

**Draft Resolution**  
**Proposed by the Islamic Parliament of Iran**  
**on**

**Enhancing Cooperation among the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly to Protect and Promote Multilateralism**

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

**Recalling** the relevant principles set forth in the Charter of the Assembly and the Charter of the United Nations;

**Mindful** of the existence of mutual interests and common problems among the Member Parliaments and *convinced* of the need to further strengthen the existing cooperation;

**Recognizing** the serious danger and threats posed by the actions and measures which seek to undermine international law and international legal instruments;

**Recalling** paragraph 4 of the report of Secretary-General of the United Nations entitled “Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization” contained in document A/72/1 wherein it states that “now more than ever, multilateral action is needed to find effective solutions to this mix of challenges”. *Sharing* his concern expressed in paragraph 140 of the same report that “multilateralism is being questioned at a time when we most need coherent global responses to these interconnected events”;

**Underscoring** the need to strengthen cooperation between APA and other regional and international inter-parliamentary organizations and forums on matters related to Asia;

**Expressing** opposition to all unilateral coercive measures, with certain destructive effects on the foundation of multilateralism, including those measures used as tools for imposition of unjust political or economic and financial pressure against any country;

**Continuing** to maintain, strengthen and manifest the unity and solidarity among the members of APA, particularly with those whose nations are suffering from the negative consequences of unilateral coercive measures at political, cultural and economic levels;

**Reaffirming** that each State has full sovereignty over the totality of its wealth, natural resources and economic activity, exercising it freely;

**Gravely concerned** that the use of unilateral coercive economic measures adversely affects the economies and the development efforts of all nations, and have a serious general negative impact on international economic cooperation and on worldwide efforts to move towards a non-discriminatory and open multilateral trading system;

**Determined**, for the sake of peace and stability and promoting friendly and mutually beneficial relations among all nations in the world through, including, contribution to international cooperation aimed at strengthening multilateralism and curbing the negative effects of unilateralism, we, the Member Parliaments of APA, *agree* to undertake the following measures, among others;

1. **Reaffirm** our commitment to the Charter of the United Nations and universally recognized norms and principles of international law and the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly;
2. **Reaffirm** our commitment to effective multilateralism with the United Nations at its center;

3. **Assert** on behalf of the parliamentary community of Asia to work in line with the expectation that the world will become more committed to promote multilateralism in all aspects of world affairs;
4. **Call upon** all Parliamentarians in Asia to redouble their efforts at all possible levels to adopt measures aimed at preventing and curbing the negative effects of illegal unilateral measures undermining free, open and transparent relations among members of the Asian community;
5. **Welcome** all initiatives of the Member Parliaments to promote and strengthen cooperation in various fields including economy, finance, transport and trade within the geography of APA at bilateral and multilateral levels;
6. **Reaffirm** the willingness of the Asian parliamentarians to closely cooperate and collaborate with other branches of their respective governments in formulating proper and effective national plans to help promote multilateral cooperation in all spheres of regional and international relations;
7. **Reject** unilateral coercive measures with all their extraterritorial effects as tools for political and economic pressure against any country in particular against developing countries. *Underscore* the need for all states to avoid politicization of the UN Security Council sanctions regime, particularly with those Member States whose nations are suffering from negative consequences of unilateral coercive measures at political, cultural and economic levels;
8. **Urge** all Member Parliaments to facilitate the adoption of urgent and effective measures to impede the use of unilateral coercive measures against any country that are inconsistent with the principles of international law as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and that contravene the basic principles of the multilateral trading system. *Request* States applying these measures or laws to revoke them fully and immediately;
9. **Reiterate** unwavering support to JCPOA, which remains a significant achievement of multilateral diplomacy endorsed unanimously by the UN Security Council through Resolution 2231 dated 2015 and underscore that JCPOA proved to be effective and has no alternative and welcome the full implementation by Iran of its nuclear-related commitments, as repeatedly confirmed by the IAEA, and call upon all other parties to fulfill in total their own obligations stemming from JCPOA and the UNSCR 2231 so that overarching goals which induced the conclusion of the accord are achieved in due course and in a timely fashion;
10. **Reaffirm** sovereign right of our people to acquire, manufacture, export, import and retain all economic goods required to ensure an acceptable standard of living and a sustainable development for them, and *emphasizes* that no undue restrictive measure should be taken against any country in this regard;
11. **Emphasize** that under no circumstances should people be deprived of their own means of subsistence and development and development and stress that no illegal restrictive measures should be taken against any Member State in this regard. *Reiterate* that food and basic goods should not be used as an instrument for unilateral political and economic pressure. *Stress* the importance of international cooperation and solidarity, especially within the framework of APA, to prevent such unilateral coercive measures that affect the trade related to food and basic goods and would endanger food security impacting specially groups in vulnerable situations;
12. **Request** the Secretary-General to submit a report to the next meeting of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs containing initiatives, including those introduced by the Member Parliaments, to promote the role of parliamentarians, especially within the framework of APA, in furthering multilateralism.

**Proposed Draft Resolution on  
Strengthening the Role of the Asian Parliaments  
in Protection and Promotion of Multilateralism**

Explanatory memorandum  
submitted by the delegation of the Islamic Parliament of Iran

As the world is witnessing a plethora of complex and inter-linked challenges, we join the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his assessment in paragraph 4 of his report entitled “Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization” contained in document A/72/1 wherein it states that “now more than ever, multilateral action is needed to find effective solutions to this mix of challenges”. We also share his concern in paragraph 140 of the report that “multilateralism is being questioned at a time when we most need coherent global responses to these interconnected events”.

Our world is now grappling with numerous human, environmental and social challenges. Achieving peace and sustainable development in tandem has become the most urgent priority of many regions. The current world faces various issues, crises, threats and challenges that, in our view, the emergence of this precarious situation is influenced, among others, by one major factor which is the thirst of some powers for global dominance which has resulted in their several misconducts such as violation of international law, withdrawal from international obligations and promotion of tyranny and dictatorship at global level including through resorting to unilateral coercive measures against other nations.

Our age, is the age of modern science and technology, awareness and awakening of nations, democratic development and the desire for coexistence in a diverse and multicultural world. Obviously, unilateralism has nothing to do with tyranny and terrorism. To the extent that the first one is beneficial to the maintenance of international peace and security, the two most recent elements are among the most destructive and destabilizing factors undermining safe, secure and peaceful co-existence of the mankind on the globe. We, as the parliamentarians, must play an important role in working towards promotion of regional and international cooperation and make multilateralism as the superior discourse against unilateralism and terrorism. We should not allow violent and militaristic solutions to sit at the center of our commonly agreed economic and political development goals and objectives.

Since its inception, the Asian Parliamentary Assembly has adopted various initiatives to promote and organize meaningful cooperation among the Asian nations and to contribute to convergence of peaceful efforts aimed at rectifying common problems at regional and international levels. In the current context, given the concerns regarding the re-emergence of unilateralism and its damage to international trade and economic relations, parliaments should move towards the protection and promotion of multilateralism. Through the establishment of necessary legal mechanisms, parliamentarians could facilitate interregional and international relations in certain economic, trade, political and cultural fields, especially within the framework of the APA. By resorting to these kind of effective and resilient collective efforts within the concept of multilateralism, we can make our own part in confronting political and economic threats posed by unilateralism.

The draft resolution proposed by the delegation of the Islamic Parliament of Iran is precisely for this purpose, namely the promotion of cooperation and collaboration among parliamentarians as the main voice of nations to strengthen multilateralism for the benefit of all and to respond appropriately to the threats posed by political tendencies who advocate unilateralism.

The world today faces exceptionally greater risks than before, but we are also endowed with greater opportunities. Let's join hands to confront the risks while appreciating the new opportunities for a better and brighter future.