

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY MEXICO

**STRENGTHENING THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION FOR GENDER EQUALITY
AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS FOR PEACE AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Underscoring that the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum considers economic empowerment and the inclusion of women in the regional economy as a priority on its agenda;

Recalling Resolution 1325 (2000) adopted by the United Nations Security Council reaffirming the important role played by women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, and in the consolidation of peace;

Taking into account Resolution 2242 (2015) adopted by the United Nations Security Council that encourages Member States to increase their funding for the purposes of women, peace and security;

Considering Resolution 70/262 on the Review of the United Nations structure for the consolidation of peace, approved by the General Assembly on April 27, 2016, which recognizes the need to increase the representation of women in all the decision-making levels of institutions and national, regional and international mechanisms for the prevention and resolution of conflicts;

Acknowledging the work of the Asia-Pacific Regional Office of UN Women, in the collaboration programs with women in their efforts to participate in peace initiatives;

Emphasizing that in the Asia-Pacific region, for the first time, 17 countries jointly examined National Action Plans on Women, Peace and Security in the region, demonstrating that there is a commitment for women to participate in activities that contribute to dialogue and peace in the development of their communities;

Supporting Resolution APPF 26/RES/01 concerning the promotion of gender equality for sustainable development and shared prosperity, adopted at the 26th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF), held in Hanoi, Vietnam;

IT IS RESOLVED TO:

1. **Urge** the Parliaments of the APPF Member States to establish laws that promote the participation of women in peace and security issues.
2. **Encourage** APPF Member States to promote the participation of women in national peace and security policies and programs.
3. **Urge** APPF Member States to support the efforts of the United Nations Security Council for greater participation of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in the consolidation of peace.
4. **Encourage** the Parliaments of the APPF Member States to take into account in their legislative work the gender perspective and the contributions that women make to peace and development in the Asia-Pacific region.
5. **Urge** the Parliaments of the APPF Member States to collaborate with civil society organizations to work together in the protection and integral reparation of women who have been victims during an armed conflict in their countries of origin.
6. **Call** on the Parliaments of the APPF Member States to continue promoting budgets with a gender focus in order to promote the active participation of women in policies aimed at sustainable development.
7. **Encourage** the Parliaments of the APPF Member States to hold a week of activities to promote gender equality under the theme "Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls for peace and sustainable development", in the framework of the International Day of Peace that is commemorated annually on September 21.