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TERRORISM

(Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico and the Philippines)

Noting that the international terrorism poses a serious threat to the international peace, as were the cases with the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001, the bomb attacks in Bali on October 12, 2002, and in the Philippines on October 17, 2002, and the hostage taking in a Theatre in Moscow on October 23, 2002;

Convinced that the international terrorism is a serious threat to international peace and security and therefore can never be justified under any circumstances, regardless of its motivation, and wherever, whenever, and by whomsoever committed;

Reaffirming the necessity to combat the threat of terrorist acts by all means in accordance with the charter of the United Nations, to deny terrorist and their supporters access to international financial system, and to suppress the flow of finances to terrorist networks;

Convinced of the importance of the continued search for measures to eliminate terrorism and bearing in mind the recent developments and initiatives at the regional and international level to prevent and suppress terrorism;

Recognizing the importance for all states to build capacities on counter-terrorism in order to deny a safe haven for the terrorist; and

Welcoming the progress in regional co-operation on counter-terrorism such as the issuance of "the ASEM Copenhagen Declaration on Cooperation against International Terrorism", in September 2002, "APEC Leaders' statement on recent acts of terrorism in APEC member economies", in October 2002, and "the Declaration on the Terrorism" at the ASEAN Summit, in November 2002.

Mindful that terrorism should not be associated with any race, culture, or religion and the implementation of measure against terrorism should always be consistent with the universally recognized principles governing international law and international justice,

Resolves to:

1. Unequivocally condemn in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in the world such as that in the United States on 11 September 2001, the bomb attacks in Bali on October 12, 2002 and in the Philippines on October 17, 2002, and the hostage taking in a Moscow theatre on October 23 2002, and express its deepest condolences to the families of those killed and other victims of these terrorist attacks;
2. Call upon all States to actively pursue efforts towards the approval of United Nations Conventions on Terrorism particularly the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, and to contribute to the process leading to the speedy conclusion and adoption of the draft Convention for the suppression of acts of nuclear terrorism and the draft comprehensive Convention on the elimination of terrorism;
3. Call upon the APPF member countries to ensure the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1373, to expeditiously become parties to the relevant international counter-terrorism conventions and to promote domestic legislation for the prevention of terrorism conventions inside and outside the countries;

4. Reaffirm the need to strengthen cooperation within the regional and multilateral frameworks, to enhance the capacity and ability of member countries in a common effort to combat and eliminate terrorism, to halt terrorist financing and to prevent the acquisition or use of weapons of mass destruction by terrorist groups; and

5. Call upon the United Nations to expedite its work on the definition of terrorism.