



Resolution on Combating International Terrorism (Australia, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and USA)

The 12th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF),

Deeply concerned about the recent escalation of terrorist acts around the world,

Recalling the APPF resolutions on terrorism adopted unanimously at its previous annual meetings and all the resolutions regarding terrorism that have been adopted by the United Nations to date,

Reiterating that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security, and that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, whenever and by whomsoever committed and are to be unequivocally condemned, especially when they indiscriminately target or injure civilians,

Underlining that acts of terrorism endanger innocent lives and the dignity and security of human beings everywhere, threaten the social and economic development of all states and undermine global stability and prosperity,

Reaffirming that terrorism can be defeated, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and in the context of international law, by a sustained and comprehensive approach involving the active participation and collaboration of all states, international and regional organizations, and by redoubled efforts at the national level,

Stressing the need for continued and intensified international cooperation to combat terrorism and for the leading role of the United Nations in the international campaign against terrorism,

Bearing in mind that terrorism should not be associated with any race, culture, or religion, and that regional conflicts and social and economic factors, including poverty and under-development, provide a fertile ground for terrorism and should be tackled in appropriate ways,

Welcoming the progress in regional cooperation on counter-terrorism, such as APEC, ASEAN, ARF, Asia-Europe Meeting and Shanghai Cooperation Organization,

Expressing their appreciation of APPF members which have become signatories to anti-terrorist international instruments,

Resolves to:

1. Condemn unanimously in the strongest terms the recent terrorist acts and extend the deepest condolences and sympathy to the victims of terrorist attacks and their families,
2. Underline the importance of strengthening legal frameworks for cooperation between national jurisdictions by intensifying inter-parliamentary exchanges and cooperation of APPF members in anti-terror legislation, including through concluding mutual legal assistance and adopting extradition arrangements, and in acceding to the international conventions on terrorism.
3. Encourage APPF members to establish, under their individual legal frameworks and where appropriate, legislation to ensure criminal liability to those individuals and organizations that have been found to support, harbor, or commit terrorist acts and support the harmonization of national legal system in dealing with terrorism,
4. Urge APPF members that have not yet done so to consider becoming parties to relevant conventions and protocols relating to terrorism, as soon as possible and comply fully with all relevant resolutions of UN Security Council,
5. Strengthen capacity building for the purpose of preventing and fighting terrorism and assist each other, to the maximum extent possible, in this regard,
6. Investigate and stop financial and capital flows for terrorist purposes in accordance with relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, in particular SCRs 1267 (1999) and 1373(2001),
7. Enhance information exchanges and intelligence sharing, in particular, on terrorists and terrorist organizations, their movement and funding, and any other information needed,
8. Prevent the use of other criminal activities, such as transnational organized crime, illicit drugs, drug trafficking, money laundering, illicit arms sales, and acquisition or use of weapons of mass destruction, by terrorist groups and express their solidarity with those APPF members, in particular Colombia, which are suffering the effects of these criminal activities,
9. Continue to enhance dialogue and broaden the understanding among civilizations in an effort to prevent the indiscriminate targeting of different religions and cultures,
10. Support regional and global anti-terror cooperation and explore practical initiatives to support UN in its leading role in the fight against terrorism,
11. Urge the speedy conclusion of the negotiations on a UN Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism as an important instrument in combating against terrorism,
12. Consider the possibility of establishing an APPF Committee on Cooperation in Counter-terrorism to provide a mechanism for easy access to APPF members of their experiences and technical expertise on counter terrorism and related legislation..