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RESOLUTION  
ON

**THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS**

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

**Convinced** that achieving a final and peaceful settlement of the issue of Palestine is imperative for the attainment of comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East;

**Hoping** that the Israelis and Palestinians will continue their efforts to peacefully establish a Palestinian state that co-exists with Israel;

**Reaffirming** that a just and lasting solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict must be based on such resolutions as the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council Resolutions, previous agreements between Israel and the PLO, and the Resolution on the Middle East Peace Process adopted at the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the APPF on January 2011;

**Expressing** serious concern about the suspension of the direct negotiations between the Israeli and the Palestinian sides which were once resumed in September 2010;

**Expressing** support for the Middle East peace process and the efforts to reach a final and lasting settlement between the Israeli and the Palestinian sides as soon as possible. Recognizing the importance of empowering vulnerable civilians in or emerging from armed conflict through education and training as a means to assist civilians rebuilding their lives and to support the peace process in the area;

**Resolves to:**

1. **Urge** both the Israeli and the Palestinian sides to return to the direct negotiations;
2. **Urge** both the Israeli and the Palestinian sides to commit themselves to the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, the Madrid Principles, the Roadmap, the agreements previously reached by the parties and the Arab Peace Initiative and to fulfill the obligation under them;
3. **Urge** both Israel and the Palestinian side to halt the use of force and achieve a durable unconditional cessation of violence;
4. **Call upon** both parties to avoid unilateral actions which prejudice final status issues, including settlement activities in the West Bank;
5. **Encourage** all parties concerned to make efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; affirm again that establishment of Palestinian state, security

for Israel and its border are essential factors of permanent peace; and call upon Israel and the Palestinian Authority to strive for building a proper environment for establishing a Palestinian state;

6. **Confirm** that creating a viable Palestinian economy premised on tangible improvement of living standard is necessary for building a Palestinian state, and therefore call upon the international community to support to this end;
7. **Urge** all sides to improve the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip;
8. **Support** the efforts of the international community including the Quartet towards the resumption of peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians, and urge the Quartet, other concerned countries and all APPF countries to continue to extend as much support and cooperation as possible to the Middle East peace process.
9. **Highlight** the importance in providing capacity building for Palestine.