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Resolution on

Enhancing Cooperation between Asian Parliamentary Assembly Member Parliaments and their Governments for Implementation of APA Decisions

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 24 of the Tehran Declaration, APA/2007/12, dated 20 November 2007,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary General on Enhancing Cooperation between Asian Parliamentary Assembly Member Parliaments and their Governments for Implementation of APA Decisions, contained in document SG/Rep/2008/01, dated 30 April 2008, to the Ad Hoc Committee meeting on Enhancing Cooperation Between Asian Parliamentary Assembly Member Parliaments and their Governments for Implementation of APA Decisions, held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 7 October 2008,

Taking note of the deliberations of the Ad hoc Committee on Enhancing Cooperation between Asian Parliamentary Assembly Member Parliaments and their Governments for Implementation of APA Decisions,

Recognizing the unique position of APA for adopting important decisions to enhance political, economic and cultural cooperation to serve the interests of all Asian countries with a view to achieving the ultimate objective of greater integration in Asia,

Recognizing the need to enhance closer coordination and cooperation between APA and governments of APA Member Parliaments;

- 1. *Decide* to invite Ministers of Foreign Affairs, or their representatives, of APA Member and Observer Parliaments 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;
- 2. Decide to appoint an APA delegate as a Focal Point within our Parliaments to be in charge of making regular coordination between our parliaments and governments on the one hand, and between our parliaments and APA Secretariat for the implementation of APA decisions and programs on the other;

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- 3. *Emphasize* on proposing agenda items by Member Parliaments in consultation and coordination with their respective governments;
- 4. *Recognize* the importance of adoption by APA Member Parliaments of common legislations on issues of particular interest to both APA Parliaments and their governments;
- 5. *Request* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments on the implementation of the present resolution and report thereon to the next session of the Ad Hoc Committee to be held in a volunteer country or in the country of the President of the APA in 2009.