

## Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF)

### 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

#### Draft Resolution Sponsored by Australia

##### Reinforcing joint Parliamentary action in response to climate change

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum:

**Recalling** the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum's (APPF) commitment to a partnership of strategic importance;

**Acknowledging** that given the nature of the challenge, we are committed to working together to improve a rules-based international order that is capable of effectively responding to a rapidly changing world;

**Recognising** the need for an effective and progressive response to the urgent threat of climate change on the basis of the best available scientific knowledge;

**Recalling** resolutions adopted by the APPF regarding compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and emphasising those goals with a direct link to combatting climate change, including SDG 13 on Climate Action;

**Acknowledging** the conclusions adopted at the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> United Nations Conferences on Climate Change (COP23 and COP24 respectively), the Paris Agreement and its robust implementation guidance which builds trust and confidence all countries are fulfilling the commitments they have made;

**Recognising** that holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change;

**Recognising** the role of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in providing scientific input to inform Member States in strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty;

**Expressing** appreciation and gratitude to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the scientific community for responding to the request of the Conference of the Parties and providing the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C, reflecting the best available science;

**Welcoming** the timely completion of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C in response to the invitation from Parties in UNFCCC decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 21;

**Reiterating** that timely and collective global action from all countries, and steadfast commitment to joint action supported by robust rules for implementing the Paris Agreement and enhanced transparency, is the best way to tackle climate change;

**RESOLVES TO:**

**Accept** that coordinated and effective policies are essential to addressing the far-reaching impacts of climate change, including on food security, access to water resources, and people's quality of life;

**Reassert** that APPF Member States should, in their actions to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations under international law on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equality;

**Recognise** the importance of supporting actions and cooperation in developing countries, especially those that are particularly vulnerable, including Pacific island countries who are members of the APPF;

**Urge** all APPF Member States to uphold their climate action commitments, as set out in their Nationally Determined Contributions;

**Enhance** transparency, accountability and reporting of climate change actions in our National Assemblies.

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