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**THE DOHA AGENDA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WTO AND THE AGRICULTURE
SUBSIDIES
(Mexico)**

Recognizing the importance of interdependence and the profound importance of globalization and the trade liberalization in the international community and the benefits that originate from these processes with the promotion of development;

Reaffirming the important role that the WTO plays in promoting and strengthening the multilateral trade system and seeing with interest the results of the ministerial talks of Doha about global trade liberalization including the agreement on the mandate and the time frame for the Doha Development Agenda;

Remembering the objective and the commitment of the WTO to balance the challenges and the perspectives of non-developed countries and the developed ones equally to realistically achieve a more balanced trade globalized system;

Recognizing that the subsidies for agricultural production can become an important distortion of the markets that affect the spirit of free trade and generates increasing imbalances between the economies of developed countries and the non-developed ones.

Remembering, that in the Declaration of Leaders of the Economies of APEC which took place in October 2002, the leaders called out in order for the developed negotiations in the seat of the OMC to seek, as one of their objectives, the abolishment of all the subsidies for exportations in the field of agriculture, as well as to establish unjustified prohibitions and restrictions to exportation:

Knowing that the Fifth Ministerial Meeting of the WTO will take place in Cancún, Mexico, in September of 2003.

Resolves:

1. To grant the greatest support for a Multilateral Trade System which would be balanced and based on regulations, that would reduce the barriers and ease the growth of global trade and guarantee that the benefits of the reform to trade and the economic growth results would be shared evenly among the developed nations and the non-developed.
2. To urge the APPF member countries to promote the trade liberalization and better, clarify and strengthen the rules of the WTO, especially those related to the agreements of agricultural subsidies.
3. To support the leader's statement of the APEC Economies of October 2002 regarding the abolition of all forms of all forms of agricultural export subsidies and unjustifiable export prohibitions and restrictions.
4. To ratify what was stated in the Final Declaration of the Informal Meeting of the Asia Pacific Inter-parliamentary Forum which took place on Isla Navidad, Colima, Mexico, from the 18 to the 21 of September in 2002, regarding exhorting APEC to continue the activities involving training enhancement and of trust about the WTO guaranteeing absolute participation of the developing countries and the less developed ones in the international trade system.
5. To exhort the APPF member countries so that in the development of bi-lateral or multi-lateral trade negotiations, they will recognize the effects of trade distorting agricultural export subsidies which

generate an uneven growth of our nations, putting harmony in risk and the adequate equilibrium that should exist in the agricultural negotiations developed in the framework of regional trade liberalization.

6. To urge the APPF member countries to recognize the Parliaments as active participation bodies in the negotiations of the Doha Development Agenda and our parliaments, to continue actively committed in the inter-governmental negotiations in the WTO, seeking at every moment, to preserve the principles of trade equity in such a way that the benefits of economic growth and development would be equal for everyone.