

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

At the invitation of the Parliament of New Zealand, the 16th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) was held in Auckland, New Zealand from 20 to 24 January 2008 with participants from 21 member parliaments and 9 observer countries. The list of participants is attached.

The Executive Committee convened a meeting on 20 January, before the opening of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Executive Committee meeting is attached.

On 21 January 2008, at the opening ceremony the Hon. Margaret Wilson, President of the APPF and Speaker of the New Zealand House of Representatives welcomed the participants to the Annual Meeting and declared the meeting open.

His Excellency Mr Sergey Mironov, Former President of the APPF and Chairman of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation and Diputado Patricio Walker, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Chile, addressed the participants. Mr Yoshinobu Shimamura, Permanent Leader of the Japanese Delegation, delivered a speech to the APPF on behalf of the Honorary President of APPF, His Excellency Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone.

Delegations were honoured and pleased to have the opportunity to meet the Governor-General of New Zealand, His Excellency Anand Satyanand, and the Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Rt Hon Helen Clark.

In the plenary session on political and security issues delegates discussed a number of topics and made resolutions on the situation in the Korean Peninsula, cluster munitions, the Middle East peace process and the situation in Iraq, and the situation in Myanmar.

In the plenary session on economic and trade issues delegates discussed a number of topics and made resolutions on climate change and sustainable development, energy security, international and regional trade developments, people-centred information, and science and technology.

In the plenary session on regional cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region delegates discussed a range of topics and made resolutions on disaster preparedness and pandemic disease, interfaith dialogue and the Alliance of Civilisations, promoting women's participation in politics and the economy, South Pacific fisheries management, and a number of issues of long-term concern to the region, such as demographic changes, water management, human rights, the abduction of citizens, poverty alleviation, the mutual recognition of occupations, free speech, HIV/AIDS, child labour, marine pollution, and the treatment and protection of migrant workers.



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The 16th Annual Meeting of the APPF adopted 23 resolutions on these issues. These resolutions are attached.

In the final plenary session participants discussed the future role of the APPF and agreed that the 17th Annual Meeting be hosted by the National Assembly of the Lao People's Democratic Republic from 11 to 15 January 2009.

The annual meeting resolved to invite the President of the APPF, after consulting with the Executive Committee and the Honorary Chairperson, to write to the new Executive Committee setting out the ideas raised at the 16th Annual Meeting and asking that it:

- Review the rules of procedure during 2008 and make recommendations for amendments that it thinks fit to the 17th Annual Meeting; and
- Address the ideas raised at the 16th Annual Meeting with Laos in terms of developing the draft agenda and schedule for the 17th Annual Meeting.

The meeting thanked the Drafting Committee for its efforts in developing a package of resolutions and the joint communiqué, which contributed to the success of the meeting.

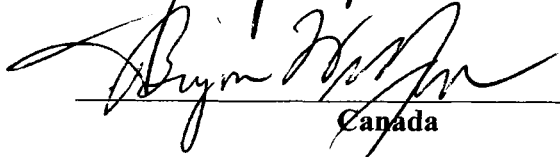
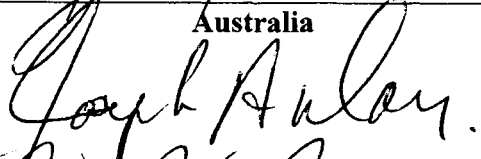
The Annual Meeting expressed its appreciation and gratitude to the New Zealand Parliament for its organisation and hospitality, and especially to Hon. Margaret Wilson, Speaker of the House of Representatives for her Presidency of the APPF, and to the Secretariat and the staff for their hard work, which contributed to the success of the Annual Meeting.



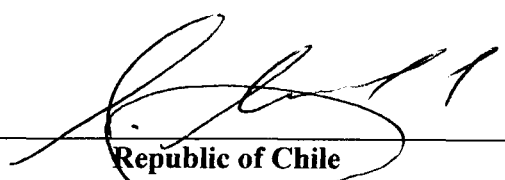
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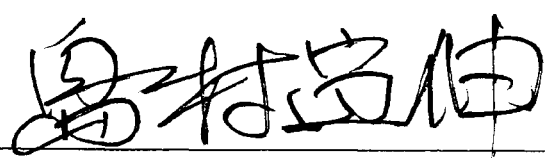
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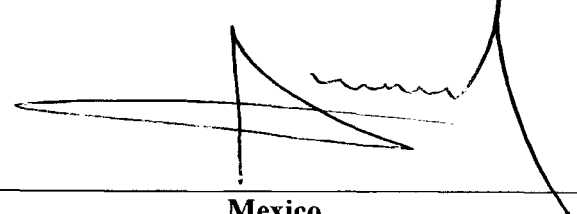
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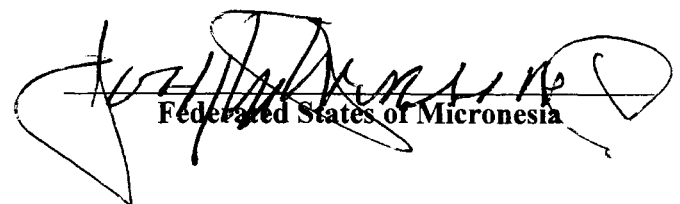
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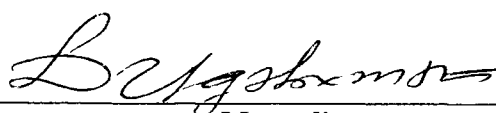
Malaysia



Mexico

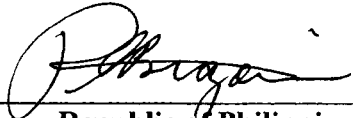


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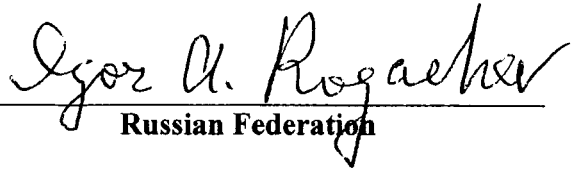


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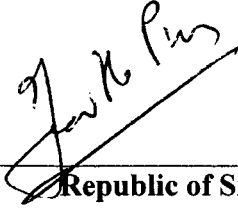
Papa New Guinea



Republic of Philippines



Russian Federation



Republic of Singapore



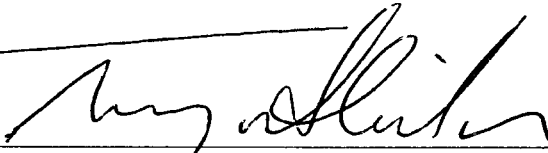

Kingdom of Thailand



Viet Nam



New Zealand



Hon Margaret Wilson, President of the APPF

16TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY 20 JANUARY 2008

The Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum Executive Committee Meeting was held in Auckland, New Zealand on Sunday 20 January 2008. Participants included representatives from 8 of the 9 Executive Committee member countries, namely: Canada, Chile, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Laos.

The meeting was chaired by the Hon Margaret Wilson, Speaker of the New Zealand Parliament.

The Executive Committee resolved that:

1. The agenda of the 16th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum, as set out in appendix 1 be adopted
2. At the first plenary session, the Chairman of the Federation Council of Russia will speak immediately before the tea break on item 1.2 Institution building in the Asia Pacific, and that after the tea break the plenary session will begin with agenda item 1.1 Situation in the Korean Peninsula
3. The Programme of Activities for the 16th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum, as set out in appendix 2 be adopted
4. Hon Clem Simich, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand, Ann Hartley, Assistant Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand; HV Ross Robertson, Assistant Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand be chairpersons of the plenary sessions.
5. The time limits for speakers at the plenary sessions be 7 minutes for speeches and 5 minutes for participants in the open debate
6. The draft resolutions submitted by the national delegations to the 16th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum, as set out in appendix 3, be adopted



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LIST OF DELEGATES

AUSTRALIA

David Hawker	Speaker of The House of Representatives
Patrick Secker	MP

CAMBODIA

Samrin Heng	President of the National Assembly
Yeap Cheam	Member of Parliament
Chhay Son	Member of Parliament
Thavy Nhem	Member of Parliament
Kim Yeat Chhit	Senator
Sam Khieu	Member of Parliament
Chasy Ty	Senator
Kosal Koam	Advisor

CANADA

Bryon Wilfert	Member of Parliament
Joseph Day	Senator
Brian Masse	Member of Parliament
Michael Wallace	Member of Parliament
Charles Hubbard	Member of Parliament
Marilyn Trenholme	Counsell Senator
John Maloney	Member of Parliament
Christian Ouellet	Member of Parliament
James Bezan	Member of Parliament
Terrance Stratton	Senator

CHILE

Patricio Walker	President of the Chamber of Deputies
Sergio Romero	Senator
Marcelo Forni	Deputy
Roberto Galilea	Deputy
Patricio León	Deputy
Marco Melero	Deputy
Raúl Núñez	Deputy
Samuel Sunico	Deputy
Pedro Venegas	Deputy
	Muñoz Deputy

CHINA

Jialu Xu	Vice Chairman, Standing Committee of The National People's Congress
Yingfan Wang	Vice Chairman of Foreign Affairs Cttee.
Chunying Xin	Vice Chairperson, Legislative Affairs Commission of the NPC Standing Cttee.
Hong Liu	Member, The Financial and Economic Affairs Cttee.
Yuefeng Ni	Member, Environmental Protection and Resources Conservation Cttee.

INDONESIA**Abdillah**

Theo Leo
Sidharto
Zainudin
Lalu Misbah
Constant Marino
Hakim Sorimuda
La Ode
Edwin
Mughtar
Nyoman

Toha

Sambuaga
Danusubroto
Amali
Hidayat
Ponggawa
Pohan
Ida
Kawilarang
Naim
Rudana

Member of Parliament

Member of Parliament
Member of Parliament
Member of Parliament
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Member of Parliament
Member of Parliament
Senator, House of Regional Representatives
Senator, House of Regional Representatives
Member of the Council of Regional Representatives
Member of the Council of Regional Representatives

JAPAN**Yoshinobu**

Takuji
Ryo
Michiyo
Kenichi
Nooki
Sugeru

Shimamura

Yanagimoto
Shuhama
Takagi
Mizuno
Tanaka
Tanaka

Member, House of Representatives

Member, House of Representatives
Member, House of Councilors
Member, House of Representatives
Member, House of Representatives
Member, House of Councilors
Delegation Secretary and Exec. Assistant to Mr Yashuhiro Nakasone

LAOS**Xaysomphone**

Boungnong
Koukeo
Viseth

Phomvihane

Boupha
Akhamountry
Svengsuksa

Vice-President of National Assembly

Member of Parliament
Member of Parliament, Vice-Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee
Deputy Secretary General

MALAYSIA**Ramli**

Abdul Hamid
Musa
Rizuan
Latiff
Ismail
Siti Rokiah

Ngah Talib

Pawanteh
Sheikh Fadzir
Ab. Hamid
Tamby Chik
Kasim
Mohd. Zabidin

Speaker of the House of Representatives

President of the Senate
Senator
Senator
Senator
Senator
Senator

MEXICO**Carlos**

Ar
Lourdes
Minerva
Carlos Armando
María Eugenia
Gustavo
Erick
Antonio Xavier
Nohemi Ludivina
Francisco
Eugenio

Jiménez Macías

Castelo Parada
Quiñones Canales
Hernández Ramos
Reyes López
Campos Galvân
Madero Muñoa
López Barriga
López Adame
Menchaca Castellanos
Arroyo Vieyra
Govea Arcos

Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Relations, Asia Pacific

Senator
Congresswoman
Senator
Deputy Federal
Parliamentary
Senator
Congressman
Member of Parliament
Senator
Senator
Senator

MICRONESIA

Joseph J.
Claude H.

Urusemal
Phillip

Chairman, Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs
Senator

MONGOLIA

Idevkhten
Erdeneburen
Batbold

Doloonjin
Ravjikh
Sundui

Vice-Chairman
Member of Parliament
Member of Parliament

NEW ZEALAND

Tim
Mark
Pansy
David
Sue
Metiria
Pita
Sue
Moana
Lindsay
Jill
Brian
John
Judy
Lesley
Keith
Lynne

Barnett
Blumsky
Wong
Bennett
Kedgley
Turei
Paraone
Moroney
Mackey
Carter
Tisch
Pettis
Donnelly
Hayes
Turner
Soper
Locke
Pillay

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Moses

Maladina

Member of Parliament

PHILIPPINES

Rodolfo
Panfilo
Feder
Glenn
Manuel

Biazon
Lacson
Biazon
Chong
Mamba

Senator
Senator
Member of Parliament
Member of Parliament
Member of Parliament

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Chae Jung
Bong Ju
Youngsook
Song Ja
Chang Sun
Euiyong

Lim
Chung
Kim
Kim
Hong
Chung

Speaker of National Assembly
Member of the National Assembly
Member of the National Assembly
Member of the National Assembly
Member of the National Assembly
Member of the National Assembly

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Sergey	Mirinov	Chairman of the Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
Victor	Ozerov	Senator
Igor	Rogachev	Senator
Oleg	Shurdumov	Senator
Nikolay	Tonkov	Senator

SINGAPORE

Ho Pin	Teo	Member of Parliament
Faishal Ibrahim	Muhammad	Member of Parliament

THAILAND

Charan	Kullavanijaya	First Vice President of the National Assembly
Chuthatawat	Indrasukhsri	The Member of the National Assembly
Damrong	Sumalyasak	The Member of the National Assembly
Prakit	Prachonpachanuk	The Member of the National Assembly
Permsak	Puangsaraj	The Member of the National Assembly
Manee	Chaiteeranuwatsiri	The Member of the National Assembly
Saksit	Tridech	The Member of the National Assembly

VIET NAM

Thi Phong	Tong	Vice-President of National Assembly
Anh Dzung	Ngo	Vice-Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee
Minh Hue	Ha	Member of Parliament
Trong Khanh	Phan	Member of Parliament

LIST OF OBSERVERS

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Pengiran Haji Abdul Momin

King Chin
Pehin Dato Haji Judin
Rose Aminah
Hajah Zirwatul Asilati

Pengiran Haji Ismail

Goh
Haji Asar
Haji Ismail
Haji Misli

Managing Director of GHK Group of Companies
Secretary to Councils of Cabinet Ministers/Clerk of Legislative Councils
Assistant Clerk of Legislative Councils
Assistant Director

COOK ISLANDS

Mapu Tangatatutai

John

Taia

Tangi

Speaker of Parliament

Leader of the House

KIRIBATI

Taomati

Toakai
i

Iuta

Koririntetaake
Takanene

Speaker

Member of Parliament
Deputy Clerk

MEXICO

Francisco

Eugenio

Arroyo Vieyra

Govea

Vicepresident of Mexican Senate

Senator

NAURU

Riddel

Dominic

Akua

Tabuna

Speaker of Parliament of Nauru

Deputy Speaker

NIUE

Atapana

Billy Graham

Siakimotu

Talagi

Speaker

Member of Legislative Assembly

SAMOA

Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe

Ropati

Leiataua

Le Mamea

Speaker

Member of Parliament

TONGA

'Aavea

Amami Kaufusi

Tu'iha'ateiho

Helu

Noble of the Realm and Member of Parliament

Member of Parliament

TUVALU

Kamuta

Willy
Lily

Latasi

Telavi
Faavae

Speaker

Parliamentarian
Clerk to Parliament

VANUATU

Sam Dan

Erick
Bulekuli dit SacSac

Avock

Jack
Lino

Speaker of Parliament

Member for Luganville
Clerk of Parliament