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Report of the APA Standing Committee on Peace and Security Jakarta, 28 November 2008

The Standing Committee on Peace and Security Issues held its meeting on 27 November 2008 in Jaakarta, Indonesia.

1. Honorable Dr. Harry Tong from the Parliament of Kiribati chaired the Standing Committee meeting. Honorable Dr. Mohammad Al - Idirisi from the Parliament of Saudi Arabia was elected as the vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee. The Chair was assisted by APA Assistant Secretary-General, H.E. Dr. Masoud Islami.
2. The list of documents before the Standing Committee included:
 - a) EC2/2008/01: Cooperation and Coordination on Major International Issues of Importance to APA
 - b) EC2/2008/04: Humanitarian Crisis in Palestine, in particular in the Gaza Strip
3. The Standing Committee exchanged views on many elements and ideas in the draft resolutions above. Deliberations on the document on Cooperation and Coordination on Major International Issues of Importance to APA, resulted in its adoption by consensus with minor adjustments in wording. While the spirit and contents of the second document on Humanitarian Crisis in Palestine, in particular in the Gaza Strip were supported by all distinguished delegates, the distinguished delegate from Russian Federation proposed to submit a few amendments.

Accordingly, the Standing Committee decided to re-convene for consideration of the proposed amendments. In the subsequent meeting of the Standing Committee on 28 November 2008, the suggestions by the distinguished delegate from Russia were considered and commented on. It was decided then that the Standing Committee shall recommend the adoption of the draft Resolution on Humanitarian Crisis in Palestine, in particular in the Gaza Strip as adopted by the Executive Council in its document EC2/2008/04. The distinguished



delegation from Russian Parliament decided, however, to dissociate itself from the adopted Resolution.

4. The Standing Committee considered a number of important issues related to international peace and security as raised by the distinguished delegates concerning violations of international law which threaten international peace and security including all acts of terrorism and organized crimes; atrocities committed by the Israeli regime in Palestine; violations of human rights committed by foreign forces in Iraq and Afghanistan; and recent acts of piracy.
5. Based on the deliberations in the Standing Committee, the Secretariat was mandated to draft a Resolution on Major Issues of Peace and Security in Asia embracing the valuable remarks pointed out by the distinguished delegations.
6. In its second meeting on 28 November 2008, the Standing Committee considered a draft Resolution prepared by the Secretariat and adopted it as the APA draft Resolution on Major Issues of Peace and Security in Asia, once certain adjustments were made thereto.
7. The Standing Committee recommended three draft resolutions with the following symbols to the Third APA Plenary for adoption:
 - a) APA/Peace & Security/2008/1: Cooperation and Coordination on Major International Issues of Importance to APA
 - b) APA/Peace & Security/2008/2: Humanitarian Crisis in Palestine, in particular in the Gaza Strip
 - c) APA/Peace & Security/2008/3: Major Issues of Peace and Security in Asia
8. The Standing Committee on Peace and Security also decided to establish a sub-committee on Major Issues of Peace and Security in Asia with the initial membership of the Parliaments of Bahrain, China, Cyprus, Iran, Jordan, Palestine, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Turkey. The membership to the sub-committee shall remain open for other APA Member Parliaments. The date of the first meeting was set tentatively to be the third week of April 2009 and it will be hosted either by a volunteer Parliament or the Parliament of the APA President.