



**Draft of Plan of Action
For the Promotion of
Asian Integrated Energy Market**

*Drafted by the Expert Group Designated by
The Secretariat of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA)
Pursuant to Article 9 of the Tehran Declaration*

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RECALLING paragraph 9 of the APA Tehran Declaration concerning "the adoption of a decision to set up a working group in the Islamic Republic of Iran to study and draw up a plan of action for ... the promotion of cooperation in the energy sector and the idea of forming an integrated energy market in Asia with the aim of ensuring the sustainability and predictability of energy supply and demand market;"

EMPHASIZING that ensuring a sustainable and predictable supply and demand of energy is a critical factor in maintaining the stability of energy market at the global level;

KNOWING that by virtue of its possession of the greatest energy resources in the world and its major share of the global energy supply and demand, Asia will continue to play a decisive role in the world's energy security;

REAFFIRMING that sustainable development of both energy producing and energy consuming Asian countries depends heavily on ensuring energy supply and demand as well as optimization of its consumption;

BEING AWARE of the fact that owing to its high economic growth, Asia shall face increasing rate of energy consumption in the coming years;

RECOGNIZING that ensuring energy supply by the energy producing countries in Asia would require new investments and technologies;

CONCEDING that optimization of energy consumption; prevention of environmental degradation; access to comprehensive statistics and information networks related to the supply and demand of energy throughout Asia; as well as new investments and technologies in various sources of energy; are the main challenges encountering Asian countries;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the inception of a secure and integrated energy market in Asia and transforming current challenges into opportunities would require all-encompassing regional cooperation of all energy producing and consuming countries in collaboration with international organizations and regional institutions;

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly, based on the principles and purposes embedded in the APA Charter and Tehran Declaration, resolve to:

1. contribute to the stability of world energy market by balancing the supply and demand in the Asian energy market;
2. provide finance, financial guarantees, and insurance in Asia through mechanisms such as establishing banks for further promotion of investment in energy related fields;
3. minimize political, technical, and bureaucratic impediments encountering investment in energy related fields in Asia at regional and international levels;
4. promote trade in products, equipments, technologies, and services related to various fields of energy;
5. encourage Asian energy producing and energy consuming countries to undertake joint projects in exploration, extraction, production, refining, transportation, and marketing of oil and gas;
6. establish an Asian integrated research network and a statistics center focusing on energy related research and information to facilitate joint projects and exchange of information as well as academic cooperation;
7. support public and private sectors investment in upstream and downstream industries of oil and gas by fostering Asian transnational corporations;
8. optimize energy consumption by utilizing new technologies whereby upgrading current standards and making them applicable in all Asian countries;
9. facilitate international cooperation in scientific, research, and development of peaceful nuclear energy plants and projects;

10. encourage member countries to further utilize clean technologies in managing their fossil energy resources and to employ renewable energies for diminishing environmental damages;
11. promote investment in utilizing the most secure, most economical, and most optimized transportation routes of energy in Asia;
12. facilitate energy exchange and swap in Asia aiming at the reduction of energy transportation costs and the transportation of first and secondary energy carriers.