



**THE 17th ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF)
11-15 January 2009, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR**

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**Resolution
on
Climate Change and Environment
(Submitted by Canada and Japan)**

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF):

Recognizing that climate change and environmental problems are global and potentially the most severe challenge for all humankind;

Recalling resolutions which were related to these problems and adopted in the past annual meetings of the APPF;

Welcoming the endeavors of the international community through such forums as the 14th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), COP9 of the Convention on Biodiversity and Leaders Meeting of Major Economies on Energy Security and Climate Change, and recognizing the common but differentiated responsibilities;

Noting our Asia-Pacific countries' determination to make efforts for the resolution of these serious and urgent problems which international community should deal with,

Hereby resolves:

1. that the 17th Annual Meeting of the APPF, noting the agreement of G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit, will call upon developed countries to take the lead in emissions reduction;
2. to welcome the outcomes of the COP13 held in Bali in 2007 and the COP14 in Poznan in 2008, the APPF member countries and to continue to cooperate to enable the full effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action, now, up to and beyond 2012;
3. that the 17th Annual Meeting of the APPF call upon the member countries to work together towards strengthening the ability for adaptation to climate change, including disaster risk reduction, of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states most vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change;

4. that the 17th Annual Meeting of the APPF call upon the member countries to recognize the critical role of technology to respond to climate change and the need for accelerating deployment, diffusion and transfer of environmentally sound technology to developing countries;
5. that the 17th Annual Meeting of the APPF call upon the member countries of the APPF recognize to that actions to reduce emissions, including from deforestation and forest degradation, and to increase removals by sinks in the land use, land use change and forestry can make contribution to stabilizing GHGs in the atmosphere and to undertake forest conservation, reforestation and afforestation and sustainable management actively, and promote a co-benefits approach that will lead to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity as well;
6. that the 17th of the Annual Meeting of the APPF calls upon the member countries of APPF to increase efforts for a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss, and express support for the meetings, namely, the Convention on Biodiversity COP10 and the Cartagena Protocol COP/MOP5 to be held in Nagoya, Aichi, Japan in 2010;
7. that the 17th of the Annual Meeting of the APPF call upon the member countries of APPF to cooperate in confronting environmental challenges such as trans-boundary air pollution, protection of marine environment and water resources;
8. that the 17th of the Annual Meeting of the APPF emphasize the importance of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in tackling environmental issues to the member countries of APPF;
9. that APPF member countries build and promote sound material-cycle societies through the 3R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Initiative.