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**Resolution  
on  
Political Security in the Asia Pacific Region**  
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THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

**Stating** that the dynamic shifts are particularly evident in the Asia-Pacific states, where various changes of the globalized economy and enhanced multifaceted interdependence are observable;

**Noting** that these countries are increasingly facing new challenges which cannot be addressed without creating a better security architecture and institutions for sustainable development;

**Stating again** that international terrorism, other new challenges and threats along with the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery pose a direct threat to our concept of free, open, peaceful and prosperous societies;

**Based on common understanding** that all terrorist acts are criminal and unjustifiable, and must be unequivocally condemned, especially when they target civilians, or use the abhorrent practices of suicide bombing and hostage taking;

**Stressing** that terrorist acts cannot be excused or justified by any alleged cause, conflict, oppression, or poverty;

**Acknowledging** the important role played by the UN and by the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy;

**Hereby resolves to:**

1. **Urge** full cooperation to ensure that the flow of people, goods, services and investments remains secure and open, free from terrorist attack, and that economies and markets operate without disruption;
2. **Stress** the need for consistent implementation of the universal counter-terrorism measures of UN and of the resolutions of the Security Council, and also, where applicable, of Financial Action Task Force's (FATF) Recommendations;
3. **Welcome** the efforts of the international community to combat piracy and armed robbery at sea and encourage further concerted efforts to fight against piracy.