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**Report of the Executive Council Meeting**

**06-07 May 2013**

**Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran**

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The First Executive Council of Asian Parliamentary Assembly in 2013 held its meeting on 06-07 May 2013 in Tehran, the Islamic Republic of Iran. APA Delegations from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Pakistan, Palestine, Russia, Sri Lanka, Syria and Turkey participated in this meeting. List of participants is attached.

The meeting started at 9:15 a.m. by the recitation of the Holy Koran. The agenda of the meeting was adopted. Honorable Aboutorabi Fard, Deputy Speaker of the Islamic Parliament of the Islamic Republic of Iran was elected as the Chairman. Honorable Dr. Surahman Hidayat of Indonesia and Honorable Dr. Mohammad Alsaqour of Jordan were elected as the vice-chairman. Honorable Mr. Kazim Khan of Pakistan was elected as Rapporteur.

The Chairman delivered his opening statement at the beginning of the meeting. He emphasized the importance of parliamentary cooperation in Asia bearing in mind the great capacities existing in this continent and pointed out that APA has always emphasized on the importance of the issue of common legislations among Asian parliaments. He encouraged Member Parliaments to redouble their efforts in this regard. He also enumerated the important issues facing the Asian Parliamentary Assembly.

H.E. Dr. Nejad Hosseinian, the Secretary-General of APA presented his opening Statement to the Executive Council meeting. He explained the difficulties experienced by the APA to hold statutory meetings in the last three years. He mentioned that Cambodia will assume APA Presidency for 2014-2015 as adopted by the 5th APA Plenary. He referred to the important subjects under the agenda of the Executive Council meeting in particular the important issue of the revitalization of the work of the APA.

The delegations of Pakistan, Lebanon, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Iraq, Syria, Palestine, Iran, Bangladesh and Afghanistan participated in the general debate and, inter alia, emphasized on the importance of cooperation among APA members.

The representative of the Secretariat briefed the meeting on the non-paper prepared by the Secretariat on the “Ideas for Brainstorming Session on Revitalization of APA”. Many delegations participated in the discussions and presented their proposals on the non-paper and the issue of revitalization of APA. The Secretariat prepared a report of the proposals made during the discussions on the subject. The meeting took note of the report to be presented to the next APA Plenary.

Upon suggestions by a number of delegations, the Secretariat prepared a draft Press Statement on the situation in Syria. Some delegations commented on the draft statement and introduced amendments to it. The meeting agreed with the text of the Press Statement on the Situation in Syria.

The representative of Pakistan informed the meeting that the Parliament of Pakistan is prepared to host the next APA Plenary meeting in the first half of December 2013. He proposed the following theme for the Plenary:

***Asian century, cooperation in economy, energy and environment***

The Executive Council welcomed the Pakistani proposal and adopted it.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Parliaments of Kuwait and Jordan have also expressed readiness to host APA meetings. He said that the Secretariat will be in contact with these two members for possible future meetings and will inform the next Plenary accordingly.

Following introduction of a number of amendments to draft resolutions by delegations of Pakistan, Turkey and Lebanon, the following draft Resolutions were considered and recommended to the Plenary for final approval:

* Draft Resolution on Reinforcing the Declaration on Principles of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia
* Draft Resolution on Measures for Enhancing Cooperation Between APA and Asian Governments
* Draft Resolution on Supporting Palestinian State and Protecting Rights of Palestinian People
* Draft Resolution on Asian Parliaments Against Terrorism and Foreign Occupation
* Draft Resolution on Protecting and Respecting Cultural Diversity in Asia
* Draft Resolution on Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia
* Draft Resolution on Achieving Health Equity in Asia
* Draft Resolution Proposed by the Ad-hoc Working Group on Information and Communication Technology "ICT"
* Draft Resolution on Combating Corruption
* Draft Resolution on Environmental Issues, Global Warming, Climate Change and Planting Billions of Trees throughout Asia
* Draft Resolution on Alleviating Poverty in Asia
* Draft Resolution on Integrated energy Market in Asia
* Draft Resolution on Ramification of International Financial Crisis for the Economies of the Countries of APA Member Parliaments
* Draft Resolution on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers in Asia
* Draft Resolution on Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking
* Draft Resolution on the Establishment of the Coordinating Meeting of APA Women parliamentarians

The meeting expressed gratitude to the people and Islamic Parliament of the Islamic Republic of Iran particularly, Deputy Speaker Honorable Aboutorabi Fard, for their generous and courteous hospitality.

List of participants

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| **No.** | **Parliament of:** | **Full Name of Delegates** |
| 1 | Pakistan  | Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed |
| Senator Muhammad Kazim Khan |
| Mr. Shaukat Javaid (Deputy Secretary)  |
| 2 | Kuwait  | Mr. Saleh Ashour, MP |
| Mr. Yagaub Alsne, MP |
| Mr. Mobarak Alnajad, MP |
| Mr. Theyab Aldaihani,  |
| Mr. Abdullatif Alrizaihan |
| 3 | Lebanon | Mr. Hassan Fadlallah,MP |
| Mr. Antoine Saad,MP |
| 4 | Bangladesh | Mr. Mohammad Mazaherul Haque Prodhan,MP |
| Mr. Zahid Maleque, MP  |
| 5 | Indonesia  | Dr. Surahman Hidayat, MP (Head of Delegation) |
| Mr. Muhammad Nadjib, MP |
| Mrs. Endah Retnoastuti (Secretary to delegation) |
| Ms. Pauline Theresa Mulyono (Interpreter) |
| 6 | Jordan | Senator Dr. Mohammad Alsaqour |
| Senator Mr. Hammad Maayta |
| Senator Mr. Mohammad El - Moor |
| Mr. Zaid Altahhan (Secretary) |
| 7 | Afghanistan  | Mr. Nazar Mohammad Faqiri,MP |
| 8 | Syria  | Mr. Rami Saleh,MP (Head of Delegation) |
| Mrs.Oumaimah Khaddour, MP |
| Mr. Mujib Addanan, MP |
| Mr. Mohammad Abbas Turkmani, MP |
| Mr. Khalil Al Kasheh, MP |
| Mr. Walid Alzobi, MP |
| Mr. Abdul Wahed Razzouk, MP |
| Mrs. Jurjina Rizk, MP |
| Mr. Iyad Al – Hasan, (Public Relation) |
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| Mr. Dunesh Harsha Gankanda,MP |
| Mr. Upul Chaminda Perera Kumarasinghe – Private Secretary  |
| Mr. Mihindukulasooriya Anthony Bernard Ruchitha Kurera |
| Mr. Sunil Shantha Herath    |
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| Mr. Hossein Amiri Khamkani,MP |
| Mr. Karen Khanlari,MP |
| Mr. Seyed Alireza Marandi,MP |
| Mrs. Fatemeh Rahbar,MP |
| Mr. Hossein Shaikholeslam, Adviser to the Speaker &Director General of International Affairs |
| Mr. Seyed Morteza Razaviani,Director  |
| Mr. Amir Abbas Ghasempour, Senior Expert  |
| 11 | Turkey  | Mr. Yuksel Ozden,MP(Head of Delegation) |
| Mr. Alim Isik,MP |
| Mr. Murat Hasturk, (Secretary to delegation) |
| 12 | Russian Federation  | Mr. Mikhail Emelyano, MP(Head of Delegation) |
| Ms. Ekaterina Dmitrieva, Interpreter |
| Mr. Vladimir Dashko, Interpreter |
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| Mr. Kim Chol, Counsellor of Embassy/ Tehran  |
| 14 | China | Mr. Wei Xu, Counsellor of Embassy/ Tehran  |
| Mr. Li Xu, Third Secretary of Embassy/ Tehran  |
| 15 | Iraq | Dr. Qassi Al- Sohail, 1st Deputy Speaker  |
| Mr. Yassin majid Tahir,MP |
| Mr. Ammar Toemeh,MP |
| Mr. Arkan Zibari,MP |
| Mrs. Alla Talebani,MP |
| Mr. Kazim Ataullah Fatar, Secretary |
| Mr. Ahmad Qased Kazim, Secretary |
| Mr. Baqer Roomi, Secretary |
| Mr. Mustafa fazel Abbas, Public relation |
| 16 | Palestine  | Mr. Zohair Sandoqa,MP |
| Mr. Bashar Avad, Charge d’affair  |
| 17 | APA Secretariat | Mr. M.H. Nejad Hosseinian (Secretary- General) |
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