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**Joint Communiqué  
Annex III**

**Resolutions adopted at the 8th Annual Meeting**

**Resolution on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament\***

**(APPF8/RES/2)**

Jointly submitted by Japan, Australia, Peru and the Philippines

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum,

Concerned at the nuclear tests by India and Pakistan in May 1998 and their subsequent move towards nuclear weaponization, which pose a challenge to international efforts to strengthen the global regime of nuclear non-proliferation; Noting the progress in commencing the discussions on START III between the United States of America and the Russian Federation;

Welcoming civil society's effort towards nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament such as the report of the Tokyo Forum for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament and "Joint Proposal on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament by Research Institutes of Japan, Germany, and the United States";

Welcoming the successful adoption of the Final Declaration of the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty held in Vienna in October 1999;

Concerned at the United States Senate's disapproval of the ratification of the

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty in October 1999;

Reaffirming the crucial importance of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as the cornerstone of the international regime for nuclear non-proliferation and as an essential foundation for the pursuit of nuclear disarmament;

Noting that funds allocated annually for nuclear weapons research and production could be redirected to other more important and pressing needs, Resolves to:

1.Reaffirm the importance of achieving the universality of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;

2.Call upon States not party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, to accede to it at the earliest possible date and pending their adherence to the NPT, to place all their nuclear material and facilities under comprehensive IAEA safeguards and to conclude promptly Additional Protocols to those safeguards agreements;

3.Urge the rapid and universal implementation of the IAEA's strengthened safeguards system by APPF countries and all other states, in particular the conclusion of Additional Protocols to IAEA safeguards agreements by all States and other parties without delay;

4.Underline the vital importance of the Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons which will be held in April this year, and calls upon all States parties to that Treaty to intensify their efforts with a view to reaching an agreement on a new set of principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament at that Conference;

5.Endorse the Final Declaration of the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and in particular; a. Call for the early signature and ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty by all States with a view to its early entry into force, and cessation of nuclear explosions pending its entry into force, as well as continued, determined progress on implementation of the Treaty, notably the establishment of the verification regime;

b. Note the ratification by two nuclear weapon States, and call upon the remaining three to accelerate their ratification processes with a view to their early successful conclusion by Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons which will be held in April this year, and in particular, encourage the United States of America to take the initiative for the early entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty;

6.Call upon all APPF member States and all other States to maintain their moratoria on nuclear weapons tests;

7.Call upon the United States of America and the Russian Federation to bring the Treaty on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (START II) into force at an early date, to commence and conclude negotiations at an early date for START III and to continue the process beyond START III, and furthermore, in pursuit of achieving nuclear disarmament, encourage all States, in particular the five nuclear weapon States, to make every effort towards the progressive reduction and ultimate elimination of all nuclear weapons; and

8.Call upon all APPF member States and all other States to commence intensive negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament on a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices and to conclude them at an early date, and, pending its entry into force, encourage them to impose a moratorium on the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons.

\* The United States Delegation and the Chinese Delegation do not necessarily accept all aspects of this resolution.