



**APA/Res/2008/19  
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**Resolution on**

**Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia**

*We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,*

*Recalling APA Resolution, APA/Res/2007/03, by which the text of the Plan of Action on Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia was adopted and a Sub-Committee was established to consider how best to facilitate the implementation of the provisions of that Plan of Action,*

*Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia, SG/Rep/2008/06, dated 27 July, 2008, submitted to the meeting of the Sub-Committee held in Tehran, on 6 October, 2008,*

*Recognizing the significant role of parliaments both in strengthening national policies and in harmonizing Asian approach for dealing with Globalization,*

*Calling for further access to all information and communication of new technologies in the process of Globalization,*

*Expressing concern about negative impact of Globalization on widening the gap between the rich and the poor and cultural assimilation of Asian societies,*

*Concerned about the grave dangers of economic melt-downs for the least developed countries in a globalizing world,*

*Stressing the view that global net-working provides opportunities for Member Parliaments to engage in fruitful dialogue on important issues for Asia in a constant and regular basis,*

1. *Decide to establish a networking relationship between APA and major governmental and non-governmental institutions dealing with globalization impact in each Asian country, to share their experiences and studies with the view to formulate a common strategy at continental level;*
2. *Decide to study the feasibility of establishing an “Asian Virtual Parliament”*

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in order to facilitate and enhance debates and deliberations in an easy and prompt way. Thus, request the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments and provide a detailed explanation on the mechanism and function of this to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee;

3. *Decide* to enhance policy-oriented dialogue and debate to formulate common understanding of Globalization, through regional and continental workshops;
4. *Underline* the importance of consensus-building process among Member Parliaments with a view to harmonize position and action;
5. *Resolve* to develop and promote adoption of a common legislation among Member Parliaments on the most important and less controversial aspects of Globalization in Asia. In this respect, request the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments and prepare a draft common legislation and submit a report thereon to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee;
6. *Express* the need to rely on the Asian spiritual and religious heritage to counter the negative impact of globalization;
7. *Decide* to support secretariat effort to facilitate the exchange of information and data among APA Parliaments with respect to globalization impact in social, political and economic fields in all Asian countries;
8. *Decide* to establish “Advisory Groups” as need arises on specific issues to provide technical advice to the Sub-Committee in order to pursue the implementation of the objectives delineated in the APA Plan of Action on Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia;
9. *Request* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments on their efforts to implement this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee in 2009, which will be held in a voluntary country or in the country of the APA President.