

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY MEXICO

PROMOTE COOPERATION FOR THE REDUCTION OF DISASTER RISKS

Acknowledging the increase and devastating result in recent years of natural disasters, which are a direct consequence of the effects of climate change;

Highlighting that climate change has a direct impact on agriculture, people's health, ecosystems, water reserves and food; besides its ravages in the poles and the tropics, and in the small islands;

Noting that the impact of natural disasters changes depending on the socioeconomic situation of the people, so its effect is greater in people living in poverty;

Taking into account that the United Nations has indicated that natural disasters could become more destructive in the Asia-Pacific region, where a person is already five times more likely to be affected than in other areas of the world, urging countries to invest in resilience plans.

Being aware that between 2002 and 2016 Asia accounted for 44% of natural disasters in the world and 25.5% in the Americas, placing them as the two most affected continents; and that, according to data from the 2017 Asia and Pacific Disasters Report of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, floods, storms and extreme temperatures killed 4,987 people, much less than the annual average since 1970, and affected some 34.5 million people;

Considering the need to legislate in order to achieve the goals established in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other international agreements on climate change adopted at the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention, as well as the Kyoto Agreement on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction;

Supporting the call for regional cooperation in disaster risk reduction and adaptation and mitigation of climate change adopted in Resolution APPF26/RES/10 at the 26th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF), held in Hanoi, Vietnam;

Reiterating that legislative activity is a key element in coordinating cooperation among various social and political players in the formulation of adequate public policies to promote cooperation in this area;

IT IS RESOLVED TO:

- 1. Promote** the design of innovative public policies with a social vision and gender perspective among the APPF Member States, which incorporate the populations that are in a vulnerable situation to take resilience and mitigation actions against these natural phenomena.
- 2. Seek**, according to each of the attributions of the APPF member parliaments, an increase in the public budgetary allocations for scientific and technological research for the development of technical capacities that allow the optimal use of public resources for mitigation and adaptation to climate change, as well as for the prevention and mitigation of the damages caused by natural disasters;
- 3. Promote** the legislative accompaniment to the 2015-2030 Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, so as to achieve a substantial reduction in the risk of disasters and the losses caused thereby, in terms of lives, livelihoods and health, as well as in economic assets, physical, social, cultural and environmental aspects of the people, companies, communities of the APPF Member States.
- 4. Promote** awareness campaigns regarding the importance of a prevention and resilience culture around the effects of natural disasters, as well as action measures in the communities affected by these phenomena.