



APA/Res/2010/09
30 November 2010

**Resolution on
Reinforcing the Declaration on Principles
of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia**

We the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly

RECALLING relevant APA Resolutions on the Friendship Pact in Asia; (APA/Res/2007/06, dated 19 November 2007); Text of the Friendship Pact in Asia (APA/Res/2007/06/Annex, 19 November 2007); and Resolution on Pursuing Implementation of the Declaration on the Principles of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia (APA/Res/2008/09, 29 November 2008);

WELCOMING the report of the Secretary General on Pursuing Implementation of the Declaration on the Principles of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia, contained in document SG/Rep/2010/05, 21 April 2010, to the Inter-Sessional Meeting under the APA Standing Committee on Political Affairs held on 12-14 May 2010, in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran;

COGNIZANT of the deep-rooted ties of history, geography, culture, and civilization which bind our peoples together;

CONSCIOUS of the common interests and shared objectives of the people of Asia pointing to the need for further cooperation;

COMMITTED to promote peace and security, at global as well as continental levels, on the basis of justice and the rule of law through expanding cooperation with all peace-loving nations within and outside Asia;

CONVINCED that the Declaration on the Principles of Friendly Relations in Asia provides a framework for convergence and a platform for active interaction at a macro level throughout the region;

RECOGNIZING the constructive role of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly in paving the way for strengthening amity and the friendly relations among the Asian Nations and States in all areas;

ENCOURAGING further expansion of friendly relations including cultural, diplomatic, scientific, and commercial relations among all Asian States and further communication and interaction among our Nations in pursuance of the purposes of the Declaration;

1. Call Upon all Member Parliaments to consider passing and endorsing the Declaration on the Principles of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia, as contained in APA/Res/2008/09, 29 November 2008, within their national parliaments in accordance with their own internal procedures and to report to the Secretary-General on the progress they have made in this respect;

2. Determine to utilize capacities and good offices available to the Member Parliaments, Asian Parliamentary Friendship Associations, and the APA Secretariat to promote, publicize, and disseminate information about the Declaration on the Principles of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia.

3. Decide to support and sponsor organizing a conference in 2011, in Indonesia with the general theme of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia inviting high-level governmental officials, eminent figures and prominent scholars across Asia in order to promote the APA Declaration on the Principles of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia; address various aspects of Asian integration; and enhance cooperation between Asian Parliaments and Governments. The Conference shall comprise specialized committees to address specific issue areas including environmental, cultural, economic, and political issues.

4. Request the Secretary-General to make necessary consultations and coordination with the APA Member Parliaments as well as interested Asian organizations and academic institutions for appropriate preparation of the conference on Friendship and Cooperation in Asia.

6. Decide to continue deliberations in order to make recommendations on ways and means of acquiring the endorsement of the Declaration by Asian parliaments and Governments for its international recognition.