



**APA/Res/2010/02**

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## **Resolution on Achieving Health Equity in Asia**

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

*Recalling* APA Resolution, APA/Res/2009/96, dated 29 December 2009,

*Welcoming* the report of the Secretary-General on Achieving Health Equity in Asia, SG/Rep/2010/02, dated 7 March, 2010, submitted to the meeting of the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs held in the Republic of Palau, 14-16, March 2010;

*Referring to* the final report of WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health (CSDH) submitted to the Director-General of WHO in 2008;

*Stressing* the view that global net-working provides opportunities for Member Parliaments to engage in fruitful dialogue and exchange of best practices on health equity;

*Reaffirming* the significant role of parliaments both in advocating and promoting national policies and legislative measures for achieving health equity;

*Emphasizing* the need to comprehensively deal with Social and Health related problems emanating from the drug abuse;

*Stressing* the role of parliaments in adopting a harmonized social approach in dealing with social determinants of health at local and regional levels in Asia;

*Expressing* concern about the existing socio-economic inequalities and their impact on the poor and disadvantaged groups, as well as the remote geographical areas;

- 1- *Welcome* the Report of the Secretary-General contained in SG/Rep/ 2010/02, dated 7 March, 2010.

- 2- *Underline* the report of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health for addressing the impact of socio-economic inequalities on health at global, regional and national levels.
- 3- *Encourage* the APA Member Parliaments to promote health equity in Asia through sharing experiences and best practices, including protection in the form of income support for disabled and ill.
- 4- *Encourage* the APA Member Parliaments to strengthen collaboration with a view to formulating a coherent approach in regard with social determinants of health in Asia, especially education, housing, and employment.
- 5- *Encourage* the APA Member Parliaments to actively advocate for promotion and inclusion of social determinants of health in national policies and programs, and adequate allocation of necessary budgets.
- 6- *Encourage* the APA Member Parliaments to adopt policies and measures to improve service provision, and health financing system as well as health insurance plans for a more equitable resource distribution.
- 7- Encourage private sector partnership in financing and service provision of health care should not lead to prevention of poor people reaching good health care services and should be compensated by such alternatives of government sponsored health insurance.
- 8- *Call on* Member Parliaments of APA to promote networking among major governmental and non-governmental institutions dealing with health and social determinants of health in Asia.
- 9- *Invite* Member Parliaments to expand partnership and cooperation with academic institutions, none-governmental organizations, civil society groups and the media in order to identify the main social determinants of health.
- 10- *Call upon* APA Member Parliaments to encourage their respective governments to create and implement more new tactical policies, activities, and programs to ensure a success in the MDGs achievements with regard to health policies.
- 11- *Call on* APA Member Parliaments to take necessary actions and to encourage its respective governments to ensure child nutrition needs in order to create better generation.
- 12- *Encourage* the APA Member Parliaments to actively participate in the process of arriving at common objectives which could form the basis of national legislations

promoting health equity in Asia, with due attention to social protection policies for health care, long term disability, and protection during unemployment and old age.

13- *Encourage* the APA Member Parliaments to incorporate the issue of Social Determinants of Health (SDH) more intensively in other APA themes and activities.

14- *Request* the Secretary-General to seek inputs from Member Parliaments on the progress to implement this resolution and submit a report thereon to the next Committee meeting.