

THE 21ST ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

**COMBATING TERRORISM,
DRUG TRAFFICKING, HUMAN TRAFFICKING
AND ORGANISED CRIME**

Resolution

(Sponsored by Australia, Indonesia and Mexico)

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PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF),

Deeply concerned about the worldwide escalation of acts of terrorism in all of its forms and manifestation, illicit drug trafficking, transnational organized crime and human trafficking which remain threats to the security, stability and well-being of nations globally;

Reaffirming the previous resolutions concerning the fight against terrorism, illicit drug trafficking and organized crime adopted by the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Reiterating strong and unequivocal condemnation of terrorism which constitutes one of the most serious threats to regional and international peace and security;

Willing to contribute to enhancing the efforts of the international community to combat effectively the scourge of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

Reaffirming that terrorism should not be implied to be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group;

Reaffirming the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy adopted on September 8, 2006 and striving for its comprehensive implementation in an integrated manner including in the Asia Pacific region;

Reaffirming the need to enhance the role of international, regional and sub-

regional organizations in the implementation of global counter-terrorism measures;

Recognizing that terrorism is facilitated by other international crimes, including drug and arms trafficking, corruption, money laundering, cyber crime, human trafficking, kidnapping and piracy, which can be used in direct support of this scourge, in particular as a funding source;

Welcoming the establishment of the Global Counterterrorism Forum on 22 September 2011;

Recognizing the interdependent nature of challenges posed by illicit drug production and trafficking, noting that production levels are rising in some countries;

Noting the significance of assistance rendered by the international community, international and regional organizations as well as non-governmental organizations to the countries of the region in reducing illicit drug production and trafficking;

Recognizing that corruption threatens our common goals to achieve open markets, economic prosperity and the rule of law;

Convinced that parliaments can effectively contribute to ensuring progress in improving national legislation on preventing and combating terrorism and other interrelated crimes;

Mindful of the need to strengthen regional counter-terrorism cooperation;

Resolves to:

1. **Urge** all Member States to speed up their accession to and effective implementation of the United Nations counter-terrorism conventions and protocols;

2. **Call on** all Member States to implement effectively the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and the United Nations Security Council related resolutions related to combating international terrorism;

3. **Call on** all APPF Parliaments of the Member States to strengthen inter-parliamentary regional and international cooperation to improve the national and international legal basis for preventing and combating terrorism;

4. **Urge** all APPF Parliaments of the Member States to enhance information exchange on national legislation related to preventing and combating terrorism and other interrelated crimes as well as monitoring implementation;

5. **Call upon** those Member States that have not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols;

6. **Recognize** the need to deny criminals and criminal organizations the proceeds of their crimes and call upon all Member States within their national legal systems to adopt effective mechanisms for the seizure, restraint and confiscation of proceeds of crime and to strengthen international cooperation to ensure effective and prompt asset recovery;

7. **Recognize** that the masterminds of terrorist acts use new information technologies in the propagation of their actions, this being one of the concerns that affect the global society;

8. **Reaffirm** the importance to cooperate in the fight against corruption, promote good governance and sound management of public resources through effective measures against corruption and improve transparency and accountability among APPF Member States;

9. **Foster** the participation of all Member States in de-radicalization strategy to significantly prevent and combat the spreading ideas of extremism and terrorism as a way to achieve their political agenda through the strengthening of global action and cooperation towards global counterterrorism strategy;

10. **Stress** the importance for APPF Member States of enlarging and strengthening interfaith and intercultural dialogue with a view to countering violent extremism for the benefit of peaceful and fruitful relationships in the Asia-Pacific region;

11. **Encourage** cooperation of the APPF Member States to create legislation to control arms trafficking in order to fight against drug trafficking, organized crime, and terrorism;

12. **Encourage** cooperation of the APPF Member States to create legislation to combat human trafficking as well as other transnational organized crime.