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**Draft Resolution – “Promoting biodiversity and green economy for inclusive development”**

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**Highlighting** that the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) represents a unique multilateral effort that advocates for regional integration, which has resulted in countless advances and improvements in the most diverse areas within the international community;

**Remembering** that among the agreements of the 28th Annual Meeting of the Parliamentary Forum held in Australia, there are commitments aimed at reducing the amount of garbage in the oceans, while enthusiastically proposing a "blue economy" that promotes the sustainable use of marine resources; preserving the health of oceans and fish stocks; addressing marine pollution, particularly plastic pollution; a greater commitment to the review and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, emphasizing the importance of identifying and addressing the most marginalized and vulnerable people to "leave no one behind", in the spirit of the United Nation’s 2030 Agenda. Likewise, measures were also encouraged to increase sustainable tourism in the region, and promote cultural diversity and interaction between people.

**Specifying** that the aforementioned mainly seeks to maintain a global temperature increase below 2 degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels, as well as to work together to even limit the temperature increase to below 1.5 degrees Celsius, while preserving flora and fauna, marine and terrestrial ecosystems, and promoting new practices in the economy;

**Remembering especially** that, in particular with regard to a green economy and inclusive development, the conclusions adopted at the last United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as COP26, held in 2021, in Glasgow, Scotland, are important. This was a meeting where key issues regarding climate change mitigation and adaptation financing were agreed upon, doubling financing levels for these issues by 2025, while encouraging improvements in multilateral banking, and increasing donations for climate financing. In addition, it mentioned granting greater financing to the”Santiago Network to address the losses and damages resulting from the impacts of climate change". In this regard, the Network will catalyze and channel reliable technical assistance to support efforts to address losses and damages by bringing organizations and experts active in providing such assistance together.

**Taking into account** the relevant background of the achievements of the United Nation’s 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals, contained in resolution A/RES /70/1, of its General Assembly, issued on September 25th, 2015, and their relationship with previous resolutions of the APPF Forum, which emphasize the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 169 goals to be achieved by the signatory countries over the next eight years.

**Giving emphasis**, within the aforementioned SDGs, to No. 15 on "Life on land“, which seeks to "sustainably manage forests, fight desertification, stop and reverse land degradation, and stop the loss of biodiversity; and in the same line, SDG No. 14 on life below water and SDG No. 13 on climate action.

**Stressing** the vulnerability of the Asia-Pacific region to climate change with the loss of marine biodiversity, the extinction of terrestrial species, the enormous problems posed by micro-plastics in the Pacific Ocean, and the melting of permafrost, as well as the existence of environmental sacrifice zones in many of the Forum member countries due to a lack of policies that promote inclusive development with emphasis on the environment;

**Recognizing** that inclusive development goes hand in hand with care for the biodiversity of different species and ecosystems, and a change in the economic paradigm toward economic policies that transversally and integrally consider the different socio-environmental aspects and of respect and inclusion of minorities;

**HEREBY RESOLVE TO:**

1. **Encourage** APPF Member States to implement public policies, programs, and sectoral plans aimed at promoting biodiversity, its care and preservation, reforestation with native species, and the protection of the fauna that inhabits their territories;

**2. Stress** the transcendental importance of international cooperation policies between APPF Member States for the adoption of regulatory frameworks that promote sustainable, local, and low environmental impact economic growth, so that no one is left behind in the formation of a new global economic paradigm, which seeks to reduce greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, have less deforestation, along with regulations that care for ecosystems;

**3. Urge** national APPF parliament members to intensify their efforts to support innovation in science and technology, which will undoubtedly allow the States to be pioneers in the development of a new economy, greater and better regulation of banking and financing mechanisms for local development in areas such as agriculture, water resource care, and the management of forests, basins, rivers, and wetlands;

**4. Propose** specific measures aimed at greater inclusion of sectors historically passed over and excluded from formal financing, decision-making, and that have a low level of civic participation, so that they are part of the new green economy;

**5. Admit** that APPF Member States must jointly fight against the loss of biodiversity, exotic species, and countless ecosystems as a result of the current concept of "development” that several of them use in their regulatory frameworks;

**6. Foster agreements** that allow these issues to be faced multilaterally, with principles such as transparency, accountability, and citizen participation in the formation of public policies that regulate productive and industrial sectors, specifically dealing with industries with high contamination levels and greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.