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**Resolution on
Rendering assistance to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
in combating illicit drug trafficking**

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Concerned at the seriousness of the problem of illicit drug trafficking, which may undermine international peace and safety,

Recognizing the interconnected challenges facing Afghanistan, including continued terrorist activities and the illegal cultivation, production and trafficking of narcotic drugs, and that both pose a serious threat the stability of Afghanistan, its neighbours and other countries,

While welcoming efforts of the Afghan Government to decrease cultivation of opium, express concern about the continued illegal cultivation and production of narcotics drugs as a source of financing terrorist activities in Afghanistan, the region and abroad,

Supporting the efforts of the Afghan Government and International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan (ISAF) to improve law enforcement and combat the production and trafficking of narcotic drugs and curtailing the flow of precursors more effectively,

Stressing the importance of maintaining the leading role of the United Nations in coordinating international efforts to counter illicit drug trafficking in Afghanistan,

Attaching great importance to the efforts made by international and regional organizations including the United Nations (UN), the Shanghai Cooperation

Organization (SCO), the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Eurasian Group on combating Money-Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (EAG), Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) and the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) to combat the threats of international terrorism, illicit drug trafficking, transnational organized crime and legalization of income derived from criminal activity,

1. **Call** upon all States concerned to implement, in the framework of the United Nations activities, and other international and regional organizations, existing international strategies to combat narcotics in Afghanistan and the region, which in particular provide for strict implementation of Resolution 1817 of the UN Security Council and decisions of relevant international fora, as well as for creating and reinforcing the "anti-drug and financial security belts" in the region.
2. **Stress** the need to strengthen international and regional cooperation to counter the threat of narcotics, including through support of programs and projects implemented by the UN, the CSTO, the CIS, the EU, and the OSCE in Afghanistan and Central Asia related to border security and management.
3. **Call** for joining the efforts of all States and organizations concerned aimed at creating the "anti-drug and financial security belts" in the region.
4. **Welcome** the fact that ISAF in cooperation with the Government of Afghanistan joined the fight against drug production and proliferation in Afghanistan and support its wide-ranging participation in multilateral efforts in this area. We welcome the fact of the account of this aspect by UN Security Council in the Resolution 1890 (2009) about the ISAF mandate prolongation.
5. **Call** for wider anti-drug and counter-terrorism cooperation, and **stress the importance** of the special Conference on Afghanistan convened under the auspices of the SCO in Moscow on March 27, 2009 and adopted there Plan of Action of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Member States and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan on combating terrorism, illicit drug trafficking and organized crime.
6. **Believe** that full operationalization of the Central Asia Regional Information and Coordination Centre established to combat illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors with the eventual participation of Afghanistan will strengthen control over the illicit production and abuse of and trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors in Central Asia.

7. **Believe** that a regular dialogue on joint action against abovementioned threats to be launched within the APA with participations of other States and international organizations concerned could become an effective supplement to the existing international fora for addressing the challenges of international terrorism, illicit drug trafficking and transnational organized crime in the region.
8. **Express** our commitment to enhance cooperation with all relevant States and international and regional organizations, namely UN, EU, CIS, CSTO, OSCE, EAG, NATO and CICA on matters of common interest in the spirit of this Resolution of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly Member Parliaments on rendering assistance to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in combating illicit drug trafficking.
9. **Encourage** all APA member Parliaments to specifically consider possible alternative ways to earn for living for Afghan farmers are compelled to cultivate drug corps.