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Resolution on

Combating Corruption in Asia

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Concerned 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,

Recalling the APA Plan of Action on Combating Corruption, annexed to Resolution APA/Res/2007/05,

Expressing determination to take the necessary measures to implement the APA Plan of Action against Corruption,

Convinced that the Parliaments have an indispensable role in developing a national anti-corruption strategy and in monitoring its implementation,

Recognizing the need to promote accountability, transparency and participation as the three pillars of combating corruption and enhancing good governance,

Recognizing also the need for inter-parliamentary cooperation at national and international levels to exchange information and knowledge to combat corruption more effectively,

1. *Welcome* the report of the Secretary-General, SG/Rep/2008/08, dated 20 September 2008, presented to the Sub-Committee on Combating Corruption;
2. *Invite* Member Parliaments that have not yet ratified the United Nations Convention against Corruption to do so as early as possible and undertake measures to implement it;
3. *Invite* Member Parliaments to report to the Secretariat, for purpose of exchange of information, about their national experiences with “Legislative Code of Conduct”, “Freedom of Access to Information Laws”, “Conflict of Interests Laws” and “Whistle Blowers and Witness Protection Laws”, and, where available, provide the text of the law;

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4. *Encourage* Member Parliaments to report to the Secretariat, for purpose of exchange of information and best practices, about their oversight system, parliamentary committees entrusted with the task of oversight, number of its staff and resources available to them to effectively carry out their mandate;
5. *Decide* to designate one of our APA delegates as the focal point for coordination of activities, networking and dissemination of information within APA;
6. *Urge* Member Parliaments to complete and return to the Secretariat the self-assessment form attached to the APA Plan of Action;
7. *Request* the Secretary-General to continue to collect information and legislative and regulatory texts from Member Parliaments and relevant inter-parliamentary and non-governmental organizations in order to promote an informed exchange of information and knowledge about effective anti-corruption policies and measures;
8. *Urge* Member Parliaments, relevant inter-parliamentary and non-governmental organizations, as well as financial institutions to extend to the Secretary-General their full support and assistance in collection and analysis of corruption-relevant laws and regulatory texts and in implementation of the present resolution;
9. *Also Request* the Secretary-General to report on implementation of the present resolution to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on Combating Corruption.