ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF)

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Role of THE APPF in RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

in the Asia-Pacific region and the world

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

**Reaffirming** that strong inter-parliamentary cooperation is crucial for finding global solutions that ensure all countries can meet these challenges as climate change is a global issue which transcends borders and poses a serious risk to human security at many levels,

**Recognizing** with deep concern that continued global warming leads to increased risks as well as impacts all regions globally, including the Asia-Pacific region, profoundly affecting human life while disproportionately impacting women and marginalized groups as well as livelihoods and ecosystems, as identified in the Working Group II contribution to the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report,

**Reaffirming** our commitment to implement the resolutions on climate change adopted at previous APPF Annual Meetings, including the Resolution on Joint Parliamentary Action in Pursuing Response to Climate Change and for Sustainable Development adopted by the 29th annual meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum in Seoul, Republic of Korea, in December 2021,

Welcoming the Paris Agreement adopted in 2015 by the world leaders at the Conference of the Parties (COP21), which entered into force in November 2016, and the historic achievement of COP26, which finalized the Paris Rulebook,

Noting that all parts of the Asia Pacific region are affected negatively by climate change, that the achievement of carbon neutrality is dependent on the efforts of all countries in the Asia Pacific region, and that some countries – including small island nations and landlocked developing countries – face an especially grave threat from long-term changes to the environment,

Acknowledging the crucial role of parliamentarians, in particular the regional commitment among APPF members to adopt legislation and national budgets that ensure effective implementation in realizing the objectives of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Sustainable Development Goals,

**Recalling** that parliamentary diplomacy is key to raising awareness of the complexities of the interrelated challenges of climate and disaster risk and the need for urgent action to address the serious impact on many of our communities, now and in the years to come,

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Reaffirm** the centrality of the APPF for promoting dialogue between Asia-Pacific parliaments for response to climate change, accelerating a coordinated multilateral response in the Asia-Pacific region and the world;
2. Endorse the Glasgow Climate Pact that recognizes that the impact of climate change will be much lower at a temperature increase of just 1.5°C relative to that at an increase of 2°C, and resolves to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C;
3. Acknowledge that we are moving from an era in which climate change initiatives are seen as a constraint or cost to economic growth into an era in which they are seen as an opportunity for growth;
4. Call on APPF member countries to promote concrete implementation by utilizing the guidelines for market mechanisms based on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, which was agreed to at COP26;
5. Request that APPF member parliaments accelerate implementation of legislation and budgetary measures regarding their response to climate change, such as practical realization of innovation in various areas, improving energy efficiency, and strengthening the functions of parliaments to oversee these policies in order to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050;
6. Enhance transparency, accountability, and reporting of climate change actions in our National Assemblies;
7. **Call on** APPF member countries to maintain their commitment to the APPF and make every possible effort for response to climate change in the Asia-Pacific region and the world.