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Resolution on Integrated Energy Market in Asia

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Recalling Resolution on the Asian Integrated Energy Market, APA/Res/2008/01, dated 29 November 2008; Resolution on the Asian Integrated Energy Market, APA/Res/2007/08, dated 19 November 2007; the Plan of Action on the promotion of an Integrated Energy Market in Asia, APA/Res/2007/08/Annex, dated 19 November 2007; and Resolution on Energy, APA/Energy Com/2007/01, dated 20 November 2007;

Welcoming the engagement of and contribution by the “Advisory Group on Energy” to the debates in the APA Sub-Committee on Energy on various aspects and salient issues of the “Integrated Energy market in Asia”;

Emphasizing the necessity of exploring strategies to promote a balanced approach to and development of all carriers of energy in Asia;

Taking note of high rates of growth in energy demand in East Asia and the abundance of energy resources in West Asia as an important advantage in Asia which could facilitate steps towards development of “Integrated Energy Market in Asia”;

Emphasizing on the imperative of “Stability of Global Energy Market”, including rationalization of demand and maximization of energy production;

Emphasizing also the importance of dialogue between producers, consumers and transit countries of energy in Asia to promote Stability of Global Energy Market;

Recognizing the potentials of proactive cooperation among APA Member Parliaments to recommend policy and provide vision on the long-term gains that Integrated Energy Market in Asia could offer all the peoples of the continent;

Encouraging member governments into cooperation in all energy projects among all APA Member States;

Reaffirming the importance of adoption and implementation of environmentally sound energy policies and projects throughout Asia;

Taking note of the impressive improvement in “Energy Intensity” in some parts of Asia in the last decade, confirm the urgent need in other parts of Asia to embark on a concerted efforts to make progress in this area;

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1. Welcome the Report of the Secretary-General, contained in SG/Rep/2009/10/rev.1, dated 1 November 2009,
2. Encourage all Member Parliaments especially Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, the Philippines, Russian Federation, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Bangladesh to expedite introducing their energy experts to the open-ended “Advisory Group on Energy” and invite them to enforce their efforts to provide advice to the Sub-Committee in terms of identifying major principles and the priority areas to be pursued by Parliaments to draft appropriate laws for developing Asian Energy Strategies in an integrated way with the global energy market. All other Member Parliaments are also expected to join and support the work of “Advisory Group on Energy.”
3. Decide to hold the next meeting of the Advisory Group on Energy in the second half of February 2010 in (Saudi Arabia) in order to further study the APA documents on energy(such as AGN), including the Secretary-General’s Report of 1 November 2009 and submit a report to the meeting of the Sub-committee on Energy in May 2010 in Russia about the priority areas to be addressed by the Sub-committee, and in this context, encourage other Member Parliaments, including major energy producers and consumers to join the Advisory Group on Energy to further strengthen and broaden its deliberation,
4. Request the Secretary-General to service the meeting of the Advisory Group on Energy and assist in preparation of its report to the Sub-Committee on Energy,
5. Confirm the essential role of APA Member Parliaments to promote strategies for Asia-wide energy policy development in coordination with all Asian and international related organizations.
6. Encourage Member Parliaments to actively promote formulation and adoption of bilateral, multilateral and continental-wide agreements on energy projects in Asia,
7. Request the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon, particularly on the meeting of the Advisory group on Energy to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.
8. Urge APA member parliaments to recommend their respective governments to draft and develop conceptual approaches on creating the legal base of Integrated Asian Energy Market for ratification.
9. Urge Member Parliaments to report to the Secretary-General on their national experiences in the field of increasing energy efficiency as outlined in Paragraph 33 of the Secretary-General’s Report contained in SG/Rep/2008/01/Rev.1 dated 10 May 2008;