

ASIAN-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARIANS' UNION (APPU)

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RESOLUTION
ON
HEALTH SECURITY

Proposed by the Philippine National Group

The 40th APPU General Assembly:

Aware of the important task to enhance the existing health infrastructure and improve the policies intended to contain transnational diseases in order to promote health consciousness among the world's poorest nations;

Concerned of the emergence of the pandemic swine flu or influenza A (H1N1), in addition to infectious diseases such as human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) and the highly pathogenic avian flu, which pose great risks to human life and affect the daily activities of our people;

Acknowledging the great need to strengthen the capacity of each country to detect, verify, report and respond to significant public health emergency events;

Realizing that the national action to overcome future health crises is crucial in limiting and preventing the spread of diseases;

Recognizing that adverse social, political and economic implications can be limited with the support of, cooperation from, and collaboration among the members of the international community, especially the sharing of information on public health emergencies;

Resolves to:

Call on APPU member-countries to provide human and financial resources to strengthen local and international capacities for the prevention, early detection, rapid response and preparedness for emerging disease epidemics and other public health emergencies;

Urge APPU member-countries to share relevant and current information on events and circumstances that may be considered as public health emergencies;

Encourage APPU member-countries to actively support and collaborate in developing viable solutions to overcome future health crises.

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