and radicalisation to terrorism as well as building trust and dialogue among all levels of society, by advocating solidarity with the victims of terrorism and by supporting counter-terrorism and counter-radicalisation narratives at national and local levels;
 5. **Encourage** the national enforcement agencies of the APPF Member Countries to enhance cooperation with their regional counterparts and to be more proactive and resilient in addressing, countering and combating the rise of terrorism and radicalisation to terrorism; and
 6. **Call on** the APPF Member Countries to work together in preventing and countering terrorism, violent extreme ideologies and radicalisation to terrorism through increased cooperation, and a balanced approach of law enforcement and prevention effort with the active contribution of relevant international and regional organisations, as well as local communities and civil society.