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DRAFT RESOLUTION ON BUILDING TRUST FOR PEACE, SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION

(Proposed by Cambodia)

We, the Members of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum,

Recalling the previous APPF resolutions on political and security matters in the Asia-Pacific region, dealing with peace, security, stability and sustainable development;

Noting the 1997 Vancouver Declaration, which articulates the commitment of all APPF member states to transform the Asia-Pacific region into a cohesive, peaceful, secure, stable, and prosperous community; and the 2012 New Tokyo Declaration, which promotes the APPF vision of open and non-exclusive cooperation based on frank and constructive dialogue for peace, stability and prosperity for the region;

Reiterating the fundamental principles of mutual respect for independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, peaceful settlement of disputes, and restraint from threat and use of force, as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia;

Being cognizant of the significance of the Confidence-Building Measures of the ASEAN Political and Security Community Blueprint, including publication of defense white papers, disclosure of political and security developments, sharing of information on submissions to the UN Register of Conventional Arms, exchanges of observers of military exercises, and promotion of military exchanges and cooperation;

Acknowledging the efforts made by the member states to strengthen cooperation and further develop mutual trust in various fields including politics, peace and security based on principles of mutual interest, respect and equality to ensure the Asia Pacific region is free from confrontation and conflict, while remaining challenges or disagreements should be resolved through dialogues and peaceful manner;

Convinced that collective dialogue and cooperation within regional multilateral platforms offer more effective diplomatic means and peaceful manners than unilateral

actions for resolving differences and disputes and for building mutual trust among APPF member states;

Taking note of the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development featuring the 17 Sustainable Development Goals; and the wide development gaps among APPF member states;

RESOLVE TO:

- 1. **Encourage** all APPF member states to share commitment and responsibility in enhancing regional peace, security and prosperity, by avoiding acts of aggression, threat, and the use of force, with respect to the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of the member states;
- 2. **Encourage** all APPF member states to further uphold the universally recognized principles of international law including the UN Charter and peaceful co-existences in avoidance of unilateral actions, in order to build trust, confidence, peace, and prosperity in the region;
- 3. **Promote** greater transparency and understanding of national defense and security policies among APPF member states in line with the Confidence-Building Measures of the ASEAN Political and Security Community Blueprint;
- 4. **Strengthen** dialogue partnership and cooperation based on principles of mutual interests, mutual understanding, respect for independent, sovereignty, equality, territorial integrity with a view to building a sustaining peace, stability, security, confidence and prosperity in the region;
- 5. **Call on** APPF member states to address differences and settle all disputes through peaceful means, exercising self-restraint and through consultation and dialogue;
- 6. **Enhance** joint efforts to narrow development gaps and alleviate poverty among APPF member states with a view to realizing regional and sub-regional integration, and promote economic interdependence as a precondition for shared growth, sustainable development and prosperity for all;
- 7. **Enhance** cooperation in non-traditional security matters such as anti-terrorism, extremist ideology, transnational crimes, trafficking in persons, cyber-security threats, climate change, environmental protection, disaster management and food security; and
- 8. **Adhere** to the committed realization of the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, based upon peace, security, stability and confidence through both individual and concerted efforts, for the end benefit of the people in each respective country.