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Resolution on Friendship Pact of Asia

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

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

Conscience of the common challenges and opportunities facing the people of Asia as well as their mutual interests pointing to the need for further collaboration;

Being Aware of the crucial role Asia plays in shaping the world future by reliance on its great human and natural resources, as well as its technological advancements;

Emphasizing the importance of regional arrangements for consolidation of ties among Asian countries in all fields;

Encouraging various methods of dialogue and peaceful interactions among Asian cultures and civilizations fostering cultural diversity and tolerance throughout the Asian continent;

Recognizing the constructive role of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly in paving the way for and strengthening the amity and friendly relations among the people of Asia with reliance on commonalities of the Asian States in all areas;

Convinced that effective structures for cooperation among Asian countries could augment the benefits of globalization and diminish their harmful effects in Asia,

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

DECIDE to establish a sub-committee under the APA Political Committee composed of delegates from at least (7) Member Parliaments to meet at least once a year prior to the APA Executive Council session and consider the best strategies leading to the signing, ratifying, and acceding to Friendship Pact of Asia as annexed to this resolution by Asian States and to pursue the objectives delineated therein.

REQUEST the APA Secretary General to prepare a report for consideration by the sub-committee and to service its meetings. The sub-committee shall hold two meetings per year in a volunteer country or in the country of the president of the APA and submit its report to the APA Executive Council for its consideration and recommendation to the APA Plenary.
