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Cultural Diversity, Preserving Family Values, Combating Human Trafficking,
Non-use of Violence against Women and Children and
Their Education and Health

The First Session of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly;

Emphasizing the importance of the family unit in the preservation of social stability and the need for establishment of a balanced role for women in the family and society and avoiding any injustice in this issue;

Reminding the role of women in the political, cultural, social and economic development and the need for utilization of women's capabilities in the development of their societies;

Expressing deep concern over all forms of coercion and violence practiced against women specially further expansion of violence industry in the today world and stressing the need for campaign effectively with the smuggling of women and children and the significance of adoption of appropriate mechanisms to stop the current oppressive trends against women and children and support the victims;

Recalling the role of religious principles and ethical norms in the reduction of numerous social abnormalities including sexual relationship out of wedlock and its

adverse social and mental consequences such as the deteriorating the foundations of the family unit, a rise in the number of single-parent children, spread of AIDS and etc.;

Stressing the significant role of education in the empowerment of women, eradication of poverty, reduction of vulnerabilities, and enhancement of women's contribution in the development and decision-making process;

Recalling the importance of the international humanitarian law specially the provisions pertaining to the prohibition of military attacks against civilians and the necessity for protecting the victims of such wars particularly women and children;

Decided to:

1. **Recommend** all the member states to launch endeavors to cover the various aspects of the family in their legislative and decision making processes and mobilize civil societies in the course of implementation of the programs and activities pertaining to the protection and promotion of the family.
2. **Ensure** the consideration of women's capabilities in different aspects of development in the legislation process of the member states and also the facilitation of women's access to their political, economic, social, cultural, education, health and employment rights;
3. **Recommend** the governments of the member states to adopt the necessary measures, in particular, budgetary measures to ensure social justice, respect for women's social status and dignity, respect for women's rights to social security and decent jobs and provide support for women who are guardians of their families. In this regard, it was also recommended that the parliaments of the member states ratify necessary laws to alleviate women's social and economic deprivation and improve their material and spiritual status.
4. **Call** the parliaments of the member states to pass necessary laws to criminalize women trafficking, sexual abuse of women, exploitation of women's labor, pornography and abuse of women for commercial purposes by the media and protect the victims of such cases, recalling women's high moral and spiritual status and dignity and their right to decent life;
5. **Request** the member states to adopt appropriate measures to promote religious and ethical principles for reinforcing and consolidating the foundations of the family unit, empowerment of women and reduction of social and cultural perplexities, stressing the need for respecting divine religions and denominations;
6. **Urge** the governments of the member states to adopt the necessary policies and programs for the promotion of education of women and girls through providing

uncomplicated and free access to literary programs and also providing easy, inexpensive and equal access to higher education and removal of any possible draw backs in this field. The parliaments of the member states are also called to ensure, through legislation, women's access to advanced technologies including ICT in order to promote their role in the decision-making and development process;

7. **Recall** the member states, due to the dangerous implications of the recent conflicts in the region including those in the occupied Palestinian lands, Iraq and Afghanistan and also the recent Israeli invasion against Lebanon, to hold regional expert meetings to develop some directives to support women and girls in military conflicts and submit the results to the relevant international organizations;
8. **Request** the academic and research institutes of the parliaments of the member states to work together to address the existing problem of inconsistencies in the international instruments on women's human rights and the need for observance of cultural diversity and religious, historical, social and indigenous backgrounds of nations in the formulation of women's human rights instruments.
9. **Declare** the year 2007 as the "Year of Asian Women".
10. **Welcome** the proposal of Islamic Republic of Iran to hold consultation among the member states with the view to prepare a draft of the "Charter on the Rights and Responsibilities of the Asian Women".