



APA/Res/2009/04

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Resolution
on
Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Recalling APA Resolution, APA/Res/2008/19,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia, SG/Rep/2009/09, dated 23 May, 2008, submitted to the meeting of the Second Sub-Committee held in Jakarta, 19 June, 2009;

Recognizing the significant role of parliaments both in strengthening national policies and in harmonizing Asian approach in dealing with Globalization;

Emphasizing the need for free and further access for all to information, communication, and new technologies globally;

Expressing concern and dissatisfaction about the possible negative impact of Globalization on widening the gap between the rich and the poor and cultural hegemony on Asian societies;

Concerned about the grave dangers of global financial crisis and the unfair treatment to poor and developing countries;

Stressing the view that global net-working provides opportunities for Member Parliaments to engage in fruitful dialogue on important issues for Asia in a continuous and regular basis;

Recognizing the fact that today Asia has the biggest market in the world, the highest number of population and the largest amount of foreign exchange reserves and dynamic economic growth;

- 1- Welcome the Report of the Secretary-General contained in SG/ 2009/19
 - 2- *Call on* Member Parliaments of APA to promote networking among major governmental and non-governmental institutions dealing with the impact of globalization in Asian countries in order to share experiences with a view to formulating a common Asian strategy and assert the growing role of Asia.
 - 3- *Take note with appreciations* the Report made by the Secretary-General on “Asian Virtual Parliament” that aims at facilitating and enhancing debates and deliberations among APA delegates, and, *request* the Secretary-General to report to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on the financial and technical requirements of implementing the “Asian Virtual Parliament.”
 - 4- *Enhance* existing policy-oriented dialogues and debates among Member Parliaments to seek common understanding of Globalization, particularly on the need to reform process of international financial system through regional and continental workshops,
 - 5- *Underline* the importance of consensus-building process among Member Parliaments, development of harmonized position toward development of common legislations on issues of concern to Asia;
 - 6- *Resolve* to encourage adoption of a common legislation among Member Parliaments on Reform of Global Financial System and on Bridging the Digital Divide in Asia;
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- 7- *Request* the Secretary-General to seek possible donations and assistance from Member Parliaments and other institutions to facilitate the implementation of this resolution;
- 8- *Call on* the Member Parliaments of APA to initiate dialogues on the possible alternative to the current world foreign exchange reserves and the untying of the country's currency to certain foreign currencies;
- 9- *Request* the Secretary-General to seek inputs from Member Parliaments on the progress to implement this resolution and submit a report thereon to the next Sub-Committee meeting.