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**RESOLUTION ON
PROMOTING BIODIVERSITY AND GREEN ECONOMY
FOR INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT**

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

Recalling the APPF Resolution on International cooperation for greater economic resilience and inclusive growth after COVID-19 (APPF29/RES.06) adopted in Seoul, Republic of Korea; and the Resolution on the role of the APPF in promoting the partnership for sustainable development and inclusive growth in the Asia-Pacific (APPF26/RES.06), adopted in Hanoi, Republic of Vietnam;

Reaffirming the Convention on Biological Diversity that emphasizes the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of biodiversity, and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits from the use of genetic resources;

Also recalling, in particular, the Kunming Declaration 2020 that provides a guideline for a global biodiversity framework and recognizes the importance of protection, conservation, restoration, and sustainable management of biodiversity and ecosystems;

Noting the roles of biodiversity, circular economy, and green economy that equally contribute to both economic development and environmental protection by efficiently and consciously using natural resources and introducing the terms of sharing, reusing, and recycling materials and products within the biological limits with the aims to achieve for better and more sustainable livelihood for all;

Acknowledging the importance of bio-economy, circular economy, and green economy that count on the sustainable use of biological diversity and natural resources to reduce environmental problems such as pollution, deforestation, biodiversity loss, and climate change, in parallel with the effort to tackle multi-dimensional issues such as poverty, food crisis, and social injustice for the improvement in quality of life, as well as the resilient and inclusive development for all;

Bearing in mind the benefit of value chain and service supply chain generated by bio-economy, circular economy, and green economy combined with the emerging of disruptive technologies and digital innovation play a significant role in increasing competitiveness, opportunities, and value added from sustainably managed biological resources;

Underlining the new economic prospects and social opportunities created by bio-economy, circular economy, green economy, and technological innovation will deliver a comprehensive and sustainable growth and promote trust, social ties, and the equitable distribution of opportunity and the improvement of social disparities;

Mindful that the current persisting global challenges such as economic downturn, new pandemic diseases and health security, loss of biodiversity, climate change, and other environmental issues require prompt and robust response to stabilize economic recovery and social immunity in conjunction with the attempts to preserve as well as to protect biological diversity and sustainable consumption for the post-COVID-19 era; and

Having considered that the partnership and collaboration on biodiversity and ecological preservation and protection among stakeholders and all of the society namely the parliament, the government units, public and private sectors especially vulnerable groups and the youth, and international networks are mutually responsible for the distribution of scientific knowledge, technology transfer, and research and development program that relatively result in creating competitiveness economic opportunities, and sustainable supply chain.

RESOLVE TO:

1. ***Call upon*** APPF Member Parliaments to take all related legislative actions including reviewing, revising, and enacting both existing and the forthcoming legal instruments to reduce numerous legal barriers for the economic opportunities and also offer incentive and new business opportunities guided by bio-economy, circular economy, and green economy, as well as to give emphasis on the ongoing biodiversity loss, and environmental preservation and protection;
2. ***Urge*** APPF Member Parliaments to realize its parliamentary mandate in budgetary function to support sufficient budget allocation and the expansion of needed infrastructure, facilities, and workforce to ensure that biodiversity and ecological systems are well-preserved and protected with effective management and decisive implementation;
3. ***Encourage*** APPF Member Parliaments to meaningfully strengthen human capital and human resource development for the post-COVID-19 period including capacity building in various sectors such as education, labor market, and agribusiness through the use of disruptive technologies, innovation collaboration, and integration of circular design knowledge tools to strengthen businesses' competitiveness, resilience, and sustainable management of natural resources.
4. ***Emphasize*** the role of APPF parliaments to promote public participation and raise social awareness on benefit sharing, opportunities, and challenges according to an emerging policy and industrial drive made by bio-economy and today's disruption on technology and innovation that offer both advancement and limitation;
5. ***Recommend*** APPF Member Parliaments to share collective efforts with the government, private sector, society, and educational institutions to introduce the understanding of scientific knowledge, adaptive and resilient models, especially practical nature-based solutions for the sustainable development;
6. ***Recognize*** the role of parliaments to enhance the cooperation between domestic and international actors through international organizations and academia for the better understanding on technology advancement, biodiversity and green economy that profoundly contribute to the sustainable development and economic growth;

7. ***Also encourage*** APPF Member Parliaments to consider any necessary preparations for the development, adoption, and implementation of a transformative and ambitious legislative agenda related to the post-2020 Biodiversity Framework in order to benefit both the economy and nature in a balanced way; and
 8. ***Also urge*** APPF Member Parliaments to monitor and follow up the updating of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) according to the Post-2020 Global Target on biodiversity to fully incorporate green economic considerations in their recommendations.
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