



## 27TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF), CAMBODIA

### ENHANCING PARLIAMENTARY ROLES IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

#### (Draft Resolution Sponsored by Malaysia)

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum,

**Recalling** the 26<sup>th</sup> APPF resolutions on "Strengthening Joint Action to Respond to Climate Change" (APPF26/RES/07) and "Calling for Regional Cooperation on Disaster Risk Reduction on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation" (APPF26/RES/10) adopted at Singapore in 2017;

**Reaffirming** on the decisions made under international multilateral fora such as The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Kyoto Protocol under UNFCCC, the Paris Agreement under UNFCCC and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR);

**Emphasising** the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDG) in recognising climate change as one of the greatest challenges faced by humankind and the commitment made under SDG Goal-13 to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts;

**Noting with deep concern** that around the world, people, ecosystems and species are suffering from the adverse impacts of climate change including extinction of certain species, tsunami, super storms and hurricanes, severe flooding and prolonged droughts, and continuous increase of average temperature;

**Acknowledging** the impacts of climate change on the ocean related issues such as ocean acidification, ocean warming, coral bleaching and sea level rise are vulnerable to the livelihood, security and well-being of coastal community;

**Realising** the important roles played by APPF Member States to adopt and support appropriate laws, programs and initiatives towards green growth for sustainability and resilience;

**Cognizant** of the fact that the success of climate actions by the APPF Member States requires an active and continuous participation and cooperation at national and international level to ensure effective implementation;

**Reiterating** the APPF Member States commitment in achieving sustainable development whilst enhancing the climate action and allowing inclusive participation from the society for optimal benefits;

**DO HEREBY:**

1. **Encourage** that the APPF Member States to continuously enhance parliament to parliament engagement through bilateral, regional and international settings to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and good practices on effective implementation of climate change mitigation and adaptation actions;
2. **Emphasise** the ability of advance green and low carbon technologies such as renewable energy and energy efficiency to improve climate actions in the Asia Pacific Region by knowledge sharing and showcasing innovative technologies;
3. **Ensure** that the APPF Member States are well aware that the legislative response to climate change is nationally driven and in line with the objectives of the UNFCCC whilst effectively oversight the implementation of the climate actions and sustainable management of the environment;
4. **Urge all** APPF Member States to ensure that the bilateral, regional and international approaches on economic growth to be consistent with national environmental management and be conscious of any action taken that will affect our future generations;
5. **Remind** the APPF Member States to support the action of government including the introduction of new legislation, amending relevant legislation as well as new public policies that support the implementation of climate actions, inter alia the SFDRR and the SDGs, as appropriate;

6. **Strengthen** the concerted efforts by the APPF Member States to combat biodiversity loss by promoting efforts towards environmental protection, ecosystem conservation, sustainable use of natural resources among non state actors such as local government, community, and private sector;
7. **Encourage** the APPF Member States to support the inclusion of robust accountability and transparency of action into national climate change legislation and policy implementation;
8. **Recommend** to the APPF Member States to enhance climate change outreach and awareness programme to various stakeholders via mass media, social media, and education;
9. **Strongly urge** the APPF Member States to express its commitment by supporting government initiatives in the implementation of climate friendly budgeting strategies with particular focus on green financing, renewable energy and energy efficiency;
10. **Urge all** APPF Member States to enhance capacity through sharing of knowledge, experience, lessons learned, and good practices on climate change and to further educate young generation on climate change.

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