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RESOLUTION ON

REITERATING PARLIAMENTARY COMMITMENT TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Reaffirming the United Nations Resolutions A/Res/55/2 on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) originated from the Millennium Declaration of the United Nations in 2000;

Reiterating that Millennium Development Goals is an international commitment that aims to improve the quality of life of hundreds of millions of people, including those in the poorest countries;

Citing the 19th APPF Resolution on Strengthening Parliamentary Effort to Accelerate the Achievement on Millennium Development Goals;

Being Mindful that cooperative action must be seriously carried out in order to create supportive environment in the region to accelerate the achievement of MDGs in 2015;

Stressing that Asia-Pacific is a wide region therefore international action among parliamentarians shall contribute major changes to the acceleration of the Millennium Development Goals;

Resolves to:

- 1. **Encourage** the APPF Member Countries to continue conducting necessary actions to accelerate the Millennium Development Goals;
- 2. Recommend the MDGs task force/agent/committee/working group at the APPF Member Parliaments to establish a joint meeting in order to address problems with the MDGs in the region;
- 3. Request the developed countries in APPF to reinforce its commitment to provide 0.7 % of their Gross National Income (GNI) to Official Development Assistance (ODA) to developing countries and least developed countries focusing on developing infrastructures to reach targets in gender equality, child and maternal health as well as HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases to narrow the gap of development within and among Asia Pacific countries;

- 4. Urge APPF Member Countries to strengthen their commitment to alleviating poverty in Asia-Pacific region and giving special attention to investment and management of basic infrastructure services in order to eliminate the development gap among countries in the region;
- 5. Further suggest APPF Member Parliaments to continue raising public awareness of the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;
- **6. Encourage** APPF Member Parliaments to strengthen support to their respective government in achieving the Millennium Development Goals by optimizing essential functions in legislating, budgeting, and monitoring.