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**Joint Communiqué
Annex III**

Resolutions adopted at the 8th Annual Meeting

Resolution on Landmines

(APPF8/RES/9)

Submitted jointly by Australia and Peru

The 8th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum,

Recalling the Resolution on the Ban of Antipersonnel Land Mines adopted by the 7th meeting of the APPF;

Noting the entry into force of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction (the Ottawa Convention) on 1 March 1999;

Noting the entry into force of the Amended Protocol II of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons on 3 December 1998;

Recognising the role of the United Nations Mine Action Service and the

United Nations Development Program in coordinating and implementing international demining, victim assistance and mine awareness programs; Appreciating the work of non-government organisations in implementing international mine action programs and energising international action to address the humanitarian and socio-economic problems posed by landmines;

Recalling the support of the international community for United Nations General Assembly Resolutions on the Ottawa Convention, the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons and international mine action activities;

Acknowledging the continuing problems posed by the millions of landmines still in the ground, and those which will regrettably be laid in the future, and the need for continued and

concerted efforts to remove these mines to reduce their devastating humanitarian and socio-economic consequences;

Acknowledging that certain member states are not in a position to accede to the Agreement due to their current security situation.

Resolves to:

Encourage APPF member countries which have not yet acceded to the Ottawa Convention to do so when individual circumstances permit or as soon as possible, with the ultimate aim of the Convention's universalisation;

Call upon APPF member countries which have already acceded to the Ottawa Convention to implement the Convention's provisions as soon as possible, including the destruction of national stockpiles of anti-personnel landmines;

Encourage the negotiation of a ban on landmines transfers to engage in the global anti-landmine regime countries not yet in a position to accede to the Ottawa Convention;

Encourage APPF member countries which have not yet done so to accede to Amended Protocol II of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons;

Recommend that APPF member countries in a position to do so contribute to international mine clearance, mine awareness and victim assistance programs, including the establishment of national capacity building programs in landmine-affected countries.

Urge all Member States and other concerned parties to collaborate in the assistance, rehabilitation, and social and economic restoration of the landmines victims, as well as in the removal and destruction of the landmines.