

**30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF)**  
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**POLITICAL AND SECURITY AFFAIRS:**

**PARLIAMENTS AND SUSTAINABLE POST-COVID19 RECOVERY TO PROMOTE  
DEMOCRACY, PEACE AND SECURITY.**

We, the parliamentarians of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF), participating in the 30th Annual Meeting of the APPF held in the city of Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand, with the topic "Parliaments and Sustainable Development after COVID-19":

**Considering** that now more than ever it is necessary to safeguard democracy as a system of government that promotes freedoms, human rights, plurality, and political equality of people, convinced that with the implementation of its principles and values, the preservation of peace and security between and among States is sustained;

**Endorsing** the representative, transparent, accessible, oversight, accountable and effective nature of the activities carried out by Parliaments of the Asia-Pacific region and the rest of the world, which represent a fundamental pillar for the exercise of democracy and the rule of law in the countries;

**Reconfirming** the growing influence of the Legislative Chambers in matters of the international agenda through parliamentary diplomacy, which promotes the participation of additional stakeholders in the search for solutions to issues such as the protection of human rights, the strengthening of democratic institutions, the promotion of the gender agenda, the fight against the effects of the climate phenomenon, the protection of migrants and refugees, among others;

**Recalling** our international commitments in favor of global progress embodied in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, especially Sustainable Development Goal 16 on "Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions", with goals aimed at protecting democratic systems, as well as other highly relevant instruments such as the Paris Agreement and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration;

**Reprising** proposals contained in the "Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on Our Common Agenda," especially those related to the promotion of peace and conflict prevention, with the purpose of reducing strategic risks such as nuclear weapons and cyberwarfare; reformulating responses to all forms of violence; investing in prevention and peacebuilding; focusing security policies on women and girls; among others;

**Revalidating** the importance of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) by representing a space where ideas and proposals converge to address various issues of the region linked to the global context, in addition to favoring cooperation at all levels. Likewise, recalling previous APPF resolutions related to political and security issues in the Asia-Pacific region;

**Considering** that in the global context prior to the health emergency, there were already significant challenges to the development and well-being of the various peoples, and that we are currently facing the profound social, economic, and political effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, which are generating strong impacts on the exercise of democracy, together with the growing levels of inequality and consequent discontent in broad sectors of society;

**Noting** with great concern the ongoing events in the war between the Russian Federation and Ukraine, as well as the devastating consequences for the population of that region, added to the serious socioeconomic, energy and food consequences in the rest of the world that are generating high levels of inflation not seen in recent decades, in addition to tensions that threaten the peace and security of the international community;

**Recording** some economic forecasts, such as those of the International Monetary Fund, which estimate global growth of 3.2% in 2022 and 2.9% in 2023, as well as figures for the Emerging and Developing Asia region of 4.6% in 2022 and 5% in 2023, in addition to global inflation projections reaching 8.3% in 2022;

**Resolve:**

1. **Promoting** in Legislative Chambers part of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum the defense of democratic values for the exercise of the Rule of Law, the balance of powers and the defense of freedoms, as well as to continue promoting their participation in spaces such as the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the different regional parliamentary forums to assert their representative nature of the population direct interests.
2. **Inviting** to continue strengthening APPF role as a plural and open forum to debate and reach agreements, settling differences that arise in the region or providing solutions to the international agenda challenges, especially in the continuation of efforts to address the ravages of the health emergency and the recovery of the global economy.
3. **Building** the necessary mechanisms and reforms aimed at renewing the social contract between governments and society to revitalize democracy, seeking to restore citizens' confidence in State institutions and to promote governance actions aimed at providing effective results to social demands. The above, considering the various civil society, private sector, and academia stakeholders.
4. **Promoting** resilience and sustainable development from the APPF Parliaments to continue in the post-pandemic recovery processes with a comprehensive and renewed vision promoting the use of clean energies with investments towards the green transition, the benefits offered by digital technologies, and above all the growing role of the population in microeconomy through micro and small businesses.

5. **Contributing** with governments efforts to address the immediate challenges that threaten international peace and security through emergency plans to reduce economic imbalances; the effects of global warming such as fires, heat waves and recurrent droughts; armed conflicts; forced people displacement; the emergence of new pandemics; cyber-attacks; among others.
6. **Ensuring** the prevalence of dialogue, consensus, and the peaceful resolution of disputes in multilateral forums for the Ukraine crisis to be resolved as soon as possible, as well as to advocate for the creation of recovery plans to compensate for the negative effects on the world economy.