

**ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM
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ECONOMIC AND TRADE COOPERATION IN ASIA-PACIFIC
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The 27th Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum,

Welcoming the results of the 26th summit of the Forum of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) held on November 17–18, 2018 in Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea) themed “Harnessing Inclusive Opportunities, Embracing the Digital Future” and aimed to promote sustainable and inclusive growth, deepen economic integration, improve connectivity in the region, and promote structural reforms for inclusive development;

Reaffirming its commitment to establishment of stronger, deeper and mutually beneficial relations between the Asia-Pacific countries for inclusive, sustainable and safe economic growth promoting creation of new jobs in the region;

Recognizing the destabilizing factor of economic compulsion measures (sanctions), including also extraterritorial ones, contradicting international law that are destructive and hindering trade relations between countries;

Supporting further enhancement of regional economic integration with Asia-Pacific countries based on the general WTO regulations aimed at ensuring transparency and compatibility with multilateral standards of regional trade agreements, and recognition of importance of collective measures for counteracting protectionist practices;

Recognizing that development of innovative economy requires unification of digital economy and trade rules, alignment of national technical standards and creation of a single set of terms applicable in these areas.

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Continue** strengthening the dialogue partnership based on the principles of equality, mutual benefits and shared responsibility in order to promote prosperity, economic growth, sustainable development and social progress in the Asia-Pacific Region for advancing toward strategic partnership.
2. **Continue** searching optimal schemes for multilateral interaction with account of integration projects and initiatives being implemented in Asia-Pacific and in the neighboring regions for further harmonization of development strategies, alignment of efforts for their implementation, designing an optimal architecture of regional economic integration and overcoming challenges of the current development stage.
3. **Call upon** the parliaments of the APPF Member States to express the common stance on inadmissibility of using economic compulsion measures (sanctions) contradicting international law.
4. **Assist** creation of conditions for forming free trade areas in Asia Pacific at the local level.
5. **Assist** regional economic cooperation through regular consultations within the existing mechanisms in order to promote trade and investments, including for creation of an open and non-discriminatory market in the Asia-Pacific Region that would take into account interests of all countries.