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**Asian Parliamentary Assembly
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We, members of Parliaments from Asian Parliamentary Assembly representing 39 countries met in Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia from 26 to 29 of November, 2008 for the Third Plenary Session of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA), at the kind invitation of His Excellency H.R. Agung Laksono, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia and the newly elected president of the APA. We, members of parliaments, hereby adopt this final Report:

1. We are pleased with the progress of the APA since the First and Second Plenary Sessions in the Islamic Republic of Iran in November 2006 and 2007.
2. We express our great satisfaction with the Jakarta meeting where the APA member parliaments discussed various issues in pursuit of peace based upon justice and in line with Asian economic, social and cultural values and in response to new challenges in particular the current global financial turmoil. This is in response to the need and expressed aspirations of our peoples on the necessity to strengthen the APA that will bring Asian countries into closer parliamentary cooperation.
3. We strongly believe that APA will help us realize the objectives of its establishment i.e. the promotion of freedom, justice and the spread of knowledge in order to further strengthen progress and prosperity of its members; making better use of the region's vast human and natural resources while advancing the interests of the member states and their peoples through cooperation.



4. We appreciate the reports and documents prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the APA member parliaments which were discussed and further elaborated in the Executive Council meeting (26 November, 2008) and furthermore, we welcome the deliberations of the five Standing Committees (26, 27 & 28 November, 2008) which have resulted in 20 draft resolutions and a drafting committee meeting on the Jakarta Declaration on the Urgency for the Establishment of a New Global Financial Architecture (28 November, 2008) which was finally adopted in this session of the Plenary of APA.
5. Taking into account the importance and the urgency of the global financial crisis, we issued a separate Declaration on the issue titled: Jakarta Declaration on the Urgency for the Establishment of a New Global Financial Architecture to produce an equitable financial environment as well as a more just international trade.
6. We reaffirm the APA's abiding faith in and strong commitment to its Founding Principles, ideals and purposes and express determination to encourage parliamentary cooperation to promote peace, prosperity, human rights and justice and hereby declare the following:
 - 6.1. On this international day of solidarity with Palestinian people, we associate ourselves with the international community to express our full support for and solidarity with the defenseless people of Palestine. We agree to urge all parliaments of the world to take the necessary measures to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinians, in particular, in Gaza Strip and to provide, urgently, humanitarian aid to all Palestinian people.
 - 6.2. In realizing and pursuing the vision of the APA, we will continue to exert every effort towards the promotion of a



multi-polar world, rejecting any unilateral action and endeavor to strengthen cooperation among Asian countries in a comprehensive and holistic manner in all areas of concern and importance to the APA.

- 6.3. We reaffirm the basic and the inalienable right of all nations to develop research, production and use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, without any discrimination and in conformity with their respective legal obligation. We furthermore reaffirm that States' choices and decisions in the field of peaceful uses of nuclear technology and its fuel cycle policies must be respected. We also affirm that the Islamic Republic of Iran as a State Party to the NPT and under the supervision of the IAEA, in accordance with its Safeguards Agreement, has the right to develop its peaceful nuclear technology.
- 6.4. We strongly condemn the recent terrorist attack in Mumbai, India which caused the loss of so many innocent lives. We recognize the importance of addressing the root causes of international terrorism and call for further regional and international coordination and cooperation to address this phenomenon.
- 6.5. We recognize that foreign occupation and inhuman behavior of occupying forces are the main sources of threat to regional and international peace and security; reconfirming the categorical difference between terrorism and the right of people under foreign occupation to resistance.
- 6.6. We decide to work together, to make use of our parliament and government energy experts, to decrease



energy intensity; increase energy efficiency in Asia; further promote energy stability and study the Asian Gas Network in order to move closer towards, the Asian Integrated Energy Market, as expeditiously as possible, in the interests of all peoples in Asia and beyond.

- 6.7. We decide to work together to alleviate poverty and possibly establish a Poverty Alleviation Fund in Asia.
- 6.8. We underscore the enduring elements of peace and friendship in Asia in various arenas such as trade, environment, energy, culture and development and adopt “The Declaration on Principles of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia”.
- 6.9. We decide further to discuss plans of action among Asian countries for environmental issues, global warming, climate change and planting billions of trees throughout Asia. Upon initiatives of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia, during the Third Plenary Session of the APA, the Heads of Delegation of all APA Member Parliaments attending the Session with His Excellency DR. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, the President of the Republic of Indonesia planted trees in the complex of the Indonesian parliament building in the framework of the implementation of the APA Resolution on Environmental Issues, Global Warming, climate change and Planting Billions of Trees throughout Asia.
- 6.10. We express our determination to facilitate integration in Asia through respecting cultural diversity and promoting common cultural understanding while stressing on the importance of a balanced and multicultural education, particularly from early



childhood, on cultural and religious diversity and maintaining the integrity of the family and motherhood.

- 6.11. We express our concern 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 and decide to designate a focal point for coordination of activities, networking and dissemination of information on combating corruption within APA.
- 6.12. We express our concern about the negative impact of globalization on widening gap between the rich and the poor and cultural assimilation of Asian societies and 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 a view to formulating a common strategy at continental level.
- 6.13. In order to enhance cooperation between APA Member Parliaments and their Governments for Implementation of APA decisions, we decide to invite Ministers of Foreign Affairs, or their representatives, 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.
7. We express our gratitude to the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia for graciously hosting the Third Plenary Session of the APA. We acknowledge the great contribution of H.E. DR. Ali Larijani, the previous President of the APA in the promotion of the APA and therefore, we hereby invite him to take

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part, as a special guest in a subsequent session of the APA Plenary.

We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Her Excellency, Dr. Sri Mulyani Indrawati, the Coordinating Minister for Economy and Minister of Finance of the Republic of Indonesia for her keynote speech focusing on the global financial turmoil in the Third Plenary Session of the APA.

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**Modalities for the Function of APA Secretariat and APA Member Parliaments
in the Meetings**

Since 2006 that the APA Permanent Secretariat was established in Tehran, the parliament of the Islamic Republic of Iran has generously undertaken to provide financial support for the Headquarters in Tehran as well as the salaries of Secretary-General and Secretariat administrative staff. APA Secretariat has been entitled to benefit from professional services of senior experts and academicians on a part-time and non-tenure basis as Deputy or Assistants to the Secretary General. In line with customary international standards and the common practice by all international organizations, the Third APA Plenary decides:

- 1) APA Secretary-General attends in Executive Council and the Plenary meetings;
- 2) Deputies/Assistants Secretary-General as technical staff participate in Standing Committees and Sub-Committees. The mandate is basically providing accurate background information; technical expertise; legal advises; drafting documents and supervising APA documents, as well as assistance to the Chair for the smooth conduct of all APA Meetings. They also participate in Executive Council and the Plenary to give similar technical services to the meetings;
- 3) APA Member Parliaments undertake generously provision of local accommodation as well as APA senior experts' remuneration when they have hosted an APA meeting.

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