

THE 21ST ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

**ENERGY COOPERATION, ENERGY SECURITY DIALOGUE AND
ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

Resolution

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Reaffirming the commitments in Resolution APPF20/RES/12 "Energy security" adopted at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum in Tokyo in January 2012;

Recognizing that energy security is a critical global issue and that economic growth and improved standards of living can only be sustained with the reliable, affordable and secure supply of resources and energy commodities;

Acknowledging that energy is a vital component for the economic development of the Asia Pacific states and the whole world, energy security turns into a need in order to secure a sustainable economic development;

Being conscious of the fact that the Asia Pacific economies, partly due to their explosive growth rates, represent a large part of the energy demand worldwide and that the region is a net importer of energy;

Acknowledging the major role the fossil fuels will continue to play meeting the growing energy demand in the Asia Pacific;

Emphasizing the importance of free and open energy trade markets and transparent investment regimes to advance regional energy security, economic growth and the prosperity of the Asia Pacific region;

Being aware that the development of low emission coal technologies and Carbon Capture and Storage are vital to the region's continuing economic development;

Noting that diversification of energy mix, including safe and secure use of nuclear energy by interested states will also contribute to strengthening regional energy security;

Underlining the intent to contribute to further promotion of energy efficiency and cleaner energy supplies as a priority to boost both sustainable development and energy security, and reduce carbon emissions;

Confirming that parliamentarians should promote communication and cooperation among governments to achieve energy security in the Asia Pacific states;

Stating our conviction that energy security faces new technological and other challenges at this stage and that security of demand is as important as security of supply in this context;

Resolves to:

1. **Promote** efficient, transparent and stable energy markets, both regionally and internationally, to ensure robust production and supply chains that deliver accessible, reliable and competitively priced energy commodities;

2. **Encourage** governments to adopt public policies that promote regional cooperation, exchange of experiences, technologies, capital as well as the use of renewable and green energies, and greater investment in energy infrastructure;

3. **Welcome and support** the practical steps proposed by the APEC Leaders with a view to increasing the share of natural gas in the energy mix as one of the most widespread and cleanest burning fossil fuels in the region in order to facilitate the transition to a lower carbon economy without prejudice of other energy sources;

4. **Recommend** to the Governments while elaborating the energy policies to evaluate production, trade potential and environmental impact of development of the unconventional natural gas;

5. **Confirm** the importance to promote steady investment in energy facilities, including liquefied natural gas terminals, as appropriate for increasing energy security and economic growth in the Asia Pacific region;

6. **Recommend** that governments increase their efforts to encourage greater energy efficiency solutions, including by taking action to remove barriers obstructing the implementation of energy efficiency measures which are economically viable and technologically available now;

7. **Recognize** that countries may choose to employ the safe and secure use of nuclear energy as a clean energy source and may usefully share with the other interested countries expertise, knowledge, advanced technologies and best practices, in order to improve nuclear safety standards, enhance emergency response and preparedness coordinating mechanisms;

8. **Welcome** the decision by APEC Leaders at the Vladivostok Summit to develop an Action Plan in order to achieve the goal to reduce by the year of 2035 the Asia Pacific economies' aggregate energy intensity by 45 per cent, as for 2005, while noting that individual countries' rates of improvement may differ due to varying domestic economic circumstances;

9. **Exhort** the APEC member economies also represented in the APPF to take all necessary measures to adjust their energy consumption to such an efficiency goal in the region, considering every country's specific circumstances and present voluntary reports concerning efforts and initiatives carried out to achieve the abovementioned goal;

10. **Call on** the APPF Member States to strengthen research as well as national and international development towards environmentally sustainable energy resources that have a low environmental impact;

11. **Foster** energy dialogue, public and private, based on principles of transparency, mutual trust, reciprocity and no discrimination as a way to set the priorities and main lines of action in order to achieve energy security to a local and national scale, and in the region as a whole;

12. **Encourage** the APPF Member States to promote technological development and know-how transfer which is needed in energy areas in collaboration with multilateral financial institutions, forums and other sub-regional entities, public-private initiatives and research centers;

13. **Recommend** that governments increase their efforts to encourage development and use of low carbon emission technologies.