

**27th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM
(APPF)**

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY MEXICO

COMBAT TERRORISM AND TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES IN THE REGION

Condemning strongly terrorism, in all its forms and manifestations, and by whomever it is committed, since it constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security, to the democracy, stability and prosperity of all countries;

Considering that crimes related to organized crime constitute a serious problem in the world, with sufficient economic potential in some cases to destabilize public institutions and even some States; where the profitable income derived from the sale of counterfeit products, drugs, people trafficking and illegal trade of wildlife that generate around 90 billion dollars in the Asia Pacific region;

Noting that the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy aims to intensify national, regional and international efforts to combat this phenomenon. And which is developed around four pillars: Addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism; Measures to prevent and combat terrorism; Measures to build Member States' capacity to prevent and combat terrorism and to strengthen the role of the United Nations system in that regard; Measures to ensure respect for human rights for all and the rule of law as the fundamental basis for the fight against terrorism;

Taking into account that objective 16.11 of Objective 16 of the Sustainable Development Goals points out the importance of strengthening the relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for creation at all levels, of the capacity to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime, particularly in developing countries.

Reiterating that the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum (APEC) in the 2016 Lima Declaration strongly condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, while recognizing the serious threat posed by terrorism to the fundamental values of the free and open economies;

Alluding that in February of 2018, APEC adopted the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan of the Working Group against Terrorism, which objective is that Asia-Pacific is protected against terrorist activity, contributing to free trade and investment in order to guarantee regional growth and prosperity.

Supporting the resolutions adopted at the 25th and 26th annual meetings of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) in relation to combating terrorism

and organized crime, such as APPF25/RES.02 on Peace and Security in the Asia-Pacific region; and APPF25/RES.14 on Terrorism and Violent Extremism; as well as resolution APPF26/RES/09 on the fight against International Terrorism and Cross-border Crime.

IT IS RESOLVED TO:

- 1. Promote and strengthen** the global and regional parliamentary cooperation of the Member States of APPF, in order to deal with these criminal phenomena with better and more sophisticated laws.
- 2. Urge** APPF Member States to pass laws that are aimed at developing national capacities to prevent and combat terrorism.
- 3. Develop** a greater exchange of experiences and legislative work on the part of APPF member parliaments in order to continue confronting organized crime.
- 4. Promote** legislation that encourages the exchange of information among APPF members in order to prevent the travel of foreign terrorists, counteract the financing of terrorism and promote the exchange of information to guarantee safe trade in the region.
- 5. Foster** cooperation among APPF member parliaments on border and customs control systems, in addition to improving the security of travel documents.
- 6. Enhance** the development at the national level and among APPF members of cybersecurity strategies that guarantee the security of international financial commercial transactions.