

ASIAN-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARIANS' UNION (APPU)**DRAFT RESOLUTION****ON****FOOD SECURITY****(Submitted by the Philippine National Group)**

The 39th General Assembly and 73rd Council Meeting of the APPU:

Recognizing the rapidly escalating global food crisis which has reached emergency proportions and threatens to wipe out years of progress in the fight against global poverty;

Concerned that recent developments in grain markets point to prolonged international supply shortages and price hikes, exposing billions of people to hunger and malnutrition;

Concerned further that unscrupulous retailers are raising their prices out of mere speculation so that consumers have to pay more than what is due, thus aggravating the food problem;

Acknowledging the need for the international community to take urgent and concerted action in order to avoid the larger political and security implications of this growing food crisis;

Stressing the importance for short-term emergency measures in many regions to meet urgent food needs and avoid starvation, and longer-term efforts to significantly increase production of food grains;

Resolves to:

Call upon all APPU member countries to undertake measures to facilitate and examine ways to lead a process for the immediate and longer-term responses to the global food problem;

Urge all Asia Pacific countries to strictly monitor retail prices in their respective countries and to impose heavy penalties for violation of its policies, in order to prevent unscrupulous retailers from taking advantage of the helplessness of consumers;

Encourage all rich Asia Pacific countries to help finance a “green revolution” to increase farm productivity and raise crop yields in the neighboring countries so they can deal with the rapidly rising food prices.

Adopted this _____ day of August, 2008 in Nara, Japan.