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INTER-PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION FOR THE REALIZATION OF A WORLD WITHOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The 30th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

**Recalling** the resolution on the joint courses of action and future-oriented dialogue towards a world without nuclear weapons, adopted at the United Nations General Assembly in 2021;

**Criticizing strongly** the fact that nuclear-related facilities in Ukraine are being attacked by Russia and a nuclear threat is taking place in the course of the Russian invasion into Ukraine;

**Emphasizing** that a disaster caused by the use of a nuclear weapon must never happen again;

**Affirming** the necessity that the nuclear-weapon states make a commitment anew to the Joint Statement of the Leaders of the Five Nuclear-Weapon States on Preventing Nuclear War and Avoiding Arms Races announced on January 3, 2022, which shows the recognition that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought, and that nuclear use would have far-reaching consequences;

**Acknowledging** that the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) is the cornerstone of the international nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime, and that maintaining and reinforcing the NPT initiative is playing a critically important role in keeping the peace and security of the international community;

**Bearing in mind** that while it was regrettable that the NPT Review Conference held in August 2022 failed to adopt a final document, it was confirmed through the discussions among the state parties that the NPT regime itself is still beneficial;

**Emphasizing** the importance that the nuclear-weapon states hold constructive dialogues regarding the problems left toward the signing of the protocol of the Treaty of Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (the Bangkok Treaty);

**Reaffirming** that the initiatives of states in the Asia-Pacific region are of critical importance in realizing a world without nuclear weapons;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Emphasize** the importance of continuing the non-use of nuclear weapons;

2. **Encourage** all the nuclear-weapon states including those in the Asia-Pacific region to disclose information for improving the transparency of their nuclear forces, especially information regarding the production of fissile material for use in nuclear weapons;

3. **Call** on all the nuclear-weapon states including those in the Asia-Pacific region for a responsible commitment towards the reduction of nuclear weapons and nuclear disarmament, including the obligation to pursue negotiations in good faith on nuclear disarmament, based on Article 6 of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and support dialogue for the reduction of nuclear weapons among these states;

4. **Request** the APPF Member States to further enhance their commitments to promoting the peaceful uses of nuclear energy while ensuring the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons;

5. **Encourage** leaders throughout the world to visit the bombed cities from the perspective of spreading an accurate understanding on the reality of the atomic bombings;

6. **Encourage** the APPF Member Parliaments to heighten international momentum towards realizing a world without nuclear weapons, through dialogues among parliaments to cooperate for the achievement of the reduction of nuclear weapons and the realization of nuclear disarmament.