



EC1/2008/01
8 October 2008

The Executive Council recommends the following draft resolution to the Third Plenary for further action. This draft resolution was proposed by the Sub-Committee on the Asian Integrated Energy Market and considered by the Executive Council on 8 October 2008.

Draft Resolution

on

Integrated Energy Market in Asia

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Recalling Resolution on the Asian Integrated Energy Market, APA/Res/2007/08, dated 19 November 2007; the Plan of Action on the promotion of an Integrated Energy Market in Asia, APA/Res/2007/08/Annex, dated 19 November 2007; Resolution on Energy, APA/Energy Com/2007/01, dated 20 November 2007;

Welcoming the Report of the Secretary-General on the Asian Integrated Energy Market, SG/Rep/2008/01/rev.1, dated 14 May 2008, to the 1st meeting of the Energy Sub-Committee held in Moscow on 15-16 May 2008;

Expressing concern about the broader issues of energy, including the consequences of rising oil prices for oil importing developing countries;

Taking note of the concept and the structure developed by the Secretary-General in Paragraphs 16-20 of his Report on the establishment of “APA Advisory Council on Energy” as a preliminary step towards establishing an organization to pursue the objectives delineated in the Plan of Action;

Recognizing the importance of dialogue between producers, consumers and transit countries of energy in Asia to promote stability of global energy market;

Resolving to work together to decrease energy intensity in Asia, particularly in the Middle East and the CIS countries;

Emphasizing the resolve of Asian Parliaments to promote, as expeditiously as possible, the Asian Integrated Energy Market in the interests of all peoples in Asia and beyond;

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Encouraging the respective governments of Member Parliaments to support the efforts of the APA towards that end;

1. Decide to establish “Advisory Groups” as need arises on specific issues of energy to provide technical advice to the Sub-Committee in order to pursue the implementation of the objectives delineated in the Plan of Action on Promotion of Asian Integrated Energy Market.
2. Decide also to establish, in the context of Paragraph one above an “Advisory Group” , when at least five Member Parliaments express their readiness to do so, in order to study “Stability of Energy Market”, “ Energy Intensity” and the “Asian Gas Network” in the report of the Secretary-General.
3. Urge Member Parliament to report to the Secretary-General about their national experiences with increasing energy efficiency as outlined in the Paragraph 33 of the Secretary-General’s Report.
4. Request the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.



EC1/2008/02
8 October 2008

The Executive Council recommends the following draft resolution to the Third Plenary for further action. This draft resolution was proposed by the Sub-Committee on Alleviating Poverty in Asia and considered by the Executive Council on 8 October 2008.

Draft Resolution

on

Alleviating Poverty in Asia

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Recalling APA Resolution, APA/Res/2007/04, by which the text of the Plan of Action for Alleviating Poverty in Asia was adopted and a Sub-Committee was established to consider how best to facilitate the implementation of the provisions of that Plan of Action;

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on Alleviating Poverty, SG/Rep/2008/03, dated 2 June 2008, submitted to the meeting of the Sub-Committee held in Jakarta on 12-13 June 2008;

Recognizing the significant role of parliaments in strengthening national strategic plans for alleviation of poverty;

Expressing concern about the situation of the poor globally and in Asia;

Expressing determination to help strengthen national efforts to meet UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

1. *Decide* to mandate the Sub-Committee to continue to work, as appropriate, to strengthen the role of Parliaments in all phases of national poverty alleviation strategic plans, including benefiting from advisory groups as the need arises to provide technical advice to the Sub-Committee on a time-bound implementation of the Plan of Action on Alleviating Poverty.



2. *Decide* to strengthen coordination among international and regional organizations such as ADB, ESCAP, IDB, UNESCAP, and the relevant NGOs active in this field, to provide technical support to the implementation of APA Plan of Action on Alleviating Poverty.
3. *Request* the Sub-Committee to explore ways in which best practices in Asia in poverty alleviation could be exchanged, including identification of focal points in the executive branch of each Member Parliament and defining a networking scheme among them.
4. *Request* the Sub-Committee to expedite and report the possible establishment of a Poverty Alleviation Fund in Asia as reflected in article 16 of APA Resolution on Economic and Sustainable Development, APA/Economic Com/2007/01 dated 20 November 2007.
5. *Request* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments on their efforts to implement this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee in 2009, which will be held in a volunteer country or in the country of the APA President.



EC1/2008/03
8 October 2008

The Executive Council recommends the following draft resolution to the Third Plenary for further action. This draft resolution was proposed by the Sub-Committee on the Friendship Pact of Asia and considered by the Executive Council on 8 October 2008.

Draft Resolution

on

Pursuing Implementation of the Friendship Pact of Asia

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Recalling the Resolution on the Friendship Pact in Asia, APA/Res/2007/06, dated 19 November 2007 and the Annex thereof;

Welcoming the Report of the Secretary-General on the Friendship Pact in Asia, contained in document SG/Rep/2008/04, dated 23 June 2008, to the Sub-Committee meeting on the Friendship Pact of Asia held in Manama on 23-24 June 2008;

Taking note of the deliberations of the APA Sub-Committee on the Friendship Pact of Asia, expressing support for Paragraph 3 of Section IV of the Report of the Secretary-General which underlines a prominent role for parliaments and entails a gradual approach to progress in implementation of the Friendship Pact of Asia;

Underscoring the enduring elements of peace and friendship in Asia in various arenas such as trade, environment, energy, culture and development;

Encouraging amity and friendly relations among Asian Nations and States based on sovereign equality, territorial integrity, the right of nations to self-determination, and good neighborly relations;

Resolving to promote the spirit of friendship throughout Asia in the interest of all peoples in Asia and beyond;

Inviting the respective governments of the APA Member Parliaments to reinforce the efforts of the APA for promotion of amity and friendship in Asia;

Decide to adopt “The Declaration on Principles of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia,”



annexed to this resolution, which substantively corresponds to the “Friendship Pact in Asia” contained in document APA/Res/2007/06/Annex, dated 17 November 2007, with certain adjustments in wording;

Resolve to take appropriate measures for adoption of the “Declaration on Principles of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia” by our national Parliaments in accordance with our respective domestic laws and procedures;

Express determination to promote public awareness about the “Declaration” through the media, hearings from, and briefings by, executive officials, members of civil societies and non-governmental organizations;

Recommend that Member Parliaments take appropriate measures, in accordance with Paragraph 2 of Rule 46 of the APA Rules of Procedure, with due regard to their own domestic laws and practices, to engage their respective Governments in promoting the “Declaration” with a view to consider arranging a Joint APA Governments Meeting, when appropriate, and in support of the parliamentary initiative on the “Declaration on Principles of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia”;

Request the Secretary-General to pursue the process of adoption of the “Declaration” by Member Parliaments, and seek their views on measures they have taken to implement this resolution and to report thereon to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on the “Declaration on Principles of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia” to be held in a volunteer country or in the country of the President of the APA in 2009.



EC1/2008/04
8 October 2008

The Executive Council recommends the following draft resolution to the Third Plenary for further action. This draft resolution was proposed by the Sub-Committee on Environmental Issues, Global Warming and Planting Billions of Trees throughout Asia and considered by the Executive Council on 8 October 2008.

Draft Resolution

on

Environmental Issues, Global Warming and Planting Billions of Trees throughout Asia

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Recalling the Resolution on the Economic and Sustainable Development in Asia, APA/Economic Com/2007/01, dated 20 November 2007;

Welcoming the Report of the Secretary-General on Environmental Issues, Global Warming, and Planting Billions of Trees throughout Asia, contained in document SG/Rep/2008/05, dated 6 July 2008, to the Sub-Committee meeting on Environmental Issues, Global Warming, and Planting Billions of Trees throughout Asia held in Damascus, the Syrian Arab Republic on 21-22 July 2008;

Taking note of the deliberations of the Sub-Committee on Environmental Issues, Global Warming, and Planting Billions of Trees throughout Asia;

Being aware of the undeniable importance of promoting development and economic progress for Asian countries;

Expressing concern about rapid environmental degradation in Asia resulting, *inter alia*, from its unsustainable growth patterns;

Recognizing the need to create a balance between the prerogatives for development of the Asian countries and the protection of their environment;

Also recognizing the responsibility of developed countries and international institutions to



special needs of Asian countries in their strive towards the protection of environment;

Acknowledging the importance of cooperation among Asian countries to share experiences and best practices in dealing with the environmental degradation in Asia;

Emphasizing the need for achieving the targets defined by the Kyoto Protocol and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) including MDG 7;

1. *Encourage* Member Parliaments to call upon their respective governments to prepare a sustainable development strategy, a strategy on climate change and a national action plan to achieve yearly energy savings to be adopted by the parliaments.
2. *Urge* Member Parliaments to work closely with their respective governments to achieve MDGs including MDG 7.
3. *Urge further* Member Parliaments to devote more attention in the budget to environmental issues, to strengthen environmental aspects of all legislations and to scrutinize the activities of their respective governments related to environmental issues, climate change and mass tree-planting program.
4. *Emphasize* the need for the access of all Asian countries to advanced technologies to protect their environment and *recognize* the responsibility of developed countries and international institutions in this regard.
5. *Invite* Member Parliaments to encourage their respective governments to work more closely with United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) on different aspects of planting billions of trees throughout Asia.
6. *Decide* to designate 'Global Warming' as the theme for further discussions in the next session of the Sub-Committee and to continue with discussions on other aspects of the work of the Sub-Committee in its subsequent sessions.
7. *Decide also* to discuss an Asian Plan of Action for environmental issues, global warming and planting billions of trees throughout Asia when the discussions referred to in the operative paragraph 6 are exhausted.
8. *Welcome* the initiative of the Secretary General to communicate with UNEP on planting billions of trees throughout Asia and *Request* the Secretary General to report to the next session of the Sub-Committee the results of his communication with UNEP.
9. *Request further* the Secretary General to seek the views of Member Parliaments on the implementation of the present resolution and report thereon to the next session of the Sub-Committee to be held in the Republic of Korea in 2009 as proposed by the Korean Parliament.



10. *Encourage* the North's developed countries to financially help the South's developing nations in their efforts for an environmentally sustainable development.
11. *Emphasize* the need to dispose of the wastewater generated by the factories, power plants and all industrial users in an environmentally safe way.
12. *Strongly recommend* to use the unutilized lands for tree plantation purposes.
13. *Decide* to promote environmental education and public awareness in our countries.
14. *Commit* ourselves to do all in our capacities with respect to efficient use of water resources and observing technical standards including environmental economics.
15. *Stress* the necessity of engaging other stake-holders such as NGOs and the Civil Society in the campaign for protection of environment in our countries.
16. *Request* APA Secretariat to collect data from the Member Countries, through their parliaments, concerning environmental issues such as higher temperatures, melting of ices, planting trees, food security, environmental degradation, water shortage and pollution, bio-diversity, and environmental technical know-how in order to prepare a database for the reference and use by all APA Member Parliaments.
17. *Invite* the resourceful members of APA to provide funds to other less resourceful APA members for implementation of the goals and policies recommended in this resolution.
18. *Request* UNEP to provide technical assistance to APA member countries that are in need of such assistance to enforce environmental policies.
19. *Propose* the adoption of slogans such as "planting one new tree for each new born child."
20. *Underlines* the necessity of transferring environmentally sound (green) technologies to developing countries at an affordable cost.
21. *Encourage* the use of Compact Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles and alternative sources of energy such as solar, wind, etc.



EC1/2008/05
8 October 2008

The Executive Council recommends the following draft resolution to the Third Plenary for further action. This draft resolution was proposed by the Sub-Committee on Protecting and Respecting Cultural Diversity in Asia and considered by the Executive Council on 8 October 2008.

Draft Resolution

on

Protecting and Respecting Cultural Diversity in Asia

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Recalling APA Resolution, APA/Res/2007/02, by which the text of the Plan of Action on Protecting and Respecting Cultural Diversity in Asia was adopted and a Sub-Committee was established to consider how best to facilitate the implementation of the provisions of that Plan of Action;

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on Protecting and Respecting Cultural Diversity, SG/Rep/2008/03, dated 2 August, 2008, submitted to the meeting of the Sub-Committee held in Seoul on 21-22 August, 2008;

Recognizing the significant role of parliaments both in strengthening national cultural policies and in harmonizing Asian approach for promoting cultural diversity;

Expressing concern about negative impact of globalization on cultural identities of Asian societies;

Stressing the importance of a balanced and multicultural education, particularly from early childhood, on cultural and religious diversity;

Expressing determination to facilitate integration in Asia through respecting cultural diversity and promoting common cultural understanding;

1. Decide to promote respect for cultural diversity by exchanging relevant information, best practices and joint programs in Asia, including through



identification of focal points in the executive branch of each Member Parliament and defining a networking scheme among them.

2. Express determination to rely on the spiritual heritage of Asian civilizations to further contribute to the global vision to counter the negative impact of globalization on cultural diversity.
3. Underline the importance of strengthening coordination between APA and international and regional organizations such as UNESCO, ISESCO and relevant NGOs active in this field, to both exchange experience and provide technical support for the implementation of APA Plan of Action on Protecting and Respecting Cultural Diversity.
4. Decide to hold two regional workshops in 2009 in... and ... to study the most appropriate relationship between economic development and culture, and to accord priority to this subject in the 2009 meeting of the Sub-Committee.
5. Decide to promote interfaith dialogue among Asian religions including through greater participation of Member Parliaments in the meetings of “Asian Conference of Religions for Peace.”
6. Express concern about smuggling of cultural items, particularly those that are in areas under foreign occupation.
7. Resolve to develop and promote adoption of a common legislation among Member Parliaments to combat smuggling of cultural items in Asia, and in this respect, request the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments and prepare a draft common legislation to combat smuggling of cultural items in Asia and submit a report thereon to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.
8. Express determination to encourage relevant government agencies to facilitate consular services for citizens of Asian countries to allow for greater people-to-people interaction.
9. Decide to establish an award to be presented annually to an Asian artist; author, poet, film maker, painter, etc, who best conveys the APA message of Asian cooperation and integration, and in this context, request the Secretary-General to report on the relevant procedure and criteria for establishment of such award to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.
10. Welcome a report to be prepared by the Secretary-General on usefulness and efficiency of establishing an Asian Cultural Foundation (ACF) as a non-governmental organization to strengthen coordination of cultural activities at the continent level, and request the Secretary-General to take into account the Asian and international organizations that already exist and deal with the issue of cultural diversity.



11. Request the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments on their efforts to implement this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee in 2009, which will be held in a volunteer country or in the country of the APA President.



EC1/2008/06
8 October 2008

The Executive Council recommends the following draft resolution to the Third Plenary for further action. This draft resolution was proposed by the Sub-Committee on Combating Corruption in Asia and considered by the Executive Council on 8 October 2008.

Draft Resolution

on

Combating Corruption in Asia

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Concerned at the seriousness of the problem of corruption, which may undermine integrity, values and principles of the society, weaken public trust and incentive for political participation, and threaten political and economic stability,

Recalling the APA Plan of Action on Combating Corruption, annexed to Resolution APA/Res/2007/05,

Expressing determination to take the necessary measures to implement the APA Plan of Action against Corruption,

Convinced that the Parliaments have an indispensable role in developing a national anti-corruption strategy and in monitoring its implementation,

Recognizing the need to promote accountability, transparency and participation as the three pillars of combating corruption and enhancing good governance,

Recognizing also the need for inter-parliamentary cooperation at national, continental and international levels to exchange information and knowledge to combat corruption more effectively,

- 1- Welcome the report of the Secretary-General, SG/Rep/2008/08, dated 20 September 2008, presented to the Sub-Committee on Combating Corruption;



- 2- Invite Member Parliaments that have not yet ratified the United Nations Convention against Corruption to do so as early as possible;
- 3- Invite Member Parliaments to report to the Secretariat, for purpose of exchange of information, about their national experiences with “Code of Legislative Conduct”, “Freedom of Access to Information Laws”, “Conflict of Interests Laws” and “Whistle Blowers and Witness Protection Laws”, and, where available, provide the text of the law;
- 4- Encourage Member Parliaments to report to the Secretariat, for purpose of exchange of information and best practices, about their oversight system, parliamentary committees entrusted with the task of oversight, number of its staff and resources available to them to effectively carry out their mandate;
- 5- Decide to designate one of our APA delegates as the focal point for coordination of activities, networking and dissemination of information within APA;
- 6- Urge Member Parliaments to complete and return to the Secretariat the self-assessment form attached to the APA Plan of Action;
- 7- Request the Secretary-General to continue to collect information and legislative and regulatory texts from Member Parliaments and relevant inter-parliamentary and non-governmental organizations in order to promote an informed exchange of information and knowledge about effective anti-corruption policies and measures;
- 8- Urge Member Parliaments, relevant inter-parliamentary and non-governmental organizations, as well as financial institutions to extend to the Secretary-General their full support and assistance in collection and analysis of corruption-relevant laws and regulatory texts and in implementation of the present resolution;
- 9- Also request the Secretary-General to report on implementation of the present resolution to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on Combating Corruption.



EC1/2008/07
8 October 2008

The Executive Council recommends the following draft resolution to the Third Plenary for further action. This draft resolution was proposed by the Sub-Committee on the Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia and considered by the Executive Council on 8 October 2008.

Draft Resolution
on the
Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Recalling APA Resolution, APA/Res/2007/03, by which the text of the Plan of Action on Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia was adopted and a Sub-Committee was established to consider how best to facilitate the implementation of the provisions of that Plan of Action;

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia, SG/Rep/2008/06, dated 27 July, 2008, submitted to the meeting of the Sub-Committee held in Tehran, on 6 October, 2008;

Recognizing the significant role of parliaments both in strengthening national policies and in harmonizing Asian approach for dealing with Globalization;

Calling for further access for all to information and communication new technologies in the process of Globalization

Expressing concern about negative impact of Globalization on widening the gap between the rich and the poor and cultural assimilation of Asian societies;

Concerned about the grave dangers of economic melt-downs for the developing countries in a globalizing world

Stressing the view that global net-working provides opportunities for Member Parliaments to engage in fruitful dialogue on important issues for Asia in a constant and regular basis.



- 1- *Decide* to establish a networking relationship among major governmental and non-governmental institutions dealing with globalization impact in each Asian country, to share their experiences and studies with the view to formulate a common strategy at continental level.
- 2- *Decide* to establish “Asian Virtual Parliament” in order to facilitate and enhance debates and deliberations in an easy and prompt way. Thus, request the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments and provide a detailed explanation on the mechanism and function of this to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- 3- *Decide* to enhance policy-oriented dialogue and debate to formulate common understanding of Globalization, through regional and continental workshops.
- 4- *Underline* the importance of consensus-building process among Member Parliaments to take harmonized position and action.
- 5- *Resolve* to develop and promote adoption of a common legislation among Member Parliaments on the most important and less controversial aspects of Globalization in Asia. In this respect, request the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments and prepare a draft common legislation and submit a report thereon to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- 6- *Express* the need to rely on the Asian spiritual and religious heritage to counter the negative impact of globalization.
- 7- *Decide* to establish databases at national and continental levels to collect and compare all basic data with respect to globalization impact in social, political and economic fields in all Asian countries.
- 8- *Decide* to establish “Advisory Groups” as need arises on specific issues to provide technical advice to the Sub-Committee in order to pursue the implementation of the objectives delineated in the APA Plan of Action on Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia
- 9- *Request* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments on their efforts to implement this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee in 2009, which will be held in a volunteer country or in the country of the APA President.



EC1/2008/08
8 October 2008

The Executive Council recommends the following draft resolution to the Third Plenary for further action. This draft resolution was proposed by the Sub-Committee on Enhancing Cooperation between Asian Parliamentary Assembly Member Parliaments and their Governments for Implementation of APA Decisions and considered by the Executive Council on 8 October 2008.

Draft Resolution

on

Enhancing Cooperation Between Asian Parliamentary Assembly Member Parliaments and their Governments for Implementation of APA Decisions

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 24 of the Tehran Declaration (2007), APA/2007/12, dated 20 November 2007,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary General on Enhancing Cooperation between Asian Parliamentary Assembly Member Parliaments and their Governments for Implementation of APA Decisions, contained in document SG/Rep/2008/01, dated 30 April 2008, to the Ad hoc Committee meeting on Enhancing Cooperation Between Asian Parliamentary Assembly Member Parliaments and their Governments for Implementation of APA Decisions, held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 7 October 2008,

Taking note of the deliberations of the Ad hoc Committee on Enhancing Cooperation Between Asian Parliamentary Assembly Member Parliaments and their Governments for Implementation of APA Decisions,

Recognizing the unique position of APA for adopting important decisions to enhance political, economic and cultural cooperation to serve the interests of all Asian countries with a view to achieving the ultimate objective of greater integration in Asia,

Recognizing the need to enhance closer coordination and cooperation between APA and governments of APA Member Parliaments,

1. *Decide* to invite Ministers of Foreign Affairs, or their representatives, of APA



Member and Observer Parliaments to participate in the plenary session of the APA and to exchange views on the most significant and urgent issues in Asia and on the APA agenda;

2. *Decide* to appoint an APA delegate as a Focal Point within our Parliaments to be in charge of making regular coordination between our parliaments and governments on the one hand, and between our parliaments and APA Secretariat for the implementation of APA decisions and programs on the other.
3. *Emphasize* on proposing agenda items by Member Parliaments in consultation and coordination with their respective governments;
4. *Recognize* the importance of adoption by APA Member Parliaments of common legislations on issues of particular interest to both APA Parliaments and their governments;
5. *Request* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments on the implementation of the present resolution and report thereon to the next session of the Ad Hoc Committee to be held in a volunteer country or in the country of the President of the APA in 2009.



EC1/2008/09
8 October 2008

The Executive Council considered the following draft resolution on 8 October 2008 and decided to recommend it to the Third Plenary for further action.

Draft Resolution on Seeking Observer Status at the OIC and PUIC

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly;

Inspired by the principles and objectives of the APA Charter;

Determined to promote international cooperation in all political, economic and social fields;

Convinced of the importance of networking and exchange of information with other international organizations and arrangements,

Reaffirming our commitments to further contribute to promotion of international peace and security as well as economic and social development of all peoples,

1. **Decide** to seek observer status at the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) and the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC);
2. **Request** the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures, on behalf of APA, to seek observer status for APA at the OIC and the PUIC;
3. **Also request** the Secretary-General to report to the next meeting of APA Executive Council on measures he took to implement this resolution.



EC1/2008/10
8 October 2008

The Executive Council considered the following draft resolution on 8 October 2008 and decided to recommend it to the Third Plenary for further action.

Draft Resolution on Seeking Observer Status at the United Nations

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly;

Inspired by the principles and objectives of the APA Charter;

Committed to the principles and objectives of the United Nations Charter;

Reaffirming our commitments to further contribute to promotion of international peace and security as well as economic and social development of all peoples,

1. **Decide** to seek observer status at the United Nations;
2. **Request** the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures, on behalf of APA, to seek observer status for APA at the United Nations;
3. **Also request** the Secretary-General to report to the next meeting of APA Executive Council on measures he took to implement this resolution.



EC1/2008/11
8 October 2008

The Executive Council considered the following draft resolution on 8 October 2008 and decided to recommend it to the Third Plenary for further action.

Draft Resolution on Seeking Observer Status at the Inter-parliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Community

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly;

Inspired by the principles and objectives of the APA Charter;

Determined to promote international cooperation in all political, economic and social fields;

Convinced of the importance of networking and exchange of information with other international organizations and arrangements,

Reaffirming our commitments to further contribute to promotion of international peace and security as well as economic and social development of all peoples,

1. **Decide** to seek observer status at the Inter-parliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Community;
2. **Request** the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures, on behalf of APA, to seek observer status for APA at the Inter-parliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Community;
3. **Also request** the Secretary-General to report to the next meeting of APA Executive Council on measures he took to implement this resolution.



EC1/2008/12
8 October 2008

The Executive Council considered the following draft resolution on 8 October 2008 and decided to recommend it to the Third Plenary for further action.

Draft Resolution on Seeking Observer Status at the ASEAN

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly;

Inspired by the principles and objectives of the APA Charter;

Determined to promote international cooperation in all political, economic and social fields;

Convinced of the importance of networking and exchange of information with other international organizations and arrangements,

Reaffirming our commitments to further contribute to promotion of international peace and security as well as economic and social development of all peoples,

1. **Decide** to seek observer status at the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN);
2. **Request** the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures, on behalf of APA, to seek observer status for APA at ASEAN;
3. **Also request** the Secretary-General to report to the next meeting of APA Executive Council on measures he took to implement this resolution.



EC1/2008/13
8 October 2008

The Executive Council considered the following draft resolution on 8 October 2008 and decided to recommend it to the Third Plenary for further action.

Draft Resolution on Seeking Observer Status at the Inter-Parliamentary Union

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly;

Inspired by the principles and objectives of the APA Charter;

Determined to promote international cooperation in all political, economic and social fields;

Convinced of the importance of networking and exchange of information with other international organizations and arrangements,

Reaffirming our commitments to further contribute to promotion of international peace and security as well as economic and social development of all peoples,

1. **Decide** to seek observer status at the Inter-Parliamentary Union;
2. **Request** the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures, on behalf of APA, to seek observer status for APA at the Inter-Parliamentary Union;
3. **Also request** the Secretary-General to report to the next meeting of APA Executive Council on measures he took to implement this resolution.



EC1/2008/14
8 October 2008

The Executive Council considered the following draft resolution on 8 October 2008 and decided to recommend it to the Third Plenary for further action.

Draft Resolution on Achieving Health Equity

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly;

Cognizant of the existing socio-economic inequalities and their impact on the health situation of communities, particularly the poor and vulnerable groups, and also the vast health inequities within and among countries;

Recognizing the fact that reducing health inequities is an ethical imperative;

Emphasizing the need to narrow the health gap worldwide;

Taking note of the final report of WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health (CSDH) submitted to the Director-General of WHO;

Noting the decision of the Director-General of WHO to submit a resolution on Social Determinants of Health (SDH) to the 62nd Session of the World Health Assembly;

1. *Take note of* the strategic directions outlined by the Commission on Social Determinants of Health for addressing the problem of health and socio-economic inequalities at the global, regional and country levels;
2. *Urge* the APA Member Parliaments to promote policies on health and health equity and to strengthen collaboration among Member Parliaments in this regard as elaborated by WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health (CSDH);
3. *Decide* to establish a Sub-Committee under the standing Committee on Social and Cultural issues of APA, composed of delegates from at least (7) member Parliaments, to meet at least once a year prior to the APA Executive Council session and review the situation with regard to SDH in Asian countries, and identify the main social determinants of health inequities and provide relevant recommendations to the Asian Parliamentary Assembly.
4. *Decide* that the meeting of the Sub-Committee shall take place in a volunteer country or the country of the President of the APA ;
5. *Request* the Secretary-General to submit a report for consideration of the Sub-Committee and to service its meetings.



EC1/2008/15
8 October 2008

The Executive Council considered the following draft resolution on 8 October 2008 and decided to recommend it to the Third Plenary for further action.

Draft Resolution on APA Budget and Expenditure

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Welcoming the efforts of the Secretary-General to develop a transparent financial regulation for APA in order to facilitate securing voluntary contributions,

Cognizant of the fact that such transparency will further add to the efficiency of the APA Secretariat and strengthening its international character,

1. Decide that all payments to the APA under any category, including voluntary contributions by Member Parliaments, donations, grants, endowments, interests granted to funds or deposits shall be made in Euro and maintained in an APA bank account, so as to facilitate its international auditing;
2. Encourage the Secretary-General to develop a financial and personnel regulations for consideration and approval of the Executive Council;
3. Decide that pending implementation of paragraph 2 above, all expenditure by the Secretary-General is to be made in coordination and upon the approval of the Bureau of the Plenary and the Secretariat Host Parliament in accordance respectively with Rules 13 and 40 of the APA Rules of Procedure;
4. Request the Secretary-General to submit an annual report to the Executive Council on all contributions APA receives and on its expenditures.