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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
(Mexico)

Aware that the modern world is experimenting a fundamental transformation as we view the industrial society that the XX century originated at a great speed toward the Information Society of the XXI century;

Considering that this process represents a fundamental change about all aspects of our lives, including knowledge diffusion, social behavior, economic and entrepreneurial practices, political commitment, media, education and health, leisure and entertainment;

Recognizing that the Information Societies are evolving at a very accelerated pace where convergence between telecommunications, and radio diffusion, the multimedia and information and communication technologies that generate new products and services, as well as new ways to carry out business negotiations and trade operations;

Recognizing that the Information Societies have a greater capacity of reaching economic development and of competing in a New Global Economy based on technology and on information;

Ratifying the positions of the importance of the TIC in the New Economy which are written up in the Final Declaration of the Informal Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum which took place in Isla Navidad, Colima, Mexico, from the 18 to the 21 of September 2002;

Recognizing the effort developed by the APPF in this sense with the APOINT 21 Project since 1998;

Aware of the importance of the World Summit about the Information Society organized by the United Nations which will take place in Geneva, Switzerland from the 10 to the 12 of December 2003;

Knowing that from the 13 to the 15 of January of 2003 will take place the Regional Conference for Asia and from the 27 to the 30 of January the Latin American Regional Conference in the framework of this Summit;

Resolves to:

1. Exhort the Governments and Parliaments of the member countries to give their complete support to promotion of technological advances and the expansion of technological knowledge and communication in our societies.
2. Urge the governments of the member countries to support the access to information technologies and communication in our societies and to make this a national priority committing the necessary resources to obtain this objective.
3. Urge the APPF to transform their Technological Work Group for the future of the Website of the APPF into a Work Group about Information Technologies and Communications which

will dedicate itself to analyzing the development conditions of the member countries and to suggest measures to accelerate its development.

4. Urge the TIC Work Task, to consolidate, in the least time possible, an Internet platform for the APPF as a base to implement an information interchange mechanism at a parliamentary level and to promote the APOINT 21 Project to optimize technical training programs that include basic learning and the technical requirements for the use of technology information services in the member countries.

5. Urge the APPF to participate in a direct way in the World Summit of the Information Society of the United Nations, by sending a representative who will manifest the position of this Parliamentary Assembly at this international event and which will report the results at the next annual meeting.