

**ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM
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**COUNTERACTING TERRORISM AND TRANSNATIONAL
CRIME IN ASIA-PACIFIC**

(draft resolution sponsored by the Russian Federation)

The 27th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum,

Emphasizing that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations is one of the most serious threats to international peace and security and that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable regardless of their causes, no matter when, where and by whom they are committed;

Again calling on the UN Member States, international and regional organizations, as well as all forces of the world community to join within a really broad international coalition to combat global terrorism, first of all the Islamic State (ISIS), Al-Qaeda and their related terrorist groups, based on the principles of the UN Charter and resolutions of the UN Security Council;

Reaffirming the commitment to the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy adopted on September 8, 2006 and aiming for its full and all-round and balanced implementation, including in Asia-Pacific;

Emphasizing that international initiatives in combating terrorism and extremism shall rely on the fundamental standards of international law, principles of equality and sovereignty of states, non-interference in their internal affairs, as well as on recognition of the central role of states and their competent authorities in combating terrorism, and shall simultaneously take into consideration countries' national experience and specifics;

Especially noting inadmissibility of the practice of use by states of terrorist and extremist groups, as well as of the issues of combating international terrorism and extremism as instruments for achieving political and geopolitical goals;

Taking into account the danger of emergence of new flash points of armed conflicts and further expansion of the terrorism geography, as well as threats coming from foreign gunmen-terrorists returning from armed conflict zones to the countries of origin or moving to third countries to carry out terrorist activity;

Anxiously noting that terrorists are forming distorted ideas that are based on misinterpretation and misrepresentation of the religion in order to justify violence and are used for recruiting supporters and foreign gunmen-terrorists, for resource mobilization and receiving support from sympathizers, namely by using information and communication technologies, including through the Internet and social networks;

Reaffirming inadmissibility of public calls for and incitement to terrorism and extremism, and in this regard welcoming the adoption of Resolution of the UN Security Council No. 2354 to support the Comprehensive International Framework stipulating a number of recommendations and best practices to counter terrorist narratives of the ISIS, Al-Qaeda and their related terrorist groups;

Reaffirming scaling-up of cooperation in counteracting the use of information and communication technologies for terrorism and other criminal purposes and wide counter-propaganda of terrorism and extremism ideas as top-priority tasks of the parliaments of the APPF Member States.

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Reaffirm** that states play the key role and bear the main responsibility in combating and preventing terrorism both at the national level and within the international counter-terrorism cooperation.

2. **Call upon** all parliaments of the APPF Member States to strengthen interparliamentary and international cooperation in order to improve the regulatory framework for prevention of and efficient fight against terrorism at the national and global levels.

3. **Use** the potential of parliamentary diplomacy to actively promote the international counter-terrorism agenda and political discussion of counter-terrorism cooperation issues within international events.

4. **Promote** enhancement of the cooperation between special services and law enforcement bodies, including at the UN venue, in order to prevent the use of information and communication technologies in terrorist and other criminal activities.

5. **Take measures** to ensure consistent implementation by all Member States of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council on combating international terrorism, **contribute in every possible way** to the process of quickest signing and ratification of all international anti-terrorism conventions by the parliaments of the APPF Member States that have not done that yet and to quickest accomplishment of the coordination of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.