

Resolution on Enhancing Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation in Response to Climate Change

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The 27th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF),

Reconfirming the resolution APPF26/RES.07 titled “Resolution on Strengthening Joint Action to Respond to Climate Change” adopted at the 26th Annual Meeting of the APPF in Hanoi, Vietnam in January 2018 and other resolutions regarding climate change discussed at the APPF over the years,

Emphasizing the importance of actively implementing climate change regimes based on global multilateralism, including the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, delivered through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC),

Welcoming the adoption of the Paris rulebook at the 24th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP24) on December 15, 2018 which is necessary for the practical implementation of the Paris Agreement,

Reconfirming the importance of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) set out by the Parties in a voluntary and meaningful manner and the implementation thereof in order to achieve the goal of new and universal climate change regimes on the basis of the voluntary participation of all countries,

Confirming that parliaments have a continued role in seeking ways to respond to climate change and reduce greenhouse gases at home and abroad and that the APPF therefor can make a significant contribution to inter-parliamentary cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region,

Resolves to:

1. Reconfirm the importance of implementing the UNFCCC, Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement in global efforts to address the impacts of climate change;
2. Call upon APPF Member States to fully respect the Paris rulebook delivered at the

COP24 in 2018 to promote greenhouse gas reduction action, enhance transparency thereof, and adapt to the impacts of climate change;

3. Stress the need to continue to strengthen cooperation between the Member States in the region in order to achieve the long-term goals of new climate change regimes, which are to limit the temperature increase, adapt to the negative impacts of climate change, and to ensure financial flows for low greenhouse gas emission development and climate resilience;
4. Request the parliaments of APPF Member States to continue to monitor their government's commitment to fully implementing their NDCs in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
5. Urge the parliaments of APPF Member States to devise ways to respond more actively to climate change, including by increasing the usage of new and renewable energy through legislation related to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals;
6. Call upon the parliaments of APPF Member States to build a mechanism for inter-parliamentary cooperation through exchange among legislative think tanks for the purpose of responding to climate change and implementing the Paris Agreement; and
7. Request APPF Member States to continue to strengthen cooperation with relevant international organizations, including the Green Climate Fund and the Global Green Growth Institute, for the implementation of the Paris Agreement.