

THE 15TH ANNUAL MEETING
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STRENGTHENING POLITICAL AND SECURITY COOPERATION

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THE 15TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA- PACIFIC
PARLIAMENTARY FORUM,

Reaffirming the importance of global peace and security and stability in the Asia Pacific region under generally recognized principles and rules of international law, particularly those concerning friendly relations and cooperation among states;

Recognizing that in an increasingly globalized world, countries share a greater stake in regional and international peace and stability;

Aware that dialogue and cooperation within the Asia Pacific region on political and security issues enhances mutual understanding among nations, avoids misunderstanding and conflicts, and contributes to peace and stability in the region;

Committed to states working together to promote bilateral, regional, and multilateral dialogue and cooperation within the Asia Pacific on security issues;

Welcoming constructive engagement by all states in regional for a in the Asia Pacific region with the aim of bringing about peace, stability and prosperity;

Supportive of efforts by fora such as APEC, the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), the East Asia Summit (EAS), the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) and the ASEAN Security Community (ASC) in promoting regional stability and creating a regional political, economic and security architecture;

Noting the stated aims of the conference to “turn the Asia Pacific nations into a big family”;

RESOLVES TO:

Call upon all member states to strengthen their cooperation in the field of political and security matters for the purpose of promoting a peaceful climate and stability in the region;

Promote the importance of open and inclusive regional dialogue for Asia Pacific security;

Uphold efforts that promote peace at a regional and a global level, through dialogue and cooperation;

Recognize ARF as the pre-eminent regional forum for security dialogue in the Asia Pacific region;

Encourage member states to utilize fully the potential of other regional fora, such as APEC, EAS, PIF, and ASC, which are contributing to regional welfare and security in accordance with their specific mandates;

Encourage parliaments to develop parliamentary diplomacy activities and to strengthen bilateral and multilateral cooperation;

Urge parliamentarians to use all the mechanisms of parliamentary and inter-parliamentary diplomacy to promote peace and security in the region and worldwide.