



RESOLUTION 8

GLOBAL WARMING

Submitted by Australia and Philippines

THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Aware that global warming has become the major global issue of the century, threatening all countries and the global environment and concerned by the compelling scientific evidence on global warming and its effects presented in the Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;

Recognizing that the earth's atmosphere is being changed by pollutants, inefficient and wasteful use of fossil fuels, and the effects of rapid population growth in many regions;

Concerned that climate change has brought many problems such as sea level rise, frequent and more intense typhoons, severe droughts and extreme temperature and humidity change; and gravely concerned that climate change also causes the spread and transmission of water-borne diseases such as malaria and dengue fever which kills many people, mostly children, and increases the incidence of cardiovascular and respiratory diseases in adults; and

Encouraged by the progress made in Marrakesh, Morocco toward finalising the rules of the Kyoto Protocol to the Convention on Climate Change at the Seventh Conference of the Parties (COP7).

RESOLVES TO:

1. Welcome the commitment of signatories to the Kyoto Protocol;
2. Call upon all member countries to map out plans and strategies on regional approaches to control the emissions of greenhouse gases;
3. Urge member countries to advocate environmental awareness and education, to continuously inform and educate the public, especially the youth, on coordinated action on climate change to effectively mobilize their participation in such effort;
4. Highlight the importance of all major emitters contributing toward global efforts to address climate change;
5. Underline the need for a truly global framework to address climate change over the long term and call upon all governments of member countries to implement the use of more efficient energy technologies, up-to-date transportation systems, and sustainable forestry and land-use techniques, among other strategies;
6. Recognise that climate change is a global problem requiring a global solution; and

7. Encourage member countries and all nations to restrain the over-consumption and wastage of resources by making necessary changes in lifestyle and consumption patterns consistent with the development of sustainable livelihood throughout the regions, in order to satisfy the ecological, spiritual, social and aesthetic needs not only of APPF member countries but also of people everywhere.

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