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THE DENUCLEARIZATION OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA
(Japan and Korea)

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum,

Reaffirming that peace and stability on the Korean peninsula is a great concern for the countries of North-East Asia, as well as for the Asia-Pacific region as a whole;

Reaffirming that constructive engagement by the international community in pressing for peace and stability on the Korean peninsula will benefit the whole peninsula, North-East Asia and the entire world;

Noting the "ASEM Copenhagen Political Declaration for Peace on the Korean peninsula" in September 2002, the "APEC Leaders' Statement on North Korea" in October 2002, the Chairman's statement of the ASEAN+3 Summit meeting in November 2002, the statement of KEDO Executive Board in November 2002, and the resolutions adopted unanimously by the IAEA Board of Governors in November of 2002 and January of 2003;

Deeply concerned about a series of recent DPRK nuclear-related actions including its October 17, 2002 acknowledgement of its nuclear development program, the December 12, 2002 Foreign Ministry spokesperson's statement on lifting the freeze on nuclear facilities in Yongbyon, the subsequent removal of seals from nuclear facilities, the expulsion of the International Atomic Agency inspectors, and DPRK's withdrawal from the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty; and

Emphasising the importance of reinforcing regional and international co-operation to maintain peace and stability on the Korean peninsula;

Resolves to:

1. Confirm the importance of a nuclear weapons-free Korean peninsula for the peace and stability of the peninsula and the Asia-Pacific region
2. Call upon the DPRK to retract its decision to withdraw from the NPT, to refreeze the Yongbyon nuclear facilities, and to comply with all its obligations to the international community regarding peaceful use of nuclear energy, pursuant to the 1994 Agreed Framework, the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, the 1992 Declaration on the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, and the IAEA Safeguards Agreement;
3. Urge those nations most closely involved with the DPRK nuclear issue to cooperate actively in seeking its peaceful resolution.