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RESOLUTION ON

NUCLEAR SAFETY

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THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Taking into account the enormous damage of the Great East Japan Earthquake and the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station of Tokyo Electric Power Company; and stressing that assurance of nuclear safety is indispensible in the event of a natural disaster:

Unanimously approving Japan's efforts to overcome the consequences of the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station; and calling upon that the exhaustive and professional analysis of the reasons and a course of events of this accident should be conducted objectively under the central role of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), being the only international organization to possess necessary experience and competence;

Taking into **account** that nuclear reactors produce almost 16 percent of the world's electric power generation; and considering that a number of Asia Pacific countries have proceeded and are currently proceeding with the development of the nuclear power industry;

Welcoming cooperation among countries in the area of the safe use of nuclear energy;

Emphasizing the interrelation between the problems of nuclear security and the safety of nuclear energy;

Considering the High-level Meeting on Nuclear Safety and Security of the 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly as an important event in the mainstream of international efforts aimed at strengthening nuclear safety after the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station;

Welcoming the United Nations General Assembly Resolution «Towards a nuclear-weaponfree world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments» dated January 13, 2011;

Resolves to:

- Call upon member countries to promote information sharing and cooperation on nuclear safety and to provide prompt and accurate information with transparency in cases of nuclear accidents;
- **2. Stress** the importance of sending information about the impacts of radiation on the human body based on scientific knowledge and evidence;

- 3. Call upon member countries in cases of nuclear accidents to take prudent responses on the safety of products, including foods and industrial goods, based upon scientific evidence;
- 4. Urge member country parliaments to enhance the national legislation and the norms of international law aiming to increase the level of responsibility of the states and the organizations which operate nuclear power stations, to upgrade the effectiveness and quality of the presented information on a nuclear accident, and also to improve the laws related to matters of construction of the nuclear power stations;
- **5.** Request member countries to reaffirm their support to the IAEA, which plays a critical role in promoting international cooperation on nuclear safety, and to implement the Action Plan endorsed at the General Conference of the IAEA in September 2011;
- **6. Welcome** Japan's offer to host a high level international conference on nuclear safety in co-sponsorship with the IAEA in 2012 in order to promote international cooperation on nuclear safety;
- **7. Call upon** the relevant countries to enhance the security of nuclear power facilities in relation to natural disasters and reiterate the importance of ensuring nuclear security by reinforcing measures to protect nuclear materials and facilities such as preparatory measures against terrorist attacks.