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Resolution on Combating Corruption

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Recalling APA Plan of Action on Combating Corruption, contained in APA/Res/2007/05/Annex,

Being concerned with the slow implementation of the APA Resolutions on Combating Corruption in Asia and its Plan of Action;

Recognizing the need of continued coordination and exchange of information as well as best practices within APA Member Parliaments under the framework of the APA Plan of Action on Combating Corruption;

Being alarmed that corruption is an intolerable crime that has negative impacts to public and corporate governance and becomes a serious threat to social and economic development in Asia;

Being aware that efforts in combating corruption shall focus not only on legal prosecution, but also preventive measures;

Reaffirming the determination of APA to combat corruption and to take steps to implement its Plan of Action,

Expressing concern about the problem of corruption that seriously undermines integrity, values and principles of society and the rule of law, weakens public trust and incentive for public participation, and curbs political and economic stability,

Stressing the need to strengthen political will from respective APA executive governments and parliaments in supporting law enforcement duties in combating corruption;

Recognizing the unique role of parliaments to promote accountability, transparency and participation as the three pillars of combating corruption and promoting good governance and rule of law,

1. Welcome the Follow up Report of the Secretary-General on combating corruption contained in SG/Rep/2009/06, dated 31 May 2009;
2. Confirm determination to enhance our capacities to further combat corruption, strengthen our anti-corruption strategies, and adopt measures to implement APA Plan of Action to combat corruption;
3. Urge Member Parliaments to seek their Governments' ratification to the UN Convention against Corruption.
4. Urge Member Parliaments to encourage their Governments to establish executive authority to implement UN Anti Corruption Agreement.
5. Encourage APA Member Parliaments who have not done so, to designate immediately the focal point for development and coordination of anti-corruption programs and activities of the APA as well as dissemination of information;
6. Encourage further APA Member Countries to establish a national independent body dealing with combating corruption as part of national anti-corruption policies and strategies;
7. Call on Member Parliaments to strengthen their local legislation to enforce anti corruption measures.
8. Support APA Member Parliaments to intensify socialization of anti-corruption campaigns in their respective countries, particularly through education;
9. Encourage APA Member Parliaments to enact laws that are related to the behaviors of public officials, general election funding, private sectors, civil society organizations that deal with various humanitarian assistances;
10. Call on all Member Parliaments of APA to oversee the processes of privatization in order to ensure the absence of abuse of public funds;
11. Reaffirm the importance of implementing operative paragraphs 2,3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 of APA Resolution contained in APA/Res/2008/18, dated 29 November 2008, as a means of exchanging information and

enhancing capacity to combat corruption, and express determination to implement them;

12. Request the Secretary-General to continue to collect information and legislative and regulatory texts from Member Parliaments and relevant inter-parliamentary and non-governmental organizations in order to promote an informed exchange of information and knowledge about effective anti-corruption policies and measures;
13. Urge Member Parliaments, relevant inter-parliamentary and non-governmental organization, as well as financial institutions to extend to the Secretary-General their full support and assistance in collection and analysis of corruption-relevant laws and regulatory texts and in implementation of this resolution,
14. Also request the Secretary-General to report on implementation of this resolution as well as on an institutional framework geared to making focused progress on implementation of the APA Plan of Action to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on Combating Corruption.