



Report of the Canadian Parliamentary Delegation respecting its participation at the 17th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF)

Canada-China Legislative Association and Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group

Vientiane, Laos January 11-15, 2009

Report

The Canadian delegation was composed of the following members:

From the Senate: Hon. Joseph Day, Senator (Delegation Co-leader); Hon. Donald Oliver, Senator; Hon. Dennis Dawson, Senator.

From the House of Commons: Hon. Bryon Wilfert, P.C. M.P. (Delegation Co-leader); Joyce Murray, M.P.; Jean Dorion, M.P.

The delegation was assisted by Ms. Elizabeth Kingston, Executive Secretary of the Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group and the Canada-China Legislative Association.

The Honourable Joseph Day, Senator and the Honourable Bryon Wilfert, P.C., M.P. led the Canadian parliamentary delegation which participated in the 17th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF), held in Vientiane, Laos, from January 11 to January 15, 2009. Delegates from 22 member parliaments and one observer country attended the meeting. The Forum, held on an annual basis, is one of the most significant and diverse gatherings of parliamentarians from the Asia-Pacific Region. Canadian delegates made various interventions throughout the forum and actively participated in the debate in the drafting committee and its subcommittees.

During the 17th meeting the delegates exchanged views on a number of agenda items which were grouped in four broad categories: 1) Political and Security Issues; 2) Economic and Trade Issues; 3) Regional Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region; and 4) Future Work of APPF. The agenda of the conference is attached in Appendix A.

The Forum allowed for dynamic discussions between parliamentarians and led to the adoption of a Joint Communiqué and 16 resolutions on a wide range of subjects including overcoming the global financial crisis, cluster munitions, the Middle-East peace process, energy and food security, climate change and the environment, as well as gender issues in Parliaments across the Asia-Pacific region. The text of the Joint Communiqué can be found in Appendix B, a listing of these resolutions can be found in Appendix C, followed by the list of participants in Appendix D. The resolution submitted by the Canadian delegation can be found in Appendix E.

Meeting between the Canadian and Lao PDR delegations:

The Honourable Dr. Xaysomphone Phomvihane, Vice-President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR, headed the Laotian delegation to the 17th APPF meeting and met with members of the Canadian delegation. Dr. Phomvihane began by expressing appreciation to Canada for its ongoing support in capacity building especially as related to parliamentary matters and human resources development. Lao PDR also appreciates its relationship with Canada within the context of its membership with the l'Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, dedicated to the goals of promoting peace, cooperation and sustainable development within the international French-speaking community. Also of note is the working dialogue established between the Canadian Bar

Association and its Laotian counterpart on issues related to the strengthening of the Laotian legal system. In addition, foreign investment is crucial to the economic stability of Lao PDR and the country is doing its utmost to instill greater investor confidence. In this regard, it has undertaken a comprehensive review of investment laws governing their neighbouring country Vietnam, to seek the establishment of the necessary mechanisms to attract more foreign investment within their own country. It was pointed out that Lao PDR offers great opportunity, especially in the areas of mining and hydroelectricity. The application for ascendency of Lao PDR to the World Trade Organization (WTO) was also discussed including the great advantage this would mean for the country. Also of note is the fact that since Lao PDR relies heavily on agriculture, it is initiating a practice amongst its citizens to reduce slash and burn cultivation, while raising awareness of environmental protection practices.

The issue of unexploded ordinance was raised and while Lao PDR is presently not a party to the Ottawa Convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production, transfer and destruction of anti-personnel mines, the delegation encouraged Lao PDR to accede to this convention, especially given the fact that it is one of the countries in the world most severely affected by unexploded ordinance, a legacy of the Vietnam War.

Meeting between the Canadian and Chinese delegations:

The Canadian delegation had the opportunity to meet with the Honourable Zha Peixin, Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress of the Peoples' Republic of China. Both delegations recalled the long history of cordial relations between Canada and China and expressed appreciation for the work of the Canada-China Legislative Association (CCLA) in fostering this relationship. The current economic crisis was discussed and both parties agreed that the economies of China and Canada are complementary to each other and expanded trade and investment could be of great benefit not only to both countries, but also to the development of the Asia-Pacific region as a whole. Moreover, the Canadian delegates expressed appreciation for the presence of a vibrant Chinese community in Canada in contributing greatly to the culture and economy of Canada. The issue of Tibet was also raised and the Chinese delegation remarked that the region has experienced sound economic growth since March 28, 1959. Moreover they remarked that human rights have improved greatly since that time. As an example, they stated that education is now compulsory unlike the time prior to Tibet's liberation when only the sons and daughters of rulers were granted an education. The Chinese delegation encouraged the Canadian delegates to visit Tibet to see firsthand the progress made both from a human rights perspective and an economic standpoint. In conclusion, the Canadian delegates congratulated the Chinese delegation on hosting a most successful Olympic Games.

Meeting between the Canadian and Vietnamese delegations:

The Canadian delegates met with H.E. Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong. During their bilateral meeting delegates on both sides expressed appreciation for the most positive relationship that exists between the two countries. Particular areas for further

cooperation may exist in matters of culture, education and science and technology. The Vietnamese delegates expressed their commitment to the further industrialization and modernization of their country's systems, including political, judicial and economic reform to further promote its integration into the world's economy. Vietnam is very pleased to be included in the 25 priority countries outlined in the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) policy and the Vietnamese delegation highlighted projects related to the judiciary and education as being particularly beneficial. It was noted that an increasing number of Canadian companies are investing in Vietnam, due in large measure to the sizeable Vietnamese community in Canada. Of particular note is the interest of Canadian companies in developing the oil reserves off the coast of Vietnam. Both delegations also expressed an interest in furthering parliamentary cooperation between the respective Parliaments, relating most particularly to the committee system and the legislative process.

Meeting between the Canadian and the Republic of Korea Delegations:

The Canadian delegation met with the Korean delegation, led by the Honourable Mr. Lee Jae Sun. Both delegations agreed on the importance of their relationship, made all the stronger due to their economic and trade partnership. In this respect, hope was expressed that negotiations leading to a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Canada and Korea may reach an early conclusion. It was agreed that it was important to continue to promote the issue in both countries, given the benefits already derived from trade and investment opportunities. Such an agreement would further enhance the benefits for Canadians most notably in the agriculture, fish and forestry sectors and establish a greater strategic presence in the Northeast Asian market. The Canadian delegation did state that Hyundai should establish a presence in Canada, remarking that Canadians, while recognizing the excellence of the Hyundai product, may not be so willing to buy from a company that has not invested in Canada.

Finally the Korean delegation expressed its gratefulness to Canada for its continued concerted pressure to work towards the denuclearization of North Korea.

Meeting with Mr. Anders Johnsson, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union:

The Canadian delegation expressed appreciation for the strengthening of the relationship between the IPU and the APPF, acknowledging that such Parliamentary organizations have dramatically increased in number and importance since the 1980's. The efforts of the IPU in strengthening its relationship with the Asia-Pacific region are very much in keeping with its goals of promoting contacts, co-ordination, and the exchange of experience among parliaments and parliamentarians of all countries. The issue of encouraging Members of the United States Congress to become involved in IPU activities was also raised, with the thought that with the new administration, there may be a willingness for members from the United States to participate in IPU activities.

Conclusion:

The Canadian Parliament attaches great importance to the work of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) and is proud to be one of its founding members. The Forum has allowed Canadian parliamentarians to engage in dialogue with their international counterparts throughout the Asia Pacific region. Given the global economic crisis and the need to guard against protectionist tendencies, this region is of increasing strategic importance to Canada. The Canadian section of APPF looks forward to participating in the 18th Annual APPF Meeting in Singapore in January 2010.

A summary of the expenditures incurred for this activity is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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Travel Costs

ASSOCIATION Canada-China Legislative Association

and Canada-Japan

Inter-Parliamentary Group

ACTIVITY 17th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific

Parliamentary Forum (APPF)

DESTINATION Vientiane, Laos

DATES January 11 – 15, 2009

DELEGATION

SENATE Hon. Joseph Day (Delegation Co-

leader); Hon. Dennis Dawson,

Hon. Donald Oliver

HOUSE OF COMMONS Hon. Bryon Wilfert, P.C. (Delegation

Co-leader); Jean Dorion, Joyce Murray

STAFF Ms. Elizabeth Kingston, Secretary to the

Delegation

TRANSPORTATION \$73,985.92

ACCOMMODATION \$11,465.18

HOSPITALITY \$481.12

PER DIEMS \$5,808.49

OFFICIAL GIFTS \$2,078.04

MISCELLANEOUS / \$152.91

REGISTRATION FEES

TOTAL \$93,971.66

APPENDIX A

AGENDA

Introduction of delegations

Adoption of decisions of the Executive Committee

I. Economic and Trade Matters (4 hrs duration)

- 1. Global Financial Crisis and APPF Effective Response
- 2. APEC 2008 in Peru: Report by Peru
- 3. WTO 2008
- 4. Sustainable Tourism
- 5. Energy Security
- 6. Food Security
- 7. Others

II. Political and Security Matters (3 hrs duration)

- 1. Review of the Political and Security Situation in the Asia Pacific Region and in the World
 - ARF 2008 in Singapore: Report by Singapore
 - Peace and Stability in North East Asia
 - Peace and Stability in South East Asia
 - Middle-East Peace Process
 - Cluster Munitions
 - Terrorism

2. Others

III. Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation (2:30 hrs duration)

- 1. Parliamentary Capacity Building
- 2. Handling Climate Change and Environmental Issue
- 3. Natural Disaster Management
- 4. Poverty Reduction
- 5. Gender Issues in Parliament
- 6. Others

IV. APPF Matters (3 hrs duration)

- APPF in Future (Membership, Observer Status, Rules of Procedures)
 Date and Venue of APPF's 18th Annual Meeting
- 3. Others

Adoption of Resolutions and the Joint Communiqué

APPENDIX B

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

At the invitation of the Lao National Assembly, the 17th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) was held in Vientiane, the capital of the Lao People's Democratic Republic from 11-15th January 2009 with participants from 22 member parliaments, 1 observer country (Brunei Darussalam) and 1 special guest (Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). The list of participants is attached.

The Executive Committee convened its meeting on the 11th January 2009. The report of the Executive Committee meeting is attached.

The inaugural ceremony was held on the 12th January 2009. His Excellency Mr. Thongsing Thammavong, President of the 17th APPF and President of the Lao National Assembly delivered the opening speech in which he extended a warm welcome to all participants and declared the 17th Annual Meeting of the APPF officially open.

Honorable Mr. Yasuhiro Nakasone, APPF Honorary President's message was delivered at the Meeting by Mr. Yanagimoto, Acting Head of the Japanese Delegation, and Mr. Lindsay Tisch, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand addressed the participants. Opening remarks were also made by Mr. Anders Johnsson, the IPU Secretary General.

Delegations were honored and pleased to have had the opportunity to call on His Excellency Mr. Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao PDR, and His Excellency Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of the Lao PDR.

At the plenary session on economic and trade issues, delegates discussed a number of topics and drafted resolutions on overcoming the global financial crisis, negotiations of the Doha Round, sustainable tourism, food security, energy security, the world economic situation and raising the level of trade and capital flows within the Asia Pacific.

At the plenary session on APPF matters, participants discussed a number of specific topics regarding the future of APPF, and agreed to convene the 18th APPF Annual Meeting from 17th – 23rd January, 2010 in Singapore at the invitation of the Parliament of Singapore. The Japanese delegation took the floor and introduced the proposal made by the Honorary President of the APPF, the Honorable Mr. Yasuhiro Nakasone, that the Japanese Diet will host the APPF-20 Annual Meeting in 2012 which will commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the APPF and consider the future role of the APPF. The 17th Annual Meeting of the APPF adopted 16 resolutions on the aforementioned issues. These resolutions are attached.

The meeting thanked the drafting committee for its efforts in developing a package of resolutions and the joint communiqué which represent the meaningful outcome of the meeting.

The 17th Annual Meeting of the APPF expressed its high appreciation and gratitude to the Lao National Assembly for its organization, hospitality and arrangements which made the 17th Annual Meeting of the APPF a success. Special thanks go in particular to His Excellency Mr. Thongsing Thammavong, the President of the 17th Annual Meeting of the APPF and the President of Lao National Assembly, for his excellent guidance, and to the Lao delegation and all the staff of the secretariat for their hard work, thus bringing the current meeting to a successful conclusion.

Done in Vientiane, Laos, the Fifteenth Day of January, in the Year Two Thousand and Nine

For AUSTRALIA	Harry Jenkins
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For CANADA	Joseph A. Day, Seridor
For CHILE	Guillermo Ceroni
For CHINA	天 女 是 ZHOU Tienong
For COLOMBIA	Carlos Emiro Barriga

For INDONESIA	Jamalug Maryamah Nugraha Besoes
For JAPAN	Yoshinobu SHIMAMURA
For KOREA	Lee Jong Heuk
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For SINGAPORE	Teo Ho pin
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For VIET NAM	Nguyen Van Son
For LAOS	Saysomphone Phomvihane
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Thongsing Thammavong
President of APPF-17

APPENDIX C

RESOLUTIONS

APPF/RES/1

Resolution on Overcoming the Global Financial Crisis (Sponsored by Japan, Mexico and Russia)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Acknowledging that today's world financial crisis is one of the most serious economic challenges which the world community has faced;

Confirming that because of mutual economic interdependence, financial market trends in one country are almost instantaneously transmitted to the financial markets in other countries;

Concerned by the worsening credit crunch, as further declines in house prices and tighter lending conditions spread across countries, most notably in the United States and Europe, as a result of the financial crisis that erupted in August 2007;

Expressing concern over the impact of the spreading international financial crisis on the world economy and in particular, the severe challenges it poses to financial stability and economic development in Asia Pacific countries;

Indicating as the main root causes of the emerging economic crisis the financial market imbalances and faulty economic policies of certain countries, where market participants sought higher yields without an adequate appreciation of the risks and failed to exercise proper due diligence;

Expressing firm confidence that Asia Pacific countries' high human and technological potential shall allow them to become the locomotive of sustainable world economic development in the future;

But for all that bearing in mind a risk that slower world growth could lead to calls for protectionist measures which would only exacerbate the current economic situation;

Welcoming each country's commitment in international meetings such as the Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy and APEC summit meeting to the stability of the financial markets and the recovery of the orderly functioning of credit markets:

- 1. **Call to** continue the efforts by export credit agencies, international financial institutions and private banks to ensure that adequate finance is available to business, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and to keep trade and investment flowing in the region;
- 2. **Reiterate** firm belief that free market principles and open trade and investment regimes will continue to drive global growth, employment and poverty reduction;
- 3. **Call upon** the member countries to continue to strengthen coordination and cooperation and take effective and available economic and financial measures in a comprehensive way to restore market confidence, stabilize global financial markets and promote global economic growth;
- 4. **Confirm** that it is imperative to handle properly the balance between financial innovation and regulation, and call upon member countries to consider how governments should be involved in markets, how to cooperate between them and how the International Monetary Fund and the other international financial institutions meet these new challenges;
- 5. **Point out** the pressing necessity to develop and implement a broad economic policy response to resume world economic growth and to restore stability based on closer macroeconomic cooperation, to eliminate negative side effects of the crisis and to support emerging market economies and developing countries, to reform and strengthen seriously the international financial institutions enabling them to address future challenges in most efficient manner;
- 6. **Urge** the Governments and the Parliaments to refrain, while seeking for national interests, from raising new barriers to investment or to trade in goods and services, imposing new export restrictions, or implementing the World Trade Organization (WTO) inconsistent measures in all areas, including those that stimulate exports;
- 7. **Recommend** the Parliaments of the Asia Pacific countries give sound legislative support to the efforts aimed at the economic development and stabilization of financial markets, and also to the reforms of the financial markets, regulatory regimes and gears so as to avoid any recurrence of crisis like today's in future by sharing information and exchanging policies through the Annual Meetings of the APPF.

Resolution on Negotiations of the Doha Round

(Submitted by Chile and Mexico)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Considering that the Doha Round was launched in 2001 with the objective of creating new market opportunities, strengthening norms on multilateral trade with special emphasis on economic inclusion of developing countries and, particularly, of the least developed;

Considering that non-conclusion of the Doha Round would contribute to current world uncertainty and could threaten the credibility of multilateral trade, provoking reorientation toward commercial agreements of a bilateral and regional type;

Recognizing the efforts of the WTO General Director to reach a conclusion on negotiations of the Doha Round and because of this organization's proposals to include the simplification of customs duties, the erosion of preferences, peak custom duties and "special producers" and for the liberation of commerce among 153 WTO members;

Considering that the WTO plays a basic role in assuring better management of globalization and fairer distribution of its benefits, especially toward the Least Developed Countries (LDCs);

Recognizing that higher prices have facilitated reductions in global protectionism through lower custom duties being charged on imported products and machinery linked to agriculture to confront food safety;

Highlighting that developed countries, such as the United States and members of the European Union have reduced their subsidies for production, making the acceptance of cutbacks proposed in the Round's agricultural proposal possible;

- 1. **Express** concern for the failure of negotiations of the Doha Round in July 2008 in Geneva, highlighting that this implies a loss of economic growth and development at a world scale;
- 2. **Exhort** developing countries to request reductions on customs duties in matters of food safety, subsistence safety and rural development;
- 3. **Exhort** more advanced developed countries to assume their responsibility as world-scale participants and make decisions adequate to their level of development and sectoral competitiveness;

- 4. **Foster** developing countries to establish policies to improve the productivity and income of poor farmers and reduce the risk of dislocating agriculture;
- 5. **Exhort** WTO members to work together with a collaborative mind, collective wisdom and maximum courage to establish a solid base for the successful conclusion of the Doha Round negotiations;
- 6. **Urge** WTO members to fulfill the basic principles of non-discrimination, transparency and consensus among the 153 countries and territories that are members of the WTO in order to achieve an agreement in negotiations of the Doha Round as soon as possible;
- 7. **Emphasize** the need of a strong parliamentary commitment to play a key role in overseeing WTO actions and agreements and promoting a fair and sustainable trade liberalization process. For such purposes, calls on its members to work on concrete measures and proposals to contribute to overcome the unsustainable current situation, through a successful conclusion of the Doha Round;
- 8. **Call** for APPF members to ask their governments to support and assist Laos for its process of accession to the WTO, taking into account its particular needs and state of development.

Resolution On Sustainable Tourism

(Sponsored by the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Republic of the Philippines)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Recognizing that tourism is an indispensable industry that has an economic, social, and environmental significance globally;

Reaffirming the significance of tourism towards the attainment of the principles of sustainable development, especially in developing countries where a large portion of the economy depends on tourism and tourism-related industries;

Recognizing the need for a collective effort of all APPF countries towards devising a strategic solution towards a sustainable tourism, and underlining the unconditional efforts of the World Tourism Organization and the healthy relationship of APPF and this organization;

Recalling Resolution No. 26GA/2005/Eco/01 adopted by the 26th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization General Assembly on Promoting Cultural and Eco-Tourism to Stimulate Economic Growth:

Noting the commitment to implement the ASEAN Tourism Agreement signed by the ASEAN leaders at the 8th ASEAN Summit held in Phnom Penh on 4 November 2002 and the Vientiane Declaration on Enhancing ASEAN Tourism Cooperation by the ASEAN Tourism Ministers in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 3 February 2004:

Emphasizing that sustainable tourism embraces the concept of stewardship – a responsibility to care for the environment in a way that will preserve and enhance its well-being for residents and its appeal for the future visitors;

Having in mind that sustainable development pertains to progress that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, and that it should be responsive to the constraints of the natural and cultural environment:

Recognizing the importance of the tourism sector in generating employment and income thereby improving the living standards of the people and thus, help reduce poverty and narrow the development gap among APPF member states;

Realizing the effectiveness of engaging various stakeholders – government, local authorities, civil societies and the private sector - into programs on tourism development;

Placing greater emphasis on the need to act accordingly towards environmental protection, conservation, and restoration; seeing its unconditional benefit to sustainable tourism.

- 1. **Encourage** all APPF members to enhance planning for sustainable tourism development such as community-based tourism circuits and supply chains between production villages and tourism markets, and to expedite necessary actions towards the improvement of tourism-related social services;
- 2. **Urge** all APPF members to pursue cooperation between the government, the private sector, and local communities towards a more participative action concerning the development of the industry and the conservation of cultural resources, especially the communities concerned;
- 3. **Call** on APPF states to implement stricter statutes on environmental conservation, to devise immediate action towards environmental restoration, to promote the development of tourism-related infrastructure projects, enhance mutual assistance in human resource development, strengthen cooperation and to develop, upgrade and expand tourism and travel facilities and services in APPF countries, particularly in those states with the least developed infrastructure;
- 4. **Strengthen** the mechanisms on regional cooperation through technology transfer focusing on effective ways to terminate the hazardous effects of tourism-related activities to the environment and consider extension of pecuniary assistance to developing countries that cannot afford to acquire such technology;
- 5. **Instigate** a participative action towards the efficient structural design of tourism-related facilities, and ensure the compliance of such facilities to environmental standards;
- 6. **Urge** all APPF members to establish a local accrediting body authorized on monitoring and supervising tourism-related industries to initiate competition among them and to certify these institutions for a range of levels of compliance and assuring that their facilities are in congruence to the principles of sustainable tourism;
- 7. **Establish** a continuous credible system of evaluation, monitoring, and accreditation of tourism services and destination;
- 8. **Request** APPF member states to set up a mechanism that enhance cooperation in the promotion of sustainable tourism development, in particular the least developed countries, through the exchange of information and experience, coordination of tourism policies and programs, sharing of best practices and expertise, marketing, training, research and information dissemination

Resolution on Energy Security

(Sponsored by Chile, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico and Russia)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Recalling the resolution No. APPF/RES/5 adopted by the 16th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum on 20-24 January 2008 in Auckland, New Zealand, the commitment made by APPF members on Energy Security adopted at the 15th Annual Meeting of the APPF in which the APPF paid serious attention to Energy Security and the "Cebu Declaration on East Asian Energy Security";

Recognizing that energy is a fundamental component that plays a prominent role in economic development of nations worldwide and for the future prosperity and overall competitiveness of the region;

Realizing the rising global demand for energy, rising dependency on energy imports, unstable oil prices, and the prospect of future scarcity of oil and gas that has motivated the awareness of nations for the adoption of national approach on energy security;

Noting that energy, which serves as an economic foundation for social and economic development, is a critical common issue in APPF member states; and throughout the world:

Considering that, as cooperation among producing countries, transit countries, and consuming countries is crucial to strengthening regional energy security, we must develop policies that rigorously respect the responsibilities assumed and the commitments made by all the parties with the aim of overcoming energy shortage and its high prices as common interest;

Considering that the international agreements reached in accordance with the International Energy Agency (IEA) require nations to have national response plans for interruptions in the oil supply, including a commitment to adopt effective common measures to contend with such emergencies, through the implementation of contingency plans for self-sufficiency and restrictions in demand, and for the equitable allocation of available oil to member nations;

Recognizing the good will made in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum held in Lima, Peru, to contribute to the creation of an energy supply system in the Asia-Pacific region that would afford energy-resource consumers to diversify the geography of importations and guarantee stable and uninterrupted supply of oil and gas;

Taking into account the ASEAN-India free trade agreement, which is expected to lead to greater economic growth, strengthening regional political cooperation and function that serve as the basis for Southeastern Asia energy security;

Convinced by the need to develop a wide range of research on alternative energy resources namely bio-fuels, hydro power, solar power, wind power, biomass, geothermal power, tidal power to increase energy supplies, promote the efficient use of energy to ensure the energy security in Asia-Pacific member economies;

Reaffirming the readiness in sharing and exchanging of information, greater networking, mobilization of resources and increased efforts to achieve energy security;

Realizing that access to adequate, reliable, clean and affordable energy resources is vital to provide energy security and sustainability of economic development in the Asia Pacific region;

- 1. **Welcome and support** efforts made by APPF Member Governments to promote cooperation in energy programs to ensure and prioritize equitable access to essential energy sources for all countries in the Asia Pacific region, in a safe and steady manner, with quality and reasonable prices;
- 2. **Encourage** APPF Member States to strengthen the cooperation on sustainable energy development programs, reinforce the exchange of public policies, sharing of best practices and expertise as well as joint investment through the development and use of advanced technologies that will help them face the challenges of adapting to global warming to ensure energy supplies for the poor towards economic growth and sustainable development in the region;
- 3. **Call on** the government of APPF Member States to encourage public and private initiatives for researching biomass, all kinds of renewable energy sources and carbon gasification technology to reduce polluting emissions and create a world market for affected power stations;
- 4. **Call upon** APPF Member Parliaments, through their legislative and capacity building activities to harmonize legal and regulatory frameworks with a view to strengthening intra-APPF cooperation, creating favorable conditions and investment incentive for public-private participation in energy production and supply to meet the increasing demand:
- 5. **Encourage** APPF members to recommend to their respective governments that they make every effort to create and foster ways and means to explore and implement the efficient use of energy and energy savings;
- 6. **Urge** all APPF Member States to facilitate such technological development and transfer of knowhow, work together with multilateral funding agencies, sub-regional groupings, research institutions and through public-private partnerships and initiatives for energy security in the region;

- 7. **Promote** knowledge and awareness on energy saving including the use of energy by households and cleaner production;
- **8. Promote** energy and economic integration in the Asia-Pacific region, particularly electricity trading among APPF members by recognizing the proposal made to this effect in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum held in Lima, Peru; and
- 9. **Reaffirm** the commitment to the concept of energy security and the idea of supporting the energy needs of regional economies by promoting open energy markets and free energy trade and investment.

Resolution on Food Security

(Proposed by Chile, Indonesia, the Lao PDR, the Philippines, Vietnam, Mexico and Russia))

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Reaffirming the adoption of the Rome Declaration in 1996, the number one of the United Nations' MDGs, the Declaration adopted at the FAO High Level Conference on World Food Security in 2008, the 16th APEC Economic Leaders' Declaration and the Joint Statement of the 20th APEC Ministerial Meeting agreed upon in Lima, Peru last November 2008, in particular on improving food security in the Asia-Pacific region;

Recalling that, according to FAO, food security exists "when all people, at all times, have access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs", which involves conditions of availability, access and stability of supply;

Acknowledging that food security is mainly affected by such key factors as growing consumer demand; global population growth; loss of agricultural land for residential and industrial development; increased farming for use in bio-fuels; oil price peaks; poor weather conditions and plant & livestock diseases;

Recognizing the importance of food security has begun to be discussed as a critical issue in APPF member countries; and the effective cooperation among APPF Member States and with the rest of the world in providing Food Security and preventing food shortages;

- 1. **Welcome and Support** efforts made by APPF Member Governments to promote investment in agriculture, economic and technical cooperation including food research and development and to share advanced technology, best practice and expertise to increase food production;
- 2. **Call on** the governments of APPF Member States to develop, upgrade and expand road access, infrastructure, and electricity and irrigation systems, as well as other related facilities to accelerate the development of Food Security Programs;
- 3. **Reiterate** the need to liberalize agricultural trade and to remove trade barriers and all forms of protectionism including subsidies that distort international agricultural trade and to provide easier market access for agricultural products from developing countries;

- 4. **Call upon** APPF members, through their legislative activities to maximize each Member's internal strengths in order to enhance intra-APPF cooperation and to create favourable conditions and incentives for public and private partnership in food security;
- 5. **Request** APPF member countries to take into consideration the impact on food security when addressing the development of bio-energy and the use of productive farming land for other purposes;
- 6. **Call on** APPF members to strengthen the legal frameworks for agricultural development programs within Asia Pacific region with the aim of ensuring food security in the region;
- 7. **Encourage** the APPF members to urge their governments to improve standard of living of farmers in developing countries, as well as to ensure employment opportunities in rural areas:
- 8. **Call on** the APPF members to urge their governments to take appropriate measures in coping with the climate change and natural disasters which affect food security.

Resolution on the World Economic Situation

(Submitted by Mexico)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Considering the consequences of the international financial crisis and its negative repercussions on the world economy, particularly its adverse effects on the developing countries:

Aware of the shared and differentiated responsibility of all countries to face the international economic crisis in order to respond to human development needs for ending poverty and reaching the Millennium Development Goals (MDG);

Emphasizing the need to work together in APEC to increase prosperity, stability and security in the region through association and cooperation;

Aware of the threat to sustainable development – deemed essential for human progress – posed by the international economic crisis particularly in the context of the Declaration adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in September 2002;

Convinced that the search for better mechanisms to attain these objectives should strengthen bonds among our nations;

Remembering that the International Conference on Financing for Development held in Monterrey (Mexico) in 2002 indicates, in particular, that international financial stability is crucial to world economic growth;

Concerned that the international financial crisis has undermined social stability in numerous countries and threatens democratic achievements and progress made in human rights issues;

- 1. **Call on** governments and intergovernmental organizations to guarantee the right to receive basic education for all citizens regardless of their country's economic conditions:
- 2. **Urge** national parliaments to ensure the implementation of an effective and proactive body of laws for national regulatory authorities in order to prevent any instability of the main financial markets;
- 3. **Encourage** APPF members to reconcile the search for economic efficacy and human development;

- 4. **Exchange** information about business opportunities and access to markets in the region, including basic economic indicators and business trends; regional progress integration and the competitive environment;
- 5. **Foster** political dialogue regarding the negotiation process of the Doha Round, considering alternative methods to promote the development agenda;
- 6. **Call upon** the governments of developed countries to quickly meet their commitments in relation to the developing countries to help them solve their internal economic problems, eliminate poverty, illiteracy and disease and reach higher growth rates as recommended by several instruments, in particular the Millennium Declaration; and in this context, urge international organizations, within the restrictions of their respective mandates, to contribute towards the attainment of the above mentioned objectives;
- 7. **Facilitate** foreign investment as a key element for growth; backed by macroeconomic policies that promote financial stability and create favourable conditions for the productive sectors;
- 8. **Emphasize** the establishment of small and medium-sized company associations; facilitate their access to new technologies; contribute to improving the business environment and guarantee accessible financing mechanisms;
- 9. **Deepen** regional cooperation mechanisms to increase key-sector competitiveness, such as multi-modal transportation; ports, customs, as well as the administrative simplicity required to increase the efficiency of our trade relations;
- 10. **Promote** cultural and educational activities at APEC in order to deepen our bonds and mutual understanding.

Resolution on Raising the Level of Trade and Capital Flows within Asia-Pacific (Submitted by the Indonesian Delegation)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Noting that the current global financial crisis in part triggered by the sub-prime mortgage crisis, and by the absence of transparency, accountability and supervision of financial institutions and credit rating agencies has created economic slowdown in the Asia-Pacific;

Also noting that two-thirds of the world's foreign capital reserve is in the Asia-Pacific;

Recognizing the high degree of economic interdependence among Asia-Pacific countries and the urgent need for collective actions to address the crisis by raising the level of trade and capital flow within the Asia-Pacific;

Highlighting the importance of trade and capital flow for countries' development and the significance of putting the needs and interests of the developing countries at the centre of international trade negotiations as stated in the Doha Development Agenda;

Considering the importance of parliamentary participation and interaction in trade issues to ensure representation of the people at all stages of trade negotiations;

Underlining the move towards economic integration, through FTA/RTA negotiations as a positive contribution to the prosperity of the entire region that will lead to economic integration in the Asia-Pacific region in a way consistent with the WTO;

Welcoming progress made by our respective governments towards achieving the Bogor Goals (APEC 1994) towards free and open trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region;

Also welcoming the 16th APEC Economic Leaders' Declaration and the Joint Statement of the 20th APEC Ministerial Meeting agreed upon in Lima, Peru last November, in particular on the advancing of regional economic integration in the Asia-Pacific region;

Hereby resolves to:

1. **Support** the new commitment made by the APEC Economic Leaders to act quickly and decisively to address the impending global economic slowdown and take all necessary economic and financial measures to resolve the crisis;

- 2. **Encourage** APPF Member Parliaments to strengthen their budgetary as well as their legislative and oversight roles to ensure the establishment of a more conducive climate for expanded trade and capital flow within the Asia-Pacific;
- 3. **Re-affirm** our commitment to work with our respective governments to review trade and business practices and rules to protect markets and investors, especially on the support to improve the trade volume and transactions as well as capital flows among countries in the Asia-Pacific;
- 4. **Recommend** the need to promote policy, business and regulatory environments that foster the establishment, growth and development of SMEs in the Asia-Pacific and further recommend the importance of fostering SMEs growth as part of sustainable economic development strategies which may reduce poverty within local communities through a range of measures including sustainable environmental initiatives, corporate social responsibility, innovation management, public-private partnerships and regional economic integration;
- 5. **Further encourage** the process of trade and capital flows within the Asia-Pacific countries aimed at greater market access for the exports of developing countries, increasing development assistance, providing more employment opportunities and better access to technology.

Resolution on Political Security in the Asia Pacific Region

(Sponsored by the Russian Federation)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Stating that the dynamic shifts are particularly evident in the Asia-Pacific states, where various changes of the globalized economy and enhanced multifaceted interdependence are observable;

Noting that these countries are increasingly facing new challenges which cannot be addressed without creating better security architecture and institutions for sustainable development;

Stating again that international terrorism, other new challenges and threats along with the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery pose a direct threat to our concept of free, open, peaceful and prosperous societies;

Based on common understanding that all terrorist acts are criminal and unjustifiable, and must be unequivocally condemned, especially when they target civilians, or use the abhorrent practices of suicide bombing and hostage taking;

Stressing that terrorist acts cannot be excused or justified by any alleged cause, conflict, oppression, or poverty;

Acknowledging the important role played by the UN and by the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy;

- 1. **Urge** full cooperation to ensure that the flow of people, goods, services and investments remains secure and open, free from terrorist attack, and that economies and markets operate without disruption;
- 2. **Stress** the need for consistent implementation of the universal counter-terrorism measures of UN and of the resolutions of the Security Council, and also, where applicable, of Financial Action Task Force's (FATF) Recommendations;
- 3. **Welcome** the efforts of the international community to combat piracy and armed robbery at sea and encourage further concerted efforts to fight against piracy.

Resolution on the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula

(Submitted by Japan and the Republic of Korea)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Reconfirming that the peace and stability of the Korean Peninsula is critical for the Asia Pacific region and the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula is a goal that we must achieve for nuclear non-proliferation not just in North East Asia but also in the entire world;

Taking note of the "Resolution on the Situation of Korean Peninsula" and the "Joint Communiqué," which were adopted in the 16th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum in January 2008;

Welcoming that at the Trilateral Summit held in December 2008, the leaders of Japan, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea shared the view to continue to cooperate closely within the Six Party Talks framework;

Emphasizing the Six Party Talks are the most viable solution to the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula:

Recognizing the importance of the development of inter-Korea relations based on coexistence and co-prosperity through dialogue in the process of discussing the denuclearization of the Peninsula, and the importance of addressing the issue of humanitarian concerns of the international community;

Reconfirming the significance of the complete implementation of the Joint Statement adopted on September 19, 2005;

Encouraging parties to the Six Party Talks to be seriously engaged in follow-up negotiations based upon the spirit of mutual respect and equality in other to achieve the verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula:

Resolves to:

- 1. **Reaffirm** that the peace and security of the Korean Peninsula is key to the peace and security of the world;
- 2. **Reconfirm** that efforts for the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula should be continued through the framework of the Six Party Talks;
- 3. **Urge** the parties to the Six Party Talks to promptly implement the "Second phase actions for the implementation of the September 19th Joint Statement", as agreed upon in October, 2007;

- 4. **Call upon** the parties concerned to quickly resolve all other issues of outstanding concern flowing the Joint Statement of the 19 September 2005;
- 5. **Continue** to support the Six Party Talks process and urge the parties to the Six Party Talks to strive for the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, by resolving relevant issues in accordance with the confidence-based principle of "Commitment for Commitment" and "Action for Action".

Resolution on Strengthening Peace and Security in South East Asia (Submitted by the Lao People's Democratic Republic)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Based on the will of the peoples of South East Asia to live in peace and prosperity within the ASEAN Community, and in harmony with the other peoples of Asia-Pacific and the rest of the world:

Reaffirming that peace, stability, cooperation and development are the major trends of today's globalized and interconnected world;

Acknowledging, nevertheless that unilateralism, disregard of international law, terrorism, transnational crime, poverty and the development gap remain the global challenges and threats of our time;

Reiterating the need for closer cooperation among APPF member parliaments in the areas of politics and security, economics and trade, education, culture, health, environment and development;

- 1. **Call upon** APPF member parliaments in South East Asia to promote in their own countries the implementation of the ASEAN Charter endorsed at the ASEAN Summit in Singapore in November, 2007;
- 2. **Urge** all APPF member and observer parliaments to provide support and assistance to the realization of the ASEAN Community as mentioned in the Vientiane Action Programme;
- 3. **Resort to** dialogues based on mutual trust, interests and understanding to solve political conflicts that may arise in the region;
- 4. **Support** the efforts made by governments of ASEAN countries to strengthen peace and security in South East Asia;
- 5. **Improve** the quality of dialogues on peace and security by making them more relevant and efficient.

Resolution On the Middle-East Peace Process

(Submitted by the Indonesia, Japan and USA)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

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

Hoping that the Israelis and Palestinians will continue their efforts to peacefully establish a Palestinian state that co-exists with Israel:

Welcoming the efforts for peace exerted by the Israelis, the Palestinians and the international community since the Annapolis international conference in 2007;

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

Reaffirming that a just and lasting solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict must be based on such resolutions as the United Nations Security Council Resolutions, previous agreements between Israel and the PLO, and reaffirming the United Nations recognition and support of the existence of Israel as a sovereign and independent state;

Recalling the Resolution on the Middle East Peace process adopted at the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the APPF on January 2008.

- 1. **Express** deep concern about the fact that the situation in and around the Gaza Strip is deteriorating, and **strongly urge** both Israeli and Palestinian sides to immediately halt the use of force and achieve a durable cessation of violence, especially in order to prevent a further increase in civilian casualties:
- 2. **Call upon** all parties concerned to intensify efforts to provide arrangements and guarantees in Gaza in order to sustain a durable ceasefire and calm, including to prevent illicit trafficking in arms and ammunition and to ensure the sustained reopening of the crossing points on the basis of the 2005 Agreement on Movement and Access between the Palestinian Authority and Israel, and other regional and international efforts that are under way;
- 3. **Strongly urge** both the Israeli and the Palestinian sides to enhance their efforts for keeping truce and improving humanitarian situation in the Gaza strip, and also strongly

urge the both sides to commit themselves to the Roadmap, and the Israeli government, all parties that consist of the Palestinian Authority, and other parties concerned to take all necessary measures, in order to secure the progress for the Middle East peace process;

- 4. **Encourage** tangible steps towards intra-Palestinian reconciliation consistent with Security Council resolution 1850 (2008) and other relevant resolutions;
- 5. **Call for** renewed and urgent efforts by the parties and the international community to achieve a comprehensive peace based on the vision of a region where two democratic States, Israel and Palestine, live side by side in peace with secure and recognized borders, as envisaged in Security Council resolution 1850 (2008), and recall also the importance of the Arab Peace Initiative;
- 6. **Encourage** all parties concerned to make efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; affirm again that establishment of Palestinian state, security for Israel and its border are essential factors of permanent peace; and call upon Israel and the Palestinian Authority to strive for building a proper environment for establishing a Palestinian state;
- 7. **Confirm** that creating a viable Palestinian economy premised on tangible improvement of living standard is necessary for building a Palestinian state;
- 8. **Strongly call upon** the new governments of all the APPF, the Gulf nations and other countries to continue to extend as much support and cooperation as possible to the Middle East peace process.

Resolution on Cluster Munitions

(Submitted by the Australian and Lao Delegations)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Recalling APPF Resolution APPF/RES/1 adopted at the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum held from 20 to 24 January 2008 in Auckland, New Zealand:

Condemning the indiscriminate use of cluster munitions;

Reiterating its serious concern at the terrible consequences for human rights and socio-economic development that the use of cluster munitions has for people and communities all over the world, including long after the conflict is over;

Recalling with gratitude the leadership and encouragement by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in promoting action by the international community to address the horrendous humanitarian effects of cluster munitions.

Recalling the adoption of Convention on Cluster Munitions by Diplomatic Conference on Cluster Munitions on 30 May 2008 in Dublin, Ireland;

Noting the signature by over ninety countries of the Convention on Cluster Munitions;

Noting the particular efforts by those states that participated in the successful negotiations that led to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, and the supportive efforts of civil society, including victims of cluster munitions;

Taking note of the provisions of the Convention on Cluster Munitions for those participating countries, including the requirements to never develop, produce, use, stockpile or transfer cluster munitions, to destroy stockpiled cluster munitions, to clear contaminated land and to provide for the support, rehabilitation and social reintegration of cluster munitions victims and provide international cooperation and assistance to cluster munitions-affected States;

Welcoming also the continuing efforts by the Group of Governmental Experts from the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) to address the humanitarian impact of cluster munitions in that forum;

Hereby resolves to:

- 1. **Call upon** all parliamentarians in countries that have signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions to complete its early ratification and ensure the Convention's entry-into-force;
- 2. **Commend** states that have already signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions and those states who choose to do so in the future;
- 3. **Urge** all APPF members to continue to support the negotiations in the CCW to address the humanitarian impact of cluster munitions while striking a balance between military and humanitarian considerations;
- 4. **Recommend** all APPF member states make additional efforts in order to reduce the deployment as far as possible of these weapons, taking into full account of the national security situation;
- 5. **Encourage** governments to identify and fence off areas contaminated by these weapons that threaten the security and economic welfare of their civil populations;
- 6. **Encourage** parliamentarians to promote the prevention, within the framework of international humanitarian law, of the indiscriminate use of these weapons;
- 7. **Promote**, through regional and multilateral means, cooperation in approaching the humanitarian challenges posed by cluster munitions;
- 8. **Support and participate in** international efforts of education and training about the risks involved in the removal of unexploded weapons and the cleaning up of contaminated zones;
- 9. **Encourage** all member states to provide health and rehabilitation programmes on a non-discriminatory basis to victims of cluster munitions, including emergency assistance and continuous medical care, physical rehabilitation, psychological support, social and economic rehabilitation, and legal support;
- 10. **Call upon** all member states to provide humanitarian assistance to the cluster munitions affected countries to address their impact;
- 11. **Encourage** the APPF parliaments to make their utmost efforts to enable the social and economic integration of all victims of cluster munitions on a non-discriminatory basis.

Resolution on Terrorism

(Submitted by Mexico, Australia and the Philippines)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Convinced of the need to fight, by all means, and according to the United Nations Charter, against threats against international peace and security represented by acts of terrorism:

Welcoming the progress achieved through national counter-terrorism efforts, regional cooperation, and international efforts including continuing action in the United Nations, and the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism;

Deeply concerned by the increase, in several world regions and especially in the Asia-Pacific region, of acts of terrorism motivated by intolerance or extremism;

Resolved that terrorism is a crime that cannot be justified under any circumstances, regardless of motive, location, timing or identity of the perpetrator;

Recognizing the need for the States to complement international cooperation by adopting other measures to prevent and quell in their territories, by all legal means, the financing and preparation of these acts of terrorism;

Noting with concern the links between international terrorism and transnational organized crime;

Firmly condemning all acts of terrorism such as those manifested abominably in the attempts occurred in Mumbai, India;

Reaffirming our shared determination to prevent, combat and eliminate terrorism in all its forms through close and effective international cooperation;

Hereby resolves to:

- 1. **Urge** all states to accede to and implement all United Nations counter-terrorism conventions and protocols;
- 2. **Call on** all states to implement effectively all United Nations Security Council counter-terrorism related resolutions;
- 3. **Adhere** as soon as possible to pertinent international agreements and protocols related to terrorism, including the International Agreement for repressing the financing of terrorism of December 9, 1999;

- 4. **Cooperate**, particularly through bilateral and multilateral agreements and accords to prevent, combat and respond to terrorist acts;
- 5. **Call upon** the States to work urgently to prevent and quell acts of terrorism, in particular by increasing cooperation between parliaments and governments and fully complying with pertinent international agreements against terrorism;
- 6. **Encourage** all states to enhance further national, regional and international cooperation and coordination efforts among police, defence, justice, customs, immigration, intelligence and other relevant agencies in order to ensure more effective law enforcement, border control and intelligence sharing;
- 7. **Find** the means to intensify and speed up the exchange of operational information, especially in relation to activities and movements of individual terrorists or terrorist networks; travel documents illegally altered or forged; trafficking of arms, explosives or dangerous materials; the use of communication technologies by terrorist groups and the threat represented by the possession of weapons of mass destruction by terrorist groups;
- 8. **Adopt** measures consistent with international human rights instruments and national laws, to ensure that refugee status is not abused by the perpetrators, organisers or facilitators of terrorist acts.

Resolution on Climate Change and Environment

(Submitted by Canada and Japan)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF):

Recognizing that climate change and environmental problems are global and potentially the most severe challenge for all humankind;

Recalling resolutions which were related to these problems and adopted in the past annual meetings of the APPF;

Welcoming the endeavours of the international community through such forums as the 14th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change(UNFCCC), COP9 of the Convention on Biodiversity and Leaders Meeting of Major Economies on Energy Security and Climate Change, and recognizing the common but differentiated responsibilities;

Noting our Asia-Pacific countries' determination to make efforts for the resolution of these serious and urgent problems which international community should deal with,

Hereby resolves:

- 1. that the 17th Annual Meeting of the APPF, noting the agreement of G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit, will call upon developed countries to take the lead in emissions reduction;
- 2. to welcome the outcomes of the COP13 held in Bali in 2007 and the COP14 in Poznan in 2008, the APPF member countries and to continue to cooperate to enable the full effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action, now, up to and beyond 2012;
- 3. that the 17th Annual Meeting of the APPF call upon the member countries to work together towards strengthening the ability for adaptation to climate change, including disaster risk reduction, of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states most vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change;
- 4. that the 17th Annual Meeting of the APPF call upon the member countries to recognize the critical role of technology to respond to climate change and the need for accelerating deployment, diffusion and transfer of environmentally sound technology to developing countries;
- 5. that the 17th Annual Meeting of the APPF call upon the member countries of the APPF recognize to that actions to reduce emissions, including from deforestation and forest degradation, and to increase removals by sinks in the land use, land use change

and forestry can make contribution to stabilizing GHGs in the atmosphere and to undertake forest conservation, reforestation and afforestation and sustainable management actively, and promote a co-benefits approach that will lead to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity as well;

- 6. that the 17th of the Annual Meeting of the APPF calls upon the member countries of APPF to increase efforts for a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss, and express support for the meetings, namely, the Convention on Biodiversity COP10 and the Cartagena Protocol COP/MOP5 to be held in Nagoya, Aichi, Japan in 2010:
- 7. that the 17th of the Annual Meeting of the APPF call upon the member countries of APPF to cooperate in confronting environmental challenges such as transboundary air pollution, protection of marine environment and water resources;
- 8. that the 17th of the Annual Meeting of the APPF emphasize the importance of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in tackling environmental issues to the member countries of APPF:
- 9. that APPF member countries build and promote sound material-cycle societies through the 3R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Initiative.

Resolution on Gender Issues in Parliaments

(Sponsored by Australia, Lao PDR, Mexico and Viet Nam)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Reaffirming that integrated policies for the promotion of gender equality in the development process and in the electoral reform activities constitute a guarantee for the significant and genuine participation of women;

Noting that as elected representatives of the people, parliamentarians, and Parliament as an institution, have a key role to play in the promotion of gender equality;

Acknowledging that creating conditions for an increase in the number of women parliamentarians and for the improvement of women's competencies in parliament is a commitment of all countries in the world;

But Concerned that in some countries in the region, gender equality in parliament is not strongly promoted and that this is shown in the fact that candidates in general, as well as elected women, are not sufficiently promoted;

Recalling that countries in the region have adopted programs and measures in order to realize the advancement of women and to ensure their equal partnership with men as defined in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women:

Noting that the Beijing + 10 Action Plan and the third goal of the MDG is to promote gender equality and to empower women by considering the proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments;

Hereby resolves to:

- 1. **Call on** APPF member countries to adopt appropriate legislation that promotes gender equity, including increasing participation of women in Parliament;
- 2. **Recommend** that gender equity is considered in the development and debate on all policies and legislation, and in particular that gender budgeting principles are introduced;
- 3. **Exhort** APPF member countries' parliaments to strengthen their supervisory function to ensure that all policies relating to gender equity are well implemented;
- 4. **Urge** the parliaments of each country to establish a woman parliamentary caucus to support and develop women's activities and skills, and maintain links with the community to ensure strong and relevant policy development;

- 5. **Set up** networks and links among APPF member countries' parliamentarians, governments and civil society to share national experiences and build capacity relating to their mandates on gender equity;
- 6. **Call upon** APPF members to adopt the necessary measures to reach the goals of the UN Millennium Summit;
- 7. **Call upon** APPF members to establish training programs to encourage women's participation in electoral politics;
- 8. **Recommend** that APPF members finance research centers in the Asia-Pacific region focused on developing comparative studies relative to public strategies for the inclusion of women in society;
- 9. **Encourage** the participation of women parliamentarians in delegations to the APPF meetings.

Resolution on Combating Corruption

(Submitted by the Russian Federation)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Revealing the aspiration to pay greater attention to social dimension of globalization;

Noting that globalization based on economic, social and environmental progress can bring sustainable benefits to all Asia Pacific states, their business sectors and their people;

Taking into consideration increasing expectations amongst global consumers, investors and business partners regarding responsible and sustainable business practices;

Admitting that the voluntary activities that comprise corporate social responsibility will remain an important aspect of doing business in the 21st century;

Recognizing that corporate social responsibility can reinforce the positive effects that trade and investment have on growth, competitiveness and sustainable development and that all stakeholders in our communities benefit when governments foster a business environment that encourages voluntary corporate social responsibility practices;

Stating that corruption in both the public and private sectors is a serious threat to social and economic development;

Recognizing that, when criminal entities collude with corrupt public and private sector officials, it results in a culture of impunity and financial exploitation of the legitimate economy;

Supporting the efforts undertaken by Asia Pacific states to develop comprehensive anti-corruption strategies and national plans for countering corruption;

Coming to the conclusion that efforts to counter corruption, up to its criminal prosecution, can facilitate greater regional cooperation;

Hereby resolves to:

1. **Urge** the Parliaments and the Governments of Asia Pacific states to sustain the collective efforts to combat corruption and related transnational illicit networks by promoting a transparent and accountable government, fostering market integrity, and transparent financial systems;

- 2. **Recommend** in compliance with the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) to advance such anti-corruption activities as engaging the financial intelligence and law enforcement cooperation related to corrupt payments and illicit financial flows and also to repatriation of the corrupt assets;
- 3. **Support** the implementation, where applicable, of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Recommendations;
- 4. **Stress** the need for responsible and transparent business conduct that adheres to local legislation and regulations and takes into account the guidelines related to corporate social responsibility that have been developed by multilateral bodies, as appropriate;
- 5. **Recommend** to the Parliaments, which have not yet done so, to ratify the UN Convention Against Corruption and to take all measures available to comply with the obligations provided therein.

APPENDIX D

LIST OF DELEGATES OF THE APPF MEMBER COUNTRIES, OBSERVER AND GUEST OF HONOR

THE APPF MEMBER DELEGATIONS

PRESIDENT OF APPF

H.E. Mr. Thongsing Thammavong President of the National Assembly of Lao PDR

AUSTRALIA

(First name, Surname)

- 1. H.E. Mr. Harry Jenkins Head of Delegation, Speaker of the House of Representatives
- 2. Senator Claire Moore Member of Parliament
- 3. Senator Helen Kroger Member of Parliament
- 4. Senator Jacinta Collins Member of Parliament
- 5. Hon. Mr. Luke Simpkins Member of Parliament
- 6. Mr. Chris Paterson Senior Advisor to the Speaker
- 7. Ms. Catherine Cornish Delegation Secretary
- 8. Mr. Ian Harris AO Clerk of the House of Representatives

CAMBODIA

- 1. Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin, Head of delegation, President of the National Assembly
- 2. Hon. Dr. Cheam Yeap Chairperson of the Commission on Economy, Finance, Banking & Audit
- 3. Hon. Mr. Chheang Vun Chairperson of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, Media & Information.
- 4. Hon. Mr. Try Chheang Huot Chairperson of the Commission on Planning Investment, Agriculture, Rural Development, Environment and Water Resource.
- 5. H.E. Mr. Nhem Thavy Secretary of the Commission on Human Rights, Reception of Complaints, Investigation and National Assembly-Senate Relation.
- 6. H.E. Mr. Nim Chantara Member of the Commission on Foreign Affairs International Cooperation, Information & Media
- 7. H.E. Mr. Keo Sosak Member of Parliament and Member of Parliamentary Friendship Group Cambodia-Vietnam
- 8. H.E. Mr. San Inthor Member of Parliament and Member of Parliament Friendship Group Cambodia-Laos
- 9. H.E. Mr. Leng Peng Long Secretary General of the National Assembly
- 10. H.E. Mr. Koam Kosal Chief of Cabinet of the President of the National Assembly
- 11. H.E. Mr. Prom Virak Director of Protocol Department of the Secretariat-General of the National Assembly and Advisor to the President of the National Assembly
- 12. H.E. Mr. Pen Vibol Advisor to the President of the National Assembly
- 13. H.E. Mr. Um Vanna Advisor to the President of the National Assembly
- 14. Mr. Phy Tara Vice-Director General of Administration and Finance of the Secretariat-General of the National Assembly
- 15. Mr. Uy Visal Director of the International Relations Department of the Secretariat-General of the National Assembly
- 16. H.E. Mrs. Heng Sam Oun Personal Assistant to the President of the National Assembly

- 17. H.E. Mrs. Heng Peou Personal Assistant to the President of the National Assembly
- 18. Mr. Tim Vanna Deputy-Director of the Protocol Department of the Secretariat-General of the National Assembly
- 19. H.E. Mrs. Dr. Suon Sina Personal Doctor to the President of the Natinoal Assembly
- 20. Mr. Top Saroeun Cameraman
- 21. Mr. Hing Reaksmey Personal Bodyguard to the President of the National Assembly
- 22. Mr. Suon Sochtra Staff of International Relations Department of the Secretariat-General of the National Assembly
- 23. Mrs. Hin Chanvery Vice-Chief of the Protocol Office of Protocol Department of the Secretariat-General of the National Assembly
- 24. Mr. Srev Sorin Protocol Staff

Cambodia Senate

- 25. Hon. Mrs. Ty Borasy Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, Information and Media of the Senate.
- 26. Hon. Mrs. Khloth Tongphaka Chairwoman of the Commission on Public Health, Social Work, Veteran Youth, Rehabilitation, Labor, Vocational Training and Women Affairs of the Senate
- 27. Hon. Mr. Chhit Kimyeat Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Public Works, Transport, Civil Aviation, Post and Telecommunication, Industry, Mines, Energy, Commerce, Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction of the Senate
- 28. Mr. Chhim Sokun Director of International Relation and Protocol Division of the Senate 29. Mr. Kung Molika Assistant

CANADA

(First name, Surname)

- 1. Hon. Mr. Bryon Wilfert Head of Delegation, Member of Parliament
- 2. Hon. Mr. Joseph Day Senator
- 3. Hon. Mr. Dennis Dawson Senator
- 4. Hon. Mr. Donald Oliver Senator
- 5. Hon. Mrs. Joyce Nurray Member of Parliament
- 6. Hon. Mr. Jean Dorion Member of Parliament
- 7. Ms. Elizabeth Kingston Secretary

CHILE

- 1. Hon. Mr. Guillermo Ceroni Head of Delegation, 1st Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies
- 2. Mr. Jorge Ulloa 2nd Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies
- 3. Hon. Mr. Sergio Romero Senator
- 4. Hon. Mr. Pedro Munoz Senator
- 5. Hon. Mr. Maximiano Errazuriz Deputy
- 6. Hon. Mr. Alejandro Garcia-Huidobro Deputy
- 7. Hon. Mr. Marco Nunez Deputy
- 8. Hon. Mr Alejantro Sule Deputy
- 9. Hon. Mr. Raul Sunico Deputy
- 10. Mrs. Jacqueline Peillard Director of International Affairs, Secretary of Delegation
- 11. Mr. Jorge Caneias Diplomatic/Advisor

CHINA

(First name, Surname)

- 1. H.E. Mr. ZHOU Tienong Head of Delegation, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- 2. Hon. Mr. ZHA Peixin Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of NPC
- 3. Hon. Mr. CAO Weizhou Secretary General of the Standing Committee of NPC, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of NPC
- 4. Hon. Mme. WANG Jirong Vice-Chairperson of the Environmental Protection and Resources Conservation Committee of NPC
- 5. Hon. Mr. CUI Junhui Member of the Financial and Economic Committee of NPC
- 6. Mr. WANG Wen Deputy Director General of the Foreign Affairs Bureau of the General Office of the Standing Committee of NPC
- 7. Mr. XIE Bohua Senior Advisor
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APPENDIX E

Noteworthy is the fact that the Canadian Delegation submitted the following resolution:

Condemning the use of violence by the Government of Burma against peaceful demonstrators and calling upon the Government of Burma to respect the fundamental human rights of all Burmese citizens;

Promoting democratic institutions by supporting fair and free elections and the need to internationally monitor the elections scheduled for 2010;

Calling for the immediate release of all political prisoners, including Burma's democratically elected Leader Aung San Suu Kyi;

Encouraging countries within the region and our ASEAN friends to be more engaged to find a peaceful resolution for the people of Burma;

Encouraging parliamentarians to pressure Burmese authorities to end the repression.

Although debated, there was no consensus reached and therefore not included in the listing of the final adopted resolutions.