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**RESOLUTION
ON
ENERGY SECURITY**

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THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM:

Reaffirming the commitments made by the Parliamentary Members of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum on Energy Security, through the resolutions approved in our preceding meetings, in particular the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth annual meetings;

Recognizing that energy is a fundamental component which plays a critical role in the economic development of nations around the world;

Recognizing that access to adequate, diverse, reliable, affordable and clean energy is vital for the sustainable growth, prosperity and competitiveness of the region;

Noting that access to energy supplies faces numerous challenges, including increasing global demand for energy, rising import dependency of the region, volatile fuel prices, limited and non-renewable nature of fossil fuels, and moves by governments to restrict energy-related CO₂ emissions;

Realizing that the Asia-Pacific region is expected to play an increasingly important role in global energy markets in the decades ahead;

Considering that regional energy security is best achieved through cooperation among producing, transit, and consuming countries, as well as the promotion of efficient and well-functioning energy markets that are characterized by free and open energy trade and investment, market-based price signals and effective competition;

Recognizing that fossil fuel subsidies encourage excessive consumption, reduce energy security and impede investment in clean energy sources;

Recognizing that accelerated adoption of economically viable, clean and renewable energy technology and energy efficiency measures can contribute to meeting climate change objectives and promote energy security;

Sharing the opinion that open energy markets are crucial to the development of renewable energy sources and the diffusion of less contaminating energy technologies contribute to energy security and sustainable economic growth;

Persuaded that governmental action can provide the impetus and that public-private alliances need to be encouraged to promote innovation in renewable energy resources, and clean and efficient technologies;

Realizing that energy infrastructure financing has become a significant challenge in response to the global financial crisis and economic downturn and that large-scale investment is needed to meet forecast energy demand;

Understanding that energy security also involves risk management plans to deal with natural disaster scenarios that can affect energy infrastructure and pose threats to people and the environment;

Convinced that the global character of this problem and the growing interdependence among nations with respect to energy makes it imperative that we develop common strategies to meet the challenge of energy security;

Convinced that it is the duty of the parliaments to represent their citizens and the diverse range of opinions in the discussion on energy security, at both the national and regional levels;

Resolves to:

1. **Recognize** and applaud the efforts of APPF Member Governments to promote cooperation in the development of energy programs to ensure access of all of the nations of the Asia-Pacific to essential energy sources, based on criteria of security, stability and rationality with respect to prices and quality;
2. **Encourage** APPF Member Governments to strengthen cooperation in sustainable energy development programs, to increase their efforts to share information about public policy, expertise and best practices, incentivise joint investment, promote public-private partnerships for the development and use of cutting edge technologies that contribute to meeting the challenges of climate change and ensuring the supply of energy at efficient prices;
3. **Reaffirm** the need to support regional energy demands through the promotion of open and competitive energy markets, and free and transparent trade and investment;
4. **Promote** stability and efficiency in energy markets by advancing efforts to create transparent, predictable and efficient national energy policies and regulatory environments and by encouraging the publication of complete, accurate, and timely data on oil production, consumption, refining and stock levels, as appropriate, on a regular basis;
5. **Call on** APPF Member Governments to develop policies that are in the common interest, that avoid energy shortages, that encourage a stable price structure, and that rigorously respect the commitments and responsibilities assumed by all parties;

6. **Promote** the implementation of policies to encourage the clean and efficient use of energy across all sectors;
7. **Encourage** APPF Member Governments to rationalize and phase out fossil fuel subsidies that encourage inefficient and excessive consumption, while recognizing the importance of providing those in need with targeted assistance and essential energy services;
8. **Urge** APPF Member Governments to promote the development of public and private research and innovation with respect to renewable energy sources and clean and efficient technologies as well as to take advantage of synergies through cooperative initiatives on a regional scale;
9. **Recommend** to APPF Member Parliaments, by introducing regulations and providing incentives that best suit the circumstances of each country, to encourage energy savings, stimulate the development of low cost energy sources, and to promote the production of, access to and use of renewable energies, such as biomass, wind, geothermal, hydro, wave, tidal, and solar;
10. **Encourage** efforts to develop and use innovative technologies that reduce the environmental impact of the use and production of hydrocarbon-based fuels. This includes technologies for “clean” coal production and consumption, oil production from bitumen sands, carbon capture and storage and deep-sea oil and gas production;
11. **Encourage** those who have or are considering plans relating to the development of nuclear energy to use technologies and develop regulatory regimes consistent with the safe and secure use of nuclear energy, as well as with the goal of peaceful nuclear energy use consistent with the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons;
12. **Encourage** APPF Member Parliaments to recommend to their governments that they adopt, implement and oversee effective safety standards at all energy facilities, including drawing up contingency plans for emergency scenarios that could affect the infrastructure, particularly those located in areas of high risk for natural disasters;
13. **Urge** APPF Member Countries to facilitate technological development and the transfer of know-how with regard to energy matters, in collaboration with multilateral financial organizations, forums and other sub-regional institutions, research centers, and public and private initiatives;
14. **Promote** connectivity and the economic and energy integration in the Asia-Pacific region, in particular regional electricity and gas transmission grids and trade in electricity and environmental goods and services among the members of the APPF;
15. **Encourage** APPF Member C to be willing to exchange and share information, develop work networks, mobilize resources and strive to create collaborative

