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**Resolution**  
**on**  
**The Role of Asian Parliaments**  
**In Promoting Comprehensive**  
**Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Occupation Strategies**

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

*Inspired* by the principles and objectives of the APA Charter;

*Recognizing* the fact that Asia has been the cradle of great religions, ancient civilizations and rich cultures;

*Expressing* determination to facilitate integration in Asia by promoting cooperation, enhancing respect for cultural and religious diversity, expanding interfaith and intercultural dialogue, and contributing to both regional and global efforts aimed at promoting a culture of peace and protecting human rights and the rule of law;

*Considering* foreign occupation as a violation of independence of the occupied countries that constitutes a real threat to peace and international security thus according the people under foreign occupation to resist occupation and exercise their right to self-determination in accordance with relevant UN resolutions;

*Considering* that acts of terrorism threaten the most fundamental human right, i.e., the right to life, and undermine social and economic development of states;

*Reaffirming* our commitment to oppose extremism, contribute to the peaceful settlement of disputes, and prevent and combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

*Recognising* that foreign occupation has not diminished the menace of terrorism but has rather provided for more destructive acts of blind terrorism;

**Stressing** the need to develop comprehensive counter-terrorism and counter-occupation strategies to combat these twin menaces of our time;

**Expressing** determination to promote parliamentary diplomacy with a view to contributing to the development of a comprehensive counter-terrorism strategy within an atmosphere of mutual confidence and solidarity in Asia and the world, particularly in the framework of international and regional cooperation through coordination and exchange of data and information between specialized institutions for the sake of combating international terrorism more effectively;

**Recognizing** that the struggle of peoples under foreign occupation or colonial domination to gain national freedom and exercise their right to self-determination is not, in any way, an act of terrorism;

1. **Condemn**, in the strongest terms, acts of international and transnational terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;
2. **Call upon** member parliaments to adopt appropriate policies to promote comprehensive counter-terrorism strategy with a multi-disciplinary approach and to that end support the setting up of a Regional Task Force comprising Parliamentarians and civil society representatives mandated to monitor, evaluate and coordinate counter-terrorism practices of member countries.
3. **Call upon** all Member Parliaments to help underscore, at national, regional and global levels, that effective counter-terrorism and counter-occupation strategies require a genuine collective resolve to combat terrorism and foreign occupation which claim the lives of innocent people.
4. **Urge** Member parliaments to develop campaigns to promote public debates about tolerance, respect for cultural and religious diversity, interfaith and intercultural dialogue and dialogue among civilizations, culture of peace, and rule of law as pillars of democracy and a means of preventing violence.
5. **Reject** stereotyping of any religious, national or ethnic group and condemn any linkage between terrorism and any race, religion, ethnic group and culture.
6. **Confirm** that a selective or exclusive approach to, application of double standard, and disregard for the rule of law in fighting corruption violate the principles and objectives of the United Nations Charter and seriously jeopardize the integrity of global effort to combat terrorism.
7. **Call for** reform of global political system, specially the United Nations Security Council in order to promote respect for the principles and rules of international law with a view to achieving greater justice for all.
8. **Invite** Member Parliaments to exchange their best practices, particularly in the area of tolerance and interfaith and intercultural dialogue, in the fight against terrorism.

9. **Call upon** all Member Parliaments to take steps, in coordination with their governments and in partnership with other inter-parliamentary organizations, to implement this resolution.
10. **Request** the Secretary-General to establish a mechanism to exchange data and information between APA Member Parliaments on comprehensive counter-terrorism strategy in order to maintain peace and stability in Asia.
11. **Request** also the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments on measures taken to implement this resolution and to report thereon to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on Major Issues of Peace and Security.