

THE 21ST ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY

Resolution
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Having been inspired by the UN Resolution 66/261 on Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and other relevant UN resolutions and documents which recognize the parliamentary contribution to multilateral negotiations through monitoring decisions and activities of multilateral institutions;

Being conscious that parliamentary diplomacy has experienced a substantial advance in recent years representing nowadays the core of multilateralism and international cooperation in strengthening multi-track diplomacy, and complementing the instrument of traditional diplomacy;

Emphasizing that dialogue and cooperation among parliamentarians from different countries serve to build mutual understanding, mutual trust and greater confidence, and to garner political support for international action on a wide range of issues;

Recognizing that in an ever more globalized and interdependent world the parliamentary diplomacy has evolved through initiatives and actions at the international level undertaken by various regional and other parliamentary assemblies as well as modalities for joint action;

Knowing the value that international parliamentarianism has gained through the will of legislators to work together;

Considering that the parliamentarians of the world are increasingly engaged in tasks not only related to law but also those that have to do with the daily lives of their constituents;

Understanding the fact that to some extent, the contribution of the parliament in shaping the country's foreign policy is limited only to debate and questioning the government's decisions;

Aspiring to have a greater involvement of parliament in terms of international relations, enhancing parliamentary perspectives into the issues and coordinating the work with the government respectively;

Recognizing that parliamentary diplomacy is not only done bilaterally but also multilaterally, of which APPF is a relevant example,

Resolves to:

1. **Recognize** parliamentary diplomacy as a complement to formal diplomacy to the extent it represents the will of the people through their representatives;
2. **Encourage** the establishment of parliamentary friendship and similar groups among national parliaments, in order to promote the exchange of good practice, in particular in the parliamentary and political field;
3. **Promote** the active involvement of parliaments and parliamentarians in international issues through their participation in various parliamentary assemblies
4. **Encourage** governments to include parliamentarians as members of national delegations in their international activities;
5. **Encourage** wider participation of parliamentarians in the promotion and expansion of economic, cultural and humanitarian relations, conflict resolution as well as contacts between regions and provinces;
6. **Deliver** parliamentary perspectives to the work of the United Nations and other international and regional organizations such as G20, APEC and ASEAN.