



RESOLUTION 6

THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

Submitted by Canada, Japan, Thailand and United States

THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Convinced that achieving a final and peaceful settlement of the issue of Palestine is imperative for the attainment of comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East;

Reaffirming that a just and lasting solution to the Arab and Israeli conflict must be based on the United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 of 22 November 1967 and 338 of 22 October 1973, through an active negotiating process as well as to reaffirm United Nations recognition and support the existence of Israel as a sovereign and independent nation;

Deeply concerned by the tragic events that have taken place since 29 November 2001, leading to numerous deaths and injuries; and

Expressing support for the Middle East peace process and the efforts to reach a final settlement between the Israeli and Palestinian sides;

RESOLVES TO:

1. Calls for the immediate cessation of violence, and for all necessary steps to be taken to ensure that violence ceases, that new provocative actions are avoided, in order to promote the prospects for the Middle East peace process;
2. Calls for Israel, the concerned Arab nations and the Palestinian authorities to make their utmost efforts to resume the peace process;
3. Encourages all parties to make efforts to attain a peaceful settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and notes that recognition of a Palestinian State and border security for the State of Israel are essential elements of a permanent peace; and
4. Calls for all member countries of APPF to provide as much support and cooperation as possible to the peace process throughout the Middle East.

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