

THE 21ST ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

DEVELOPING TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IN ASIA PACIFIC

Resolution
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PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF),

Approving the commitment of the APEC Leaders to achieving a target of a ten percent improvement of the integrity in supply-chain performance by 2015, in terms of reduction of time, cost, and uncertainty of moving goods and services through the Asia Pacific region, taking into consideration individual countries' economy circumstances;

Welcoming the adoption by the APPF Member States' Governments, of a more systematic approach to addressing existing chokepoints in supply chains through targeted capacity-building and concrete steps towards making supply chains more reliable, resilient, safe, efficient, transparent, diversified and intelligent;

Recognizing the considerable production growth, investment and commerce many countries of the Asia Pacific have experienced;

Acknowledging that the reliable supply chains are crucial to promote trade, maintain sustainable development, and ensure economic, energy, food, and environmental security in Asia Pacific region and in the world as a whole;

Being aware that the development of appropriate structure for supply routes will benefit to strengthening the regional economic integration and boost the economic growth in Asia Pacific;

Noting that globalization increasing impact on the regional and worldwide commerce poses new challenges on physical infrastructure (highways, railways, waterways, sea transport, land ports, airports, sea ports) and on non physical

infrastructure (multimodal transport operations, customs clearance, banks and other business networking);

Conscious of the fact that the promotion of transport as a key factor in the regional development has been a central objective of the Regional Action Program for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific for Phase I (2007-2011) as it is for Phase II (2012-2016);

Considering the agreements reached in this matter during the last years as fundamental, specially the 2006 Busan Resolution and the 2009 Bangkok Resolution that show a regional experience in relation to transport development matters as a means of cultural, economic and social integration;

Encouraging the continued discussion if the Governments and other relevant stakeholders with business community on the diversification of transportation routes in Asia Pacific region;

Believing that it is essential to continue work to streamline customs procedures among the Asia Pacific countries;

Concerned about the fact that an important number of people living in rural areas have limited access to transport infrastructure and services, consequently, to the economic and social opportunities inherent to them;

Acknowledging higher energy efficiency development in transport matters represents a critical pillar for the sustainable economic growth;

Reaffirming of the role that regional members of parliaments have in the creation of national legal frames able to broaden transport possibilities and, at the same time, compatible with environmental care;

Welcoming the efforts of the Governments, including those being taken within the APEC, to work on services liberalization and innovation to facilitate global supply chain connectivity and enhance economies' capacity in that area;

Resolves to:

1. **Urge** the Governments, Parliaments and other relevant stakeholders to take action towards the realization of projects and plans bound to increase the reliability of the transport and logistic networks;

2. **Confirm** the need to design capacity building programs for Asia Pacific countries' economies in improving and implementing advanced technologies for the supply chain reliability;

3. **Encourage** their governments to move forward jointly in the setting of a transport logistics and infrastructure plan able to direct the different interests of the member states and at the same time promote a sustainable development with higher regional inclusion and integration;

4. **Support** the Governments' efforts towards coordination of early warning systems in case of emergencies related to cross-border transportation;

5. **Recommend** the Governments to go on with the activities for further facilitation of business travel among the Asia Pacific countries in order to enhance business activity in the region and ensure open and secure trade;

6. **Invite** the Governments and the relevant stakeholders to consider the ways for diversifying transportation and supply chain routes for transportation systems of all kinds;

7. **Encourage** the improvement of national capabilities and competences related to transport logistics through educational programs aimed at multimodal transport operators, logistics suppliers and related employees;

8. **Support** the recommendations made at the Special Transportation Ministerial Meeting held in August 2012, in St. Petersburg, Russia to continue exploring opportunities together with industry and relevant stakeholders for diversifying and optimizing transportation and supply chain routes across all modes, improving supply chain connectivity, establishing a logistic information service network, equipping all elements of supply chains with smart technologies;

9. **Promote** the reduction of transport costs amongst the APPF Member States in order to grant better opportunities to the developing countries;

10. **Intensify** the development of the abilities to create, manage and maintain the transport infrastructure through education and training agreements amongst the member states;

11. **Foster** cooperation amongst the APPF Member States in order to achieve the proper regulation that makes international land and sea transport easier;

12. **Exhort** the governments of the APPF Member States to promote the building of land ports, airports and sea ports able to fairly distribute and channel the commercial flow amongst them;

13. **Boost** legal initiatives aimed at helping reduce accident rates caused by transport development, moving forward towards having better safety standards not only in the work environment but also for the people living in the operational area;

14. **Promote** harmonization of the border crossings procedures as well as documents for international transport, especially through advances in the standardization of communication and information technologies;

15. **Reaffirm** the importance of setting efficient regulations able to diminish environmental impact caused by the development of transport infrastructure, containing common protocols to efficiently act in time in the event of environmental damages.