

RESOLUTION ON LANDMINES
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The 13th Annual Meeting of the Asia - Pacific Parliamentary Forum,

Recalling the resolutions on Land Mines adopted by the 7th and 8th meetings 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 their Destruction (the Ottawa Convention) on 1 March 1999;

Noting the success of the first Review Conference of the Ottawa Convention held in Nairobi in November 2004, attended by over 100 States Parties, and the adoption of the Plan of Action 2005-2009 by consensus and without amendment;

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 Programme in coordinating and implementing international mine action programs and promoting 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; and

Acknowledging the continuing problems, trauma and suffering caused by landmines mainly to non-combatative civilians and the need for continued efforts to remove these mines to reduce their devastating humanitarian and socio-economic consequences;

Resolves to:

Encourage APPF member countries and other concerned parties to encourage continuing dialogue on the Ottawa Convention;

Encourage international recognition that landmines remain an impediment to both sustainable growth and development as well as improved livelihoods and security for affected communities and encourage ongoing commitment to assist in the clearing of mined areas and to provide support for the victims of landmines