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RESOLUTION ON PROMOTING PEOPLE-CENTERED COOPERATION BY GUARANTEEING HUMAN SECURITY

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We, the parliamentarians of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF), participating in the 29th Annual Meeting of the APPF held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, under the theme *The Role of Parliaments in Strengthening Resilience in the Post-Covid-19 Era*:

Recalling previous APPF resolutions on human security including the Resolution on Human Security (APPF13/RES/16) adopted in 2005 in Hanoi, Vietnam,

Emphasizing that recovery efforts from COVID-19 must uphold the rule of law, democratic principles, and universal human rights in recognition of its disproportionate impact on vulnerable populations,

Considering the UN Charter which affirmed faith in the worth, dignity, and universality of human rights and international cooperation to promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which underlined the universality of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and International Human Rights Conventions adopted and taken into effect based on the Vienna Declaration on Human Rights which stated the

universality, indivisibility, and interdependence of human rights and the international community's interest in the promotion and protection of human rights,

Recognizing in this context the important work of international community including UN General Assembly, UNDP, UNESCO, and APEC,

Considering the Sustainable Development Goals adopted at the UN Development Summit 2015, a set of goals across 17 areas aiming to achieve peace and prosperity for people and the planet now and into the future,

Bearing in mind that human security is an approach to assist countries and the international community in identifying and addressing widespread and cross-cutting challenges to the survival, livelihood and dignity of people including COVID-19, health, economy, politics, environment, and food,

Concerned that the COVID-19 pandemic has undermined progress towards SDGs and aggravated global poverty, hunger, inequalities, and violence, thereby posing a serious threat to people's lives and wellbeing,

RESOLVE TO:

1. **Recommend** that APPF Member Countries pursue people-centered cooperation to protect people from all kinds of threats and help them lead lives in which their well-being, happiness and dignity are respected;
2. **Recommend** APPF Member Countries to promote trans-border cooperation and joint efforts to protect each country's peace and each individuals' life with the recognition that

no country alone is capable of providing the kind of comprehensive security that human security approach refers to;

3. **Emphasize** to APPF Member Countries that considering the highest risk faced by vulnerable populations - women, the elderly, people with disabilities, the disadvantaged, immigrants, and people in conflict zones, overcoming all the differences among us and providing protective measures for them in a spirit of solidarity, cooperation, cultural tolerance, coexistence, and acceptance of others is a fundamental step in establishing people-centered cooperation;
4. **Recommend** parliamentary efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through legislative and budget processes, support government policies, and oversee their implementation, recognizing that international economic recovery from the impact of COVID-19 requires tackling poverty, reducing inequalities and unemployment, and enhancing access to education and social services;
5. **Recommend** APPF Member Countries to share experience and technology in many different areas, including health, economy, food, and environment, to promote a sustainable and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, taking into consideration that gaps in national health and economic capacities may result in differentiated impacts of COVID-19 on countries in the region; and
6. **Encourage** APPF Member Countries to promote comprehensive cooperation with international organizations under the recognition that human security requires a comprehensive approach encompassing many different areas, including the economy, society, health, climate change and culture.