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**Report of the Canadian Parliamentary Delegation
respecting its participation at the
21st Annual Meeting of the
Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF)**

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

**Vladivostok, Russian Federation
January 27-31, 2013**

Report

The Canadian delegation was composed of the following members:

From the Senate: Hon. JoAnne Buth, Hon. Donald Neil Plett, Hon. Joseph A. Day.

From the House of Commons: Mike Wallace, Head of Delegation, Peter Braid, Pierre Lemieux, Alex Atamanenko, Alexandrine Latendresse, Hon. John McCallum.

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

Mike Wallace, M.P., led the Canadian parliamentary delegation which participated in the 21st Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF), held in Vladivostok, Russian Federation, from January 27 to 31, 2013, at the invitation of the Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation. 328 delegates from 23 APPF Member States and one Observer State attended the Annual Meeting. Representatives of the Parliaments of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, and of the United Nations (UN), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), the Organization for the Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (IPA), the Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS), the Eurasian Economic Community (EurAsEC), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), also attended the meeting as guests. The list of participating countries is attached as Appendix A. The Forum, held on an annual basis, is one of the most significant and diverse gatherings of parliamentarians from the Asia-Pacific Region. The Canadian Head of Delegation attended the Executive Committee meeting. Canadian delegates made various interventions throughout the forum and actively participated in the debate in the drafting committee and its subcommittees.

Under the theme of Economy and Trade in the Asia-Pacific, Senator Buth addressed the question of food security. Peter Braid, M.P., made a presentation on innovation and John McCallum, M.P., on trade. Pierre Lemieux, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, spoke of the trade as it relates to trade issues. Under the political and security matters, Mike Wallace addressed the Assembly on organised crime and human smuggling. On the theme of Regional Cooperation, Alexandrine Latendresse, M.P., participated in a round-table on young parliamentarians from the Asia-Pacific region.

During the 21st Meeting, delegates exchanged views on a number of agenda items which were grouped in four broad categories:

- 1) Political and Security Issues in the Asia-Pacific;
- 2) Economic and Trade Issues in the Asia-Pacific;
- 3) Regional Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region; and
- 4) Future Work of APPF.

The program of the conference is attached in Appendix B.

The Forum allowed for dynamic discussions between parliamentarians and led to the adoption of a Joint Communiqué and 14 resolutions on a wide range of subjects. The

text of the Joint Communiqué can be found in Appendix C and the list of adopted resolutions in Appendix D.

During the final plenary session, the delegations reported on the progress of implementation of the New Rules of Procedures. Delegates discussed the future activities and the results of the reform of the APPF.

While attending the conference, the Canadian delegation was also able to participate in a bilateral meeting with representatives of the Russian delegation (Appendix E).

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 situation, the need to guard against protectionist tendencies and this region's growing political and economic influence, it is of increasing strategic importance for Canada to maintain an active presence in this Forum. The Canadian section of APPF looks forward to participating in the 22nd Annual Meeting in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in January 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Donald Neil Plett, Senator
Co-Chair, Canada-China
Legislative Association

Mike Wallace, M.P.,
Co-Chair, Canada-Japan
Inter-Parliamentary Group

Appendix A

LIST OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Australia

Kingdom of Cambodia

Canada

Republic of Chile

People's Republic of China

Republic of Costa Rica

Republic of Ecuador

Republic of Indonesia

Japan

Republic of Korea

Lao PDR

Malaysia

Mexico

Federated States of Micronesia

Mongolia

New Zealand

Papua New Guinea

Republic of Philippines

Russian Federation

Republic of Singapore

Kingdom of Thailand

Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Brunei Darussalam (Observer)

Special Guests

Afghanistan

Kazakhstan

United Nations Organization

IPA EurAsEC

PABSEC

IPA CIS

PACE

Shanghai cooperation organization (SCO)

PA OSCE

Appendix B

PROGRAM of the 21st Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum Vladivostok, 27 -31 January 2013

Saturday-Sunday, 26-27 January 2013

Arrival of the delegations

Registration of the delegates in the Far Eastern Federal University hotel
(*Buildings 2, 3, 4*)

Excursion tour (optional)

Sunday, 27 January 2013

18:00 Executive Committee Meeting

Venue: Building 20, level 1, Conference Hall 3

20:00 Dinner hosted by the delegation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation in honour of the participants and guests of the 21st Annual Meeting of the APPF

Venue: Building 24, level 11, Restaurant 1, passage through Building 20

Monday, 28 January 2013

09:00 Get-together in the hotel lobby and transfer to the venue of the opening ceremony

10:00 Opening Ceremony

Venue: Building 20, level 1, Blue Hall

- welcome address by H.E. Ms. Valentina Matvienko, Chairperson of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, President of the 21st Annual Meeting of the APPF

-welcome message by H.E. Mr. Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation

- statement by the Leader of the Japanese delegation

- welcome message by H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization

Photo Session (Leaders of the delegations)

Venue: Building 20, level -1, lobby

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

Venue: Building 20, level -1, lobby

11:00 – 13:00 First Plenary Session

Section I: Political and Security Matters

Venue: Building 20, level -1, Conference Hall 1

13:00 – 14:15 Lunch

Venue:

Leaders of the delegations – Building 24, level 11, Restaurant 2;

Participants of the 21st Annual Meeting of the APPF – Building 24, level 11, Restaurant 1

14:15 Drafting Committee Meeting

Venue: Building 20, level 1, Conference Hall 3

14:15 – 16:00 First Plenary Session (continued)

Section I: Political and Security Matters

Venue: Building 20, level -1, Conference Hall 1

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee Break

Venue: Building 20, level -1, lobby

- Media Briefing

Venue: Building 20, level 1, Conference Hall 2

16:15 – 18:45 First Plenary Session (continued)

Section I: Political and Security Matters

Venue: Building 20, level -1, Conference Hall 1

19:30 Reception on behalf of the Governor of the Primorsky Krai in honour of the participants and guests of the 21st Annual Meeting of the APPF (by invitations)

Venue: Restaurant “Tsesarevich”, Vladivostok, Svetlanskaya st., 72), transfer leaves at 18:45 from Building 20

Dinner for other participants at the accommodation buildings

Tuesday, 29 January 2013

09:00 – 10:30 Second Plenary Session

Section II: Economics and Trade Matters

Venue: Building 20, level -1, Conference Hall 1

09:00 Drafting Committee Meeting

Venue: Building 20, level 1, Conference Hall 3

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

Venue: Building 20, level -1, lobby

10:45 – 12:45 Second Plenary Session(continued)

Section II: Economics and Trade Matters

Venue: Building 20, level -1, Conference Hall 1

12:30 Departure of the Parliament Speakers and Leaders of the delegations to a lunch (by invitations)

13:00 – 14:15 Lunch hosted by H.E. Ms. Valentina Matvienko, Chairperson of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, in honour of Parliament Speakers and Leaders of the delegations

Venue: Restaurant “Brasseri”, Vladivostok, Pogranichnaya st., 10
Cultural program after lunch, return to Building 20 at 16:15

13:00 – 14:15 Lunch for the participants of the 21st Annual Meeting of the APPF

Venue: Building 24, level 11, Restaurant 1

14:15 Drafting Committee Meeting

Venue: Building 20, level 1, Conference Hall 3

14:15 – 15:30 Second Plenary Session(continued)

Section II: Economics and Trade Matters

Venue: Building 20, level -1, Conference Hall 1

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break

Venue: Building 20, level -1, lobby

- Media Briefing

Venue: Building 20, level 1, Conference Hall 2

15:45 Drafting Committee Meeting

Venue: Building 20, level 1, Conference Hall 3

15:45 – 17:00 Third Plenary Session

Section III: Regional Cooperation in Asia Pacific

Venue: Building 20, level -1, Conference Hall 1

17:15 – 18:15 Presentation of the programs of development of Siberia and Far East regions and the Russian initiative in the sphere of multilateral scientific cooperation in Asia Pacific

Venue: Exhibition and Presentations Area, Building 20, level 1, lobby

19:00 Concert performed by the Song and Dance Ensemble of the Russian Pacific Fleet (by invitations)

Venue: Building 20, level 1, Blue Hall

20:00 Dinner for the participants of the 21st Annual Meeting of the APPF

Venue: Building 20, level -1, lobby

Wednesday, 30 January 2013

- 09:00 – 11:00 Third Plenary Session (continued)
Section III: Regional Cooperation in Asia Pacific
Venue: Building 20, level -1, Conference Hall 1
- 09:00 – 11:00 Drafting Committee Meeting
Venue: Building 20, level 1, Conference Hall 3
- 11:00 Coffee Break
Venue: Building 20, level -1, lobby
- 11:15 – 13:30 Round table «Asia Pacific – Europe: New Horizons of Co-operation» with participation of the members of the delegations, observers and representatives of the international organizations
Venue: Building 20, level -1, Conference Hall 1
- 11:15 – 13:30 Meeting of the young parliamentarians from the Asia Pacific region
Venue: Building 20, level 2, Conference Hall 4
- 11:15 – 13:30 Drafting Committee Meeting(to complete drafting of the final documents)
Venue: Building 20, level 1,Conference Hall 3
- 13:30 – 14:45 Lunch
Venue:
Leaders of the delegations – Building 24, level 11, Restaurant 2;
Participants of the 21st Annual Meeting of the APPF – Building 24, level 11, Restaurant 1
- 15:00 – 16:30 Fourth Plenary Session
Section IV: Further work of the APPF
Venue: Building 20, level -1, Conference Hall 1
- 16:45 – 17:00 Coffee Break
Venue: Building 20, level -1, lobby
- 17:00 – 17:45 Fifth (Final) Plenary Session
- adoption of the Resolutions and Joint Statement
- signature of the Joint Statement by Leaders of the delegations
Closing Ceremony
Venue: Building 20, level -1, Conference Hall 1
- 17:45 Press Conference
Venue: Building 20, level 1, Conference Hall 2
- 19:30 Reception hosted by H.E. Ms. Valentina Matvienko, Chairperson of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, President of the 21st Annual Meeting of the APPF (by

invitations)

Gala-Concert

Venue: Building 24, level 3

Thursday, 31 January 2013

Departure of the delegations

Vladivostok city guided bus tour (optional)

Appendix C

THE 21ST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

1. At the invitation of the Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation the 21st Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) was held on 27-31 January 2013 in Vladivostok, Russia. 328 delegates from 23 APPF Member States and one Observer State attended the Annual Meeting. Representatives of the Parliaments of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, and of UN, PACE, PA OSCE, IPA CIS, IPA EurAsEC, PABSEC and SCO also attended the meeting as guests. The list of participants is attached in Appendix 1.
2. The APPF Executive Committee convened on 27 January 2013 to approve the Agenda and the Program of Work of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Executive Committee meeting is attached in Appendix 2.
3. On 28 January 2013 the President of APPF and Chairperson of the Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Her Excellency Ms. Valentina Matvienko, accorded a warm welcome to all the participants and declared the Annual Meeting open. In her opening address, Her Excellency Ms. Valentina Matvienko highlighted that the region is in need of a new system of intergovernmental relationship with a view to strengthen peace and security, intensify nations' development, ease the negative impact of climate change, ensure food and energy security, and enhance regional cooperation.
4. The President of the Russian Federation, His Excellency Mr. Vladimir Putin sent a Welcoming Address to all the delegates on the occasion of the inauguration of the APPF 21st Annual Meeting. Welcome message was also sent by His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations Organization.

5. Special message from His Excellency Mr. Yasuhiro Nakasone, Honorary President of the APPF was delivered. Honorable Mr. Masahiro Imamura addressed the delegates as leader of the delegation of Japan, the country of the preceding APPF Presidency.

6. At the opening plenary session the report of the Executive Committee was adopted and approved by the Annual Meeting. On the agenda topic of political and security matters delegates engaged in wide-ranging discussions on strengthening peace and stability in the Asia Pacific region and prospects of establishing regional collective security system. Their discussions also focused on combating terrorism, illicit drug trafficking, human trafficking and organized crime. Delegates exchanged views on the challenges and the prospects for further development of the parliamentary diplomacy.

7. At the plenary session on economic and trade cooperation in Asia Pacific delegates welcomed the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation 2012 Report by the Delegation of the Russian Federation. They discussed the global economic situation, development of transport infrastructure, cooperation for innovative growth, promoting economic partnership and free trade, and food security. Special attention was paid to the parliamentary dimension of trade and economic cooperation and integration processes in the Asia Pacific region.

8. At the plenary session on regional cooperation in the Asia Pacific delegates discussed and put forward resolutions on dialogue of civilizations, promotion of cultural, educational and humanitarian contacts, harmonization of youth policy, migration processes, energy security, cooperation in disaster management and environmental protection.

9. In course of the 21st Annual Meeting of the APPF the delegates were invited to take part in the round table discussion of the prospects of further cooperation between the Asia Pacific and Europe, including in a parliamentary dimension. Young

parliamentarians held their meeting on 30 January 2013 to discuss the matters of youth related politics and their harmonization in the Asia Pacific. Presentations of the international cooperation programs of the Russian Far East and Siberia and of the educational and scientific programs attracted the attention of the delegates. Those new features of the APPF meeting pattern were accepted as contributive and useful.

10. At the final plenary session the delegations reported on the progress of implementation of the New Rules of Procedure. Delegates discussed the future activities and the results of the reform of the APPF.

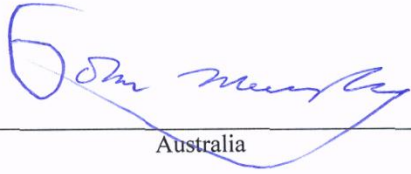
11. 21st Annual Meeting of the APPF adopted 14 resolutions based on the topics mentioned in the preceding paragraphs. The full list of resolutions adopted is attached in Appendix 3.

12. Delegates also accepted Mexico's kind proposal to host the 22nd Annual Meeting of the APPF in Puerto Vallarta from 12 to 16 January 2014.

They also acknowledged the proposal of Ecuador to host the 23rd Annual Meeting of the APPF in 2015.

13. At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting the Delegates thanked the Working Groups and the Drafting Committee for their efforts in developing the Joint Communiqué with related resolutions, which contributed to the successful outcome of the Meeting.

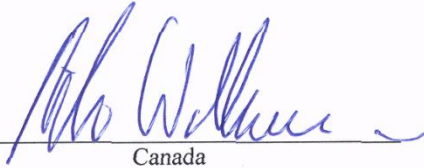
14. The Delegates expressed heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation to the Chairperson of the Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Her Excellency Ms. Valentina Matvienko for her presidency of the 21st Annual Meeting of the APPF and to the people of Russian Federation and citizens of Vladivostok in particular for their hospitality and to the Secretariat and the staff for their hard work and excellent arrangements.



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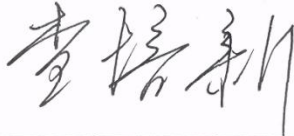
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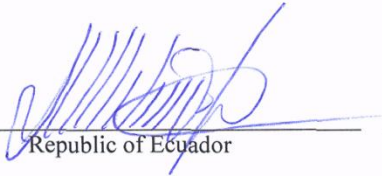
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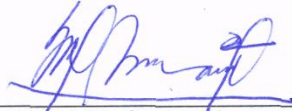
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Republic of Costa Rica



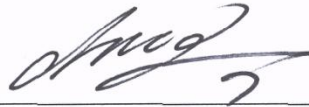
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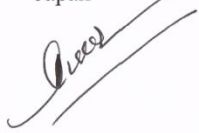
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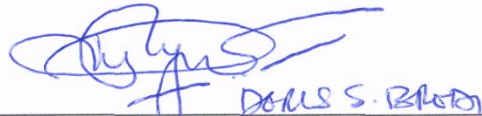
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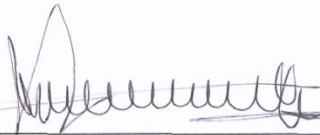
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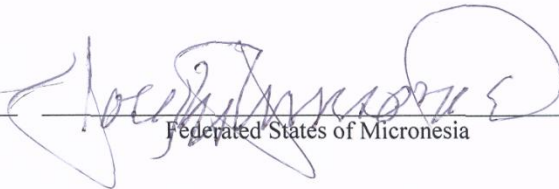
Lao PDR



Malaysia



Mexico



Federated States of Micronesia

 Mongolia	 New Zealand
 Papua New Guinea	 Republic of Philippines
 Russian Federation	 Republic of Singapore
 Kingdom of Thailand	 Socialist Republic of Vietnam
 Brunei Darussalam (Observer)	
 Valentina Matvienko President of the APPF	

Appendix D

LIST OF THE ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

APPF21/RES-01	POLITICAL AND SECURITY MATTERS IN ASIA PACIFIC
APPF21/RES-02	COMBATING TERRORISM, DRUG TRAFFICKING, HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND ORGANISED CRIME
APPF21/RES-03	THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS
APPF21/RES-04	PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY
APPF21/RES-05	THE SITUATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA
APPF21/RES-6	ENERGY COOPERATION, ENERGY SECURITY DIALOGUE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY
APPF21/RES-07	TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN ASIA PACIFIC
APPF21/RES-08	DEVELOPING TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IN ASIA PACIFIC
APPF21/RES-09	INTENSIVE COOPERATION FOR INSURING THE INNOVATIVE GROWTH
APPF21/RES-10	FOOD SECURITY COOPERATION IN ASIA PACIFIC
APPF21/RES-11	DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS, CULTURAL PROMOTION, EDUCATIONAL AND HUMANITARIAN CONTACTS, YOUTH POLICY HARMONIZATION, MIGRATORY PROCESSES
APPF21/RES-12	REGIONAL COOPERATION IN YOUTH POLICIES IN ASIA PACIFIC
APPF21/RES-13	SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION IN ASIA PACIFIC
APPF21/RES-14	COOPERATION ON DISASTER PREVENTION, DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Appendix E

Bilateral Meeting between the Canadian delegation and a Russian delegation led by Mr. Satyrow Vyacheslav, Vice-Chairman of the Council Federation on Wednesday, January 30, 2013

Vice-Chairman Vyacheslav greeted the Canadian delegation and thanked them for their active participation in the debates of the Forum. He expressed gratitude for a gift of 13 bisons from Canada in 2009 to the Sochi region and informed the group they number about 100 now. He also informed the delegation that a strategic development program is now in place for the development of the Far-East region of Russia. This program was inspired by Canadian programs of regional development for Pacific Coast areas.

Mr. Wallace stated that Canada's relationship with Russia is a very important one and asked if Russia is accepting foreign investment in its plans for development of a Far-East infrastructure. The Vice-Chairman answered that for the time being, only Russian investment is allowed, but legislation should be introduced shortly to address this question.

Mr. Wallace mentioned that transparency in business is important. He also addressed the question of Artic sovereignty, stating that Canada's sovereignty of the North-West passage must be recognised. The Vice-Chairman agreed, and advanced that Russia and Canada need to mutually recognize each other's rights in the Artic so as to prevent other countries from making any claims.

Parliamentary Secretary Pierre Lemieux asked that more time be given Canadian beef and pork producers to implement new Russian import requirements and the Vice-Chairman assured him that this problem will be resolved shortly.

Travel Costs

ASSOCIATION	Canada-China Legislative Association and Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group
ACTIVITY	21 st Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF)
DESTINATION	Vladivostok, Russian Federation
DATES	January 27-31, 2013
DELEGATION	
SENATE	Hon. JoAnne Buth Hon. Donald Neil Plett Hon. Joseph A. Day
HOUSE OF COMMONS	Mike Wallace Peter Braid Pierre Lemieux Alex Atamanenko Alexandrine Latendresse Hon. John McCallum
STAFF	Roger Préfontaine
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 88,279.70
ACCOMMODATION	\$ 6,397.70
HOSPITALITY	\$ 327.97
PER DIEMS	\$ 4,775.17
OFFICIAL GIFTS	\$ 439.34
MISCELLANEOUS / REGISTRATION FEES	\$ 120.00
TOTAL	\$ 100,339.88