

**RESOLUTION ON PARLIAMENTS AND THE PROMOTION
OF THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY TO ACHIEVE
CARBON NEUTRALITY / NET ZERO EMISSIONS**

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We, the parliamentarians of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF), gathering in Bangkok, Thailand, for the 30th Annual Meeting of the APPF under the theme *Parliaments and the Post-COVID-19 Sustainable Development*:

Reaffirming the 29th APPF Resolution on Joint Parliamentary Action in Pursuing Response to Climate Change and for Sustainable Development (APPF29/RES/10) adopted in December 2021, Republic of Korea and other climate change resolutions that have been adopted by APPF;

Recognizing that climate change is posing irreversible threats to peace, stability, and well-being of humanity and the planet, requiring urgent collective responses;

Acknowledging the importance of international cooperation in addressing climate change and its consequences in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty;

Realizing that, unless earnest actions are taken, the crisis will worsen and lead to natural disasters, including droughts, floods, extreme weather, sea level rise, coastal erosion and the risk of plant and animal species extinction as well as extreme effect on people's livelihood, for instance, population displacement and food security;

Affirming the principle of equity and common but differentiated responsibility and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances, as provided for in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);

Also affirming the Paris Agreement temperature goal of holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change;

Recognizing the specific needs and special circumstances of developing countries, especially those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, as provided for in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);

Stressing the importance of increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions development, in a manner that does not threaten food production, and making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development; and

Noting that States cannot tackle climate crisis alone and multi-stakeholders and multi-lateral cooperation has become more crucial in addressing climate emergency.

RESOLVE TO:

1. ***Call upon*** APPF Member Parliaments to pass laws and regulations to the best of their abilities to fulfil their countries' commitments on climate actions in supporting a smooth transition to clean energy society;
 2. ***Encourage*** APPF Member Parliaments to support actively and concretely the Paris Agreement and other instruments under the Agreement, such as Green Climate Fund, Adaptation Committee and Technology Executive Committee;
 3. ***Recommend*** the global community to make greater effort to lower greenhouse gas emissions, become resilient and adapt to the impacts of climate change with the goal of carbon neutrality and net zero emissions;
 4. ***Encourage*** APPF Member Parliaments to enhance local, national, regional and international cooperation as well as create multi-stakeholder partnerships, including public-to-private partnership (PPP) dealing with climate change, promoting biodiversity, improving energy efficiency, supporting renewable energy, and facilitating green investment and digital economy including promoting green economy, and strengthening ongoing regional cooperation mechanisms or enabling the prospective ones;
 5. ***Request*** APPF Member Parliaments to amend and enact laws and regulations related to climate change by balancing mitigation and adaptation as well as approve budget for supporting the solution in both short and long terms;
 6. ***Reaffirm*** the importance of local people as partners of the policy making process because they are directly affected by the climate change;
 7. ***Encourage*** capacity and ability building of APPF parliamentary staff on climate change by exchanging knowledge, experiences, and technology among them; and
 8. ***Enhance*** the people's awareness of the causes and effects of climate change through education, information dissemination and participation in environmental protection in order to facilitate their adaptation to climate change-related trends.
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