



**18TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM
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**RESOLUTION
ON
FOSTERING THE ASIA-PACIFIC COMMUNITY
(Sponsored by Chile)**

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

Acknowledging that a progressive shift in the economic, political and security influence is taking place from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the new challenges and responsibilities that this movement will represent to the countries of the Asia-Pacific region in the twenty first century;

Taking into account the interest in the idea of an Asia-Pacific community and the multiple calls to address the wider range of issues facing the region, made by diverse leaders of the Asia-Pacific region over the past year;

Highlighting the increasing dynamism and integration attained by the regional institutions present in the Asia Pacific Region, as ASEAN, APEC, ASEAN+3 and EAS;

Recalling the APPF's 1997 Declaration of Vancouver and seven principles, the 2001 Declaration of Valparaiso and the Pacific Basin Charter, APEC's 1994 Bogor Declaration and the 1995 Action Agenda adopted in the Osaka Meeting, and the 2005 Busan Road Map towards the Bogor goals, as well as the resolution on Building an Asia-Pacific Regional Community adopted at fifteenth and sixteenth APPF annual meeting;

Supporting APEC's adherence to open dialogue and regional cooperation;

Understanding that the main lessons learned from the recent financial and economic crisis are that economies are dependent on global cooperation and cannot work in isolation;

Noting the achievements obtained by ASEAN community, based on concerted and coordinated policies, that helped its member economies to cope with the global economic crisis;

Convinced of the enormous potential of the collaboration among all members of the Asia-Pacific Region, which includes APEC, the East Asia Summit, and ASEAN+3, and of the fundamental and increasing relevance of Asia Pacific to the world;

Resolves to:

1. **Recommend to** harness the experience of ASEAN in building an economic community capable of a multidimensional cooperation and which acts as an effective support network for the South East Asia countries in tackling the financial and economic global crisis;
2. **Encourage** APPF Member Countries to build deeper relations and linkages between APEC, ASEAN, ASEAN+3 and the East Asia Summit;
3. **Support** the efforts and actions to create a free and open trade network among ASEAN, ASEAN+3, Comprehensive Economic Partnership in East Asia (CEPEA) and APEC member economies, in order to reach a wider cooperation and trade community, incorporating all the accomplishments achieved by each one of these regional entities;
4. **Call upon** APPF Member Countries to raise the awareness of the growing importance of the Asia Pacific region to the world;
5. **Urge** all APPF Member Countries to reinforce policies directed to expand understanding among the Asia Pacific cultures and societies, in order to enhance communication and dynamism, embracing diversity as a decisive advantage.