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APPF27/RES/06

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON STRENTHENING PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION IN PROMOTING THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF CYBERSPACE FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS

(Proposed by Cambodia)

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

Reaffirming the 2016 United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/71/199 on the right to privacy in the digital age, and the Human Rights Council Resolution 38/7 of 5 July 2018 on the promotion, protection and enjoyment of human rights on the Internet;

Recalling the 2010 United Nations General Assembly Resolution 65/230 on the importance of a comprehensive study on cybercrime, and the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2011/33 on the prevention, protection and international cooperation against the use of new information technologies to abuse and/or exploit children;

Recalling also the 23rd Annual Meeting of Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum Resolution on cyber-security and rights to privacy;

Noting of the "Core Values on Digital Literacy for ASEAN" adopted by ASEAN Ministers of Information in Singapore in May, 2018, with the goal of raising literacy levels and building the capability of the ASEAN Community to consume and produce content across all platforms confidently, safely and responsibly;

Noting that cyber-security, constituting an important element of national security, requires urgent and indispensable attention;

Noting with concern the increased use of social media platforms for fake news, and misinformation, that could give rise to social instability, present unnecessary challenges to the authorities of the government, thus require on-time and clear responses;

Cognizant of how the increased complexity of cyber-space has decreased the ability of any one state or corporation to effectively detect, monitor or counter cyber-threats;

Realizing that the anonymity of communications in cyberspace has been taken advantage of by criminals and terrorist groups that pose threat to individuals, communities, corporations and governments;

Recognizing the need for APPF member states to collaborate and exchange best practices in combatting misinformation and disinformation online, so to mitigate their harmful effects;

Recognizing that at the inaugural meeting of the Working Group on Information, Media and Training (WG-IMT) in Vietnam in 2015, ASEAN senior officials responsible for information agreed to embark on public education program to raise media literacy levels in the region;

RESOLVE TO:

- Call on APPF member states to share best practices and means including exchange
 of information, technical assistance, and enactment of laws and regulation on
 responsible use of cyberspace in formulating and implementing cyber-security
 strategies;
- 2. **Encourage** participation and cooperation among the member states, relevant agencies, media, educational institutions, private sector, civil society, and other stakeholders to formulate legal framework and means to appropriately to counter cybercrimes;
- 3. **Recommend** APPF member states to exchange information, invest in communication technologies and capacity building efforts, where practicable, to strengthen capacity in this non-traditional security of cyberspace, and to have a coordinated mechanism to enhance cyber-security and combat cyber-crimes across the region;
- 4. **Encourage** the establishment of a cooperation on region-wide interacting system for cyber-crime and misinformation, and the development of cooperative measures in addressing the criminal or terrorist use of cyberspace and in preventing the misuse by terrorists of internet, social media platforms for terrorist activities and countering terrorist messages online;
- 5. **Urge** APPF member states to collaborate in order to initiate and adopt a set of common and agreed norms of responsible state's behavior in cyberspace so as to enhance trust and confidence in the use of cyberspace to its full potential to bring about greater economic prosperity for the entire region;

- 6. **Recommend** the member states to put more efforts in raising awareness of and promote good and responsible use of cyberspace through forms of education and digital literacy, either formal or informal; and
- 7. **Recommend** the member states to develop a mechanism that allows taking joint action to deal with cyber-security problems; and adopt legislations on responsible use of cyberspace and on combatting cyber-crimes, while ensuring protection and respect for individual rights to privacy.