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**RESOLUTION ON JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ACTION
IN PURSUING RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE
AND FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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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*:

Welcoming the outcome document adopted at COP 26 Parliamentary meeting in November 2021, which lays out a roadmap to increase parliamentary engagement to address climate change,

Reaffirming our commitment to implement the resolutions on climate change adopted at previous APPF Annual Meetings, including the Resolution on Enhancing Parliamentary Roles in Response to Climate Change (APPF28/RES28/08) adopted in Canberra, Australia, in 2020 and the Resolution on Enhancing Parliamentary Roles in Response to Climate Change (APPF27/RES/04) adopted in Siem Reap, Cambodia, in 2019,

Recalling Goal 13 of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, the resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council on climate change (HRC41/21), and the Sixth Report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) (“AR6 Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis”),

Noting the achievements of COP22, COP23, COP24, COP25 and COP26, to make a global

effort for the achievement of the Paris Agreement that was adopted at the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) in 2015 according to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and came into effect in November 2016 and climate change response,

Recognizing at least 85% of the world's population has been impacted by human-induced climate change, which could lead to drastic food and water shortages, and deadly climate disasters,

Mindful that a return to pre-COVID-19 lifestyles will once again accelerate climate change while acknowledging the mitigation of climate change resulting from an unprecedented pandemic is a temporary phenomenon,

Noting every country is now struggling to recover their economy after the COVID-19 pandemic and refocus their plan to achieve the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Recognizing climate change response goes beyond efforts by individual countries and calls for continuous partnerships through multilateral cooperation, and the potential of such cooperation is abundant in the Asia-Pacific region,

Recognizing the damage caused by climate change and impact of pandemics, such as COVID-19, on humanity may be comparable or even more aggravating, and that such damage hits hardest vulnerable groups suffering from poverty or geographical isolation, and therefore calls for a supranational climate change response inclusive of these people,

Acknowledging the crucial role of parliamentary institutions in pursuing climate change response and sustainable development through their legislative, management and oversight, and budgetary functions for the national implementation of international agreements,

RESOLVE TO:

1. **Urge** APPF Member Countries to support the transition to a carbon neutral society in the lead up to the post-COVID-19 era based on a change of perception that climate change response and sustainable development policies can serve as opportunities for new economic growth and improvement of the environment; **note** that they do not substantially disadvantage those whose livelihoods depend on existing industries;
2. **Recommend** APPF Member Countries to enhance the effort in maintaining green economy paradigm in national development agenda and accelerating transition to sustainable and environment-friendly energy sources including renewables;
3. **Request** APPF Member Countries to double their climate effort to maintain the Paris Agreement target of holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and continue regional and international cooperation for climate change response;
4. **Recommend** APPF Member Countries to take part in regional meetings to share climate change response measures and achievements for the efficient and transparent implementation of the Paris Agreement;
5. **Urge** APPF Member Countries to continue working effectively and in good faith on developing mechanisms, modalities, procedures and guidelines towards the implementation of the Paris Agreement, taking into account the principles of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities (CBDR-RC) in light of national circumstances as provided for under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement;
6. **Encourage** APPF Member Countries and the international community to take a greater interest in groups vulnerable to climate change for reasons such as poverty and geographical isolation, vulnerable sectors, including agriculture and water resources, and disaster management, and increase support in human resources and materials;
7. **Encourage** APPF Member Countries to collaborate in the support of human resources, materials, and technology to strengthen the capacity of the Asia-Pacific region to respond

collectively to climate change;

8. **Encourage** APPF Member Countries to harness local and community-based approaches, nature-based solutions, and traditional as well as indigenous knowledge in the implementation of climate change response plans;
9. **Call upon** APPF Member Countries to align their post-pandemic recovery plan with their climate change efforts and achievement of the sustainable development agenda;
10. **Recommend** APPF Member Countries to bolster cooperation to preserve a healthy ecosystem by monitoring the ecosystem of the Asia-Pacific region and protecting biodiversity in preparation against changes to the ecosystem due to climate change;
11. **Invite** APPF Member Parliaments to make legal and financial efforts to increase R&D investments in innovative energy technologies to respond to climate change and devise solid economic stimulus package to promote green economy and sustainable energy transition; and
12. **Call upon** APPF Member Parliaments to double their legislative, oversight, and budgetary efforts to facilitate climate change response and resilience in accordance with the UNFCCC, the Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement, and push their respective nations in achieving the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on climate change.