



Asian Parliamentary Assembly First Session



“ASIAN SOLIDARITY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE”

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Political Resolution

Role of Asian Parliamentarians in Advancing Democracy, Combating Terrorism,
Situation in the Middle East, Multilateralism

The First Session of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly;

Reiterated the basic principles of the UN Charter that all States shall refrain from the threat or use of force against any other State, and to settle their international disputes by peaceful means without endangering international peace, security and justice;

Expressed the concern at the growing resort to unilateralism and unilaterally imposed measures in international relations which undermine the UN Charter and international law;

Reaffirmed the strong collective will of Asian Nations in total opposition to terrorism in all forms;

Reiterated the legitimate right of the peoples under foreign occupation for liberation of their land and self-determination;

Expressed the concern over the misuse of veto power by certain permanent members of the UN Security Council which undermine the primary responsibility of the Council in maintaining international peace and security;

Stressed on the importance of respect for cultural diversity and different historical

backgrounds of societies in the field of human rights;

Reiterated the importance of establishing appropriate Asian arrangements to promote and strengthen ties among peoples in Asia;

Urged more cooperation and exchange of information in the field of citizenship and human rights among Asian countries in order to facilitate the promotion and protection of all human rights, fundamental freedoms of people and democratic institutions;

Urged all States and national parliaments to take appropriate measures to protect the rights of vulnerable groups, such as ethnic and religious minorities and opposed and condemned all attempts to violate the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Asian Countries and interference in their internal affairs under pretext of protection of human rights, expansion of freedom and democracy;

Endorsed the request that the United Nations creates a special agency for the promotion of inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace;

Reiterated that greater efforts should be made to preserve and promote the establishment of stable democratic institutions for the full and effective participation of their people in the decision making process;

Rejected any attempt in using double standards and politicization of issues of human rights to exert pressure on certain countries;

Firmly rejected the application of coercive economic measures and unilateral sanctions. The imposition of such measures under whatever pretexts not only impact adversely on the well-being and daily lives of ordinary people, but also contradict the principles of multilateral free trade system rules;

Urged the Asian parliaments to play an active role on issues of great concern and importance to its members, such as the situation in the Middle East including the question of Palestine and Lebanon. In this regard it **expressed** its strong condemnation of the continuous Israeli aggression against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples; an aggression which is in breach of the principles of the UN Charter, international law and international humanitarian law;

Condemned the aggression imposed by Israeli regime with the support of certain great powers against Lebanon and reaffirmed that the aggressor and its supporters bear the responsibility for the outcomes of the aggression against Lebanon;

Supported Syria in its efforts to liberate its occupied land of Golan Heights;

Condemned the policies of certain powers to isolate Syria which could have

divers effects over its development;

Invited the Asian parliaments to make every effort through their respective governments and international instruments to stop Israeli coercive measures and use of unleashed force against innocent Palestinian people;

Condemned Israeli regime for abduction and detention of members of Palestine parliament and called for the immediate and unconditional release of the detainees including the Speaker of the Palestinian Parliament;

Reiterated cooperation among Asian States in combating human and drug trafficking, and organized crimes;

Encouraged members of the APA to further discover consolidated ways and means for promoting peace, security, solidarity and justice in Asian;

Reiterated the need to study ways and means of promoting friendship among the Asian countries, aimed at achieving a friendship pact.