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Resolution
On
the Middle-East Peace Process
(Submitted by the Indonesia, Japan and USA)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Convinced that achieving a final and peaceful settlement of the issue of Israel and 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;

Welcoming the efforts for peace exerted by the Israelis, the Palestinians and the international community since the Annapolis international conference in 2007;

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;

Reaffirming that a just and lasting solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict must be based on such resolutions as the United Nations Security Council Resolutions, previous agreements between Israel and the PLO, and reaffirming the United Nations recognition and support of the existence of Israel as a sovereign and independent state;

Recalling the Resolution on the Middle East Peace process adopted at the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the APPF on January 2008.

Hereby resolves to:

1. **Express** deep concern about the fact that the situation in and around the Gaza Strip is deteriorating, and **strongly urge** both Israeli and Palestinian sides to immediately halt the use of force and achieve a durable cessation of violence, especially in order to prevent a further increase in civilian casualties;
2. **Call upon** all parties concerned to intensify efforts to provide arrangements and guarantees in Gaza in order to sustain a durable ceasefire and calm, including to prevent illicit trafficking in arms and ammunition and to ensure the sustained

reopening of the crossing points on the basis of the 2005 Agreement on Movement and Access between the Palestinian Authority and Israel, and other regional and international efforts that are under way;

3. **Strongly urge** both the Israeli and the Palestinian sides to enhance their efforts for keeping truce and improving humanitarian situation in the Gaza strip, and also strongly urge the both sides to commit themselves to the Roadmap, and the Israeli government, all parties that consist of the Palestinian Authority, and other parties concerned to take all necessary measures, in order to secure the progress for the Middle East peace process;
4. **Encourage** tangible steps towards intra-Palestinian reconciliation consistent with Security Council resolution 1850 (2008) and other relevant resolutions;
5. **Call for** renewed and urgent efforts by the parties and the international community to achieve a comprehensive peace based on the vision of a region where two democratic States, Israel and Palestine, live side by side in peace with secure and recognized borders, as envisaged in Security Council resolution 1850 (2008), and recall also the importance of the Arab Peace Initiative;
6. **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;
7. **Confirm** that creating a viable Palestinian economy premised on tangible improvement of living standard is necessary for building a Palestinian state;
8. **Strongly call upon** the new governments of all the APPF, the Gulf nations and other countries to continue to extend as much support and cooperation as possible to the Middle East peace process.