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The Role of Asian Parliaments in Strengthening Democracy

Towards Prosperity, Peace and Justice in the Region

Rapporteur: Honorable, Mr. Kim Sunggon

1. Honorable, Mr. H. Marzuki Alie, the new Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia and the APA President opened the inaugural session of the APA 4th Plenary in the morning of Tuesday, 8 December 2009. The inaugural meeting took place in the Asian-African Museum Building in Bandung where world leaders gathered in 1955 to establish the Movement of the Non-Aligned. Honorable, Mr. Marzuki Alie expounded the theme of the 4th Plenary: the Role of Asian Parliaments in Strengthening Democracy towards Prosperity, Peace and Justice in the Region. He stressed the significance of the APA in strengthening solidarity in Asia. He underlined the importance of the APA in terms of making the voice of Asia heard on important issues of international character, such as combating terrorism and violence, addressing globalization and promoting democracy and sustained development. He confirmed his conviction, as APA President, to enhance the cause of APA and the universal concept of democracy. Honorable, Mr. Marzuki expressed the hope for adopting the Bandung Declaration at the end of the 4th APA Plenary to serve as a platform for sustainable economic development, bringing people out of poverty by creating green job opportunity, sustaining the environment for the generations to come, and developing common strategies to combat terrorism and promote peace and security.
2. Honorable, Dr. Haddad Adel, member of the Parliament of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in his capacity as the First APA President The notion of Asian Integration provides us with a vision to look at Asian identity and civilizational heritage a new and strive for the promotion of Asian stature in all international and global arenas. The Asian Integration may be defined as a purposeful process that recognizes the differences and distinctions but at the same time relies heavily on commonalities; mutual wants; and common challenges in order to provide the Asians with ways and means of further interaction and remove the hindrances of cooperation. As a powerful actor and a strong trend-maker in the world, Asia is indeed indispensable for the dynamics of globalization. Concurrently, Asia possesses many great capacities for integration and cooperation. Asian Parliaments in particular, by way of representing their people’s aspirations and due to their central role in law-making, are well situated to assume a prominent role in paving the way for further integration among Asian Nations and States. The APA as one of the salient civil institutions in Asia has played a progressive role in promoting the Asian Integration. Honorable, Dr. Haddad Adel referred to the correlation between international cooperation and international security and expressed confidence that APA will be an effective instrument in achieving both.
3. H. E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia delivered the Inaugural address. The President welcomed all to the historic city of Bandung and expressed confidence that the 4th Plenary will succeed in its objective in the spirit of Bandung, where in 1955 world leaders gathered to withstand colonialism. He pointed out the priorities of Indonesia for good governance, checks and balances in the national system, the role of parliaments in promoting democracy and the rule of law. As a political organization, Parliaments have important role to promote democracy. Diversity in Asia is a source of strength in Asia and democracy is an ideal that is the function of particular national experiences in each country and not a set of standards to be applied uniformly to all. We need to work in this interdependent era to forge partnership, fight marginalization and poverty and accept responsibility for our common future. We should not forget that the voice of the people is the voice of God, and in this context, the governments and parliaments must work together to listen and hear the voice of people. The President referred to the COP 15 being held in Copenhagen on global warming and stated that the post-Kyoto regime to be more effective and workable. The President declared the APA 4th Plenary Session officially open. The text of the President’s Inaugural address is attached to this Report as Annex I.
4. Honorable, Mr. H. Marzuki Alie, the APA President opened the 4th Plenary Session of the APA. The Plenary took place in Savoy Homann Hotel in Bandung. The Plenary adopted its Agenda. The Agenda and the program of work are attached as Annexes II and III.
5. The delegate from Syria raised a point about the inaugural meeting and stated that he was prepared to make a statement at the inaugural as previously reflected in the provisional agenda as the next APA President, and he regretted that he did not have the chance to make the statement. After some observations by various delegates, the President offered the Syrian delegate to make his statement as the next APA President right then.
6. The delegate from Syria made a statement. He referred to a number of international issues: environment, N1 H1 flue, poverty and terrorism and expressed the hope that the APA would make some progress on these issues. He invited the delegates to Syria for the next APA Plenary in 2010.
7. The President made a statement. He paid tribute to Honorable Agung Loksano the former Indonesian APA President who laid a good foundation for leadership of the APA. The President stressed the critical role of parliaments to promote rule of law and democracy. He expressed his commitment to APA to make sure that the voice of APA on the Asian priorities is heard. The President reviewed the agenda of the 4th Plenary and the decisions that are to be taken during the three days of deliberation.

1. Honorable, Dr. Hidayat Nur Vahid, the Chairperson of the APA Executive Council reported to the Plenary on the efforts of the two meetings of the Executive Council which were held on 11-12 August 2009 in Jakarta and on 7 December 2009 in Bandung, Indonesia. He expressed thanks to delegates from Member Parliaments who took active part in the two Executive Council meetings. Dr. Vahid, reviewed all draft resolutions considered by the Sub-Committees and those by the Executive Council without reference to a Sub-Committee. He recommended to the Plenary to consider and adopt the draft resolutions and decisions. He pointed out that the Draft Resolution on financial Regulations was amended at the Executive Council and decided to further study it in the Ad-Hoc Committee in 2010 before recommending it to the Plenary for consideration and adoption.
2. H. E. Dr. M. Hadi Nejad-Hosseinian, the APA Secretary-General made a statement on the state of the organization. He stressed the important role of parliaments in policy making and monitoring of policy implementation at national and international levels. The Secretary-General highlighted the critical role of parliaments and the NGOs as partners with growing influence in policy formulation. He emphasized that parliamentary diplomacy ought to be the driving force of the APA.

1. The Plenary adopted draft resolution on Streamlining of the APA work as amended. It is issued under APA/Res/2009/01.
2. The Plenary adopted the decision on Approving the Application for APA Membership by the Parliament of India contained in EC.1/Dec./2009/01 of 12 August 2009. The decision is issued under APA/Dec/2009/01. The delegate from the Parliament of India made a statement and thanked the President and Member Parliaments who facilitated full-fledged membership of India in the APA. He expressed the resolve of the Parliament of India to contribute actively in the work of the APA and help the voice of APA heard at international level.
3. The Plenary adopted the decision on Approving the Application for APA Membership by the Parliament of Kazakhstan contained in EC.1/Dec./2009/02 of 12 August 2009. The decision is issued under APA/Dec/2009/02. The delegate from the Parliament of Kazakhstan made a statement and thanked the President and Member Parliaments who facilitated full-fledged membership of Kazakhstan in the APA. He welcomed the opportunity to be an APA member and reviewed the efforts of Kazakhstan at regional and international levels to promote peace, stability, security and democracy.
4. The Plenary moved to elect the Plenary Bureau. Russian Federation (Honorable, Mr. Georgy K. Leontev, MP), Islamic Republic of Iran (Honorable, Mr. Mohammad Hassan Aboutorabi Fard, Deputy Speaker), Palau (Honorable, Mr. Gibson Kanai, MP) and Bahrain (Honorable, Dr. Salah Ali Abdulrahman, Deputy Speaker) were elected as vice-Presidents. Republic of Korea (Honorable, Mr. Kim Sung Gon, MP) was elected as the Rapporteur. The President announced that the Chairperson of the Drafting Committee will be Honorable, Mrs. Nurhayati Ali Assegaf, member of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia.

* Honorable, Mr. Mohammad Hassan Aboutorabi Fard will chair the Standing Committee on Political Affairs.
* Honorable, Mr. Gibson Kanai will chair the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs.
* Honorable, Mr. Georgy K. Leontev will chair the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs.

1. The Plenary began general debate. The President announced that one Standing Committee is going to hold its meeting simultaneously with the Plenary. Two delegates from each delegation may present statement at the general debate provided that both statements are not more than 10 minutes.
2. Cambodia, (Honorable, Mr. Nguon Nhel, Deputy Speaker): strengthening of democracy should be a prerequisite for national development, advancement, prosperity and social justice. But a peaceful settlement negotiation is a priority requirement that secures social stability and sustainable development of democracy. Without peace, there would be no opportunity for strengthening democratic development. Peace should be achieved and maintained at the national, regional and global levels. Cambodia strongly believes that peace and prosperity would definitely be achievable in Asia through continuing meetings, exchange of ideas, mutual understandings and trust, cooperation towards a peaceful co-existence, and social harmonization between countries of our region.
3. Lebanon, (Honorable, Dr. Hassan Fadlallah, MP): Parliaments have a great role in reflecting the will of people by legislating, censoring and sometimes in certain countries electing the executive power. APA, as a parliamentary organization has taken big steps by pursuing major issues of international importance and has become a dynamic organization. APA Troika took a bold step in support of the Palestinian people in Gaza under Israeli siege and toured the countries neighboring Palestine. We recognize the vital role of our Indonesian President in this endeavor. The international community must hold Israel, the perpetrator of war crimes and crimes against humanity accountable. It makes no different if these crimes are committed in Gaza Strip or in the West Bank, or for construction of the wall of separation or destruction of Palestinian houses to make rooms for Israeli settlers. These Israeli crimes are not limited to Palestine, but are daily affairs against the Lebanese people. Lebanon has no option but to live next to Israel, which is an entity built on the ideology of occupation, expansion, and aggression, relying on the power of arrogance and founded on the unlimited support of the United States. The Parliament of Lebanon continues to support the effort of the APA and is committed to contributing to its work.
4. Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, (Honorable, Mr. Kim Wan Su, Deputy Speaker): We Asians have written the history with Asian hands and ought to overcome the challenges facing the continent through unity and solidarity. Global economic crisis and regional conflicts as the result of irresponsibility of the super powers and the Westerners continue to plague our continent. We need to continue to reject foreign domination. We need to promote cooperation between us to withstand the forces of colonialism. We have created a powerful military guarantee for safeguarding peace and security on our own under the leadership of General Kim Jong Il, and are now beginning to build a powerful economy and a thriving Korean nation by 2012, marking the centenary of President Kim Il Sung’s birth. Our economy is thriving with the slightest effect from the global economic crisis. We look forward to reunifying the Korean nation by Korean people themselves in accordance with the two inter-Korean declarations dated 15 June 2007 and 4 October 2007, jointly published in the inter-Korean summits and applauded by the international community. We are determined to work for peace, security and economic development in Asia.
5. Palestine, (Honorable, Mr. M. Taysir Quba’a, Deputy Speaker): It is about time to do the Palestinian people justice. Daily massacre of people continues unabated for decades. How can some talk about human rights in the West? How can the world remain silent in the face of this huge machinery of destruction and aggression supported by the United States? Israel will be wiped out of the map if it does not recognize the independent state of Palestine with Al-Ghods Al-Sharif as its capital. The General Assembly condemned the use of outlawed weapons against people of Gaza. Israel is the spoiled brat of the West and the United States. It is an expansionist entity engaged in state terrorism. The US bullies many countries in the world. Terrorism is the product of occupation, bullying and violence and we must recognize the legitimate rights of people under foreign occupation and we recognize the rights of Syrian and Lebanese resistance in the face of Israeli aggression.
6. Indonesia, (Honorable, Mr. Sidarto Danusubroti, MP): APA agenda is filled with issues of great international importance and we are proud to make progress on these issues. We are happy that APA is focusing on combating corruption which is plaguing many countries in the world. We need to promote good governance, rule of law and accountability. Indonesia has gained good experience in combating corruption and has moved up in the recent past on the Transparency International index. Cultural diversity in Asia must be looked at as the strength of Asia. We need to pay more attention to promoting the rule of law and democracy in Asia. We also need to allow greater focus and energy on achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Indonesia supports the draft resolutions being considered at the Standing Committees and looks forward to their implementation.
7. Republic of Korea, (Honorable, Mr. Kim Sung Gon, MP): Republic of Korea fully supports the activities of the APA and it is in this context that we have hosted the Sub-Committee on Cultural Diversity in 2008 and the Sub-Committee on Environment in 2009 in Seoul. We also promote interfaith dialogue to promote peace and security. UN FCC in Copenhagen is underway and Korea hopes that the new instrument would be more effective than the Kyoto Protocol. In 2012, we are going to hold an international event on ocean and environment in my own district and expect a good number of representatives from Asia. Our other project is “one Asia.” Ninety nine years ego Japan invaded Korea and occupied it for a long time, and based on the real apology of Japan, we need to work together to deal with the past. We need to work to bring Japan to the fold of APA. We look forward to greater exchanges between the two Koreas.
8. Bangladesh, (Honorable, Mr. Nurul Islam BSC, MP): Peace and cooperation between member countries is essential to face the challenges. Shortage of foods is a major challenge for Asia and Africa. Terrorism is another challenge that is perpetrated under the name of religion, which, in fact has nothing to do with religion. Global warming is another big challenge. It is not unlikely that Bangladesh, a country of more than 140 million people go under water and jeopardize the lives of millions of people. Bangladesh is a democratic country, but we need free access to markets of rich countries in Asia, Europe and US. We welcome investors to Bangladesh in Food processing, energy production and many other industries.
9. The President adjourned the Plenary at 16:30 hours to allow delegates to attend the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs that is about to start its work.
10. The Plenary resumed its general debate at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, 9 December and the Vice-President, Honorable, Dr. Salah Ali Abdulrahman (Bahrain) presided.
11. China, (Honorable, Mr. Zheng Silin, MP): International financial crisis, climate change, energy security, infectious diseases, terrorism and the spread of weapons of mass destruction and other global problems have become more serious, illustrating that unilateralism cannot cope with global challenges and raising higher demand on the level of international cooperation. At present the situation of Asia is stable on the whole. There are frequent friendly exchanges among countries in the region and regional cooperation is on the rise. As a founding member of the APA, China continues to be an active member and hopes that the APA will play a more active role in promoting Asia cooperation to face our common challenges for regional peace, stability and development. Chinese delegation suggests setting up political mutual trust for higher cooperation. Despite some differences of the past, we should not let them stand in the way of our cooperation today in Asia. We suggest strengthening our financial cooperation to promote better economic and social development. We should seize the opportunity to jointly push for greater representation and say of developing countries in the international financial system and firmly oppose and guard against trade protectionism that is taking shape in the post-crisis era. We also suggest deepening cultural exchanges of multiple forms in such fields as culture, education and the arts. Asian countries are at varying stages of development, with quite different historical and cultural experiences. We must weigh in this element when we advance regional cooperation in Asia. We should respect each other’s different national realities and culture, seek common ground while shelving differences, and enhancing the vitality and efficiency of all kind of cooperation mechanism in a gradual, prudent and pragmatic way. China is ready to work with all Asian countries to work for the common Asian prosperity.
12. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Honorable, Dr. Abdulaziz bin Abdurahman Alnasrullah, MP): Our world today is going through rapid changes and is becoming increasingly complex. We need to reconfirm our commitment to peaceful settlement of dispute and to promotion cooperation and stability. The Israeli acts against Al Aqsa Mosque to constitute an unjustified crime and provocation of all Muslims. We need to promote respect for the rule of international law as the only solution to terrorism. Food shortage in the world is a major dilemma that requires common but differentiated responsibility to address it. We need to assume our responsibilities to build our capacities to address the challenges facing us.
13. The Islamic Republic of Iran, (Honorable, Mr. Mohammad Hassan Aboutorabi Fard, Deputy Speaker): It is a source of pleasure for all of us to see India and Kazakhstan, as two important countries of Asia join us in the APA. APA as the most democratic parliamentary body in Asia can play a central role in the promotion of peace, security fight against corruption and poverty, expansion of socio-economic cooperation, provision of energy and development of tourism in Asia. Under circumstances that Asian countries are facing common challenges that call for adoption of common strategies and possibly common legislations. The subjects of health equity, combating smuggling of cultural items and drug trafficking are issues of so much common concern that merit an effort, within the APA, to develop common legislations about them. The practice of unilateralism and double standard exacerbate the challenges we face in Asia. Perpetration of war crimes and crimes against humanity by the Zionist regime against Palestinian people has shocked the international community. We need to sustain the pressure and respond collectively and appropriately. We see that Palestine, Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon and Syria continue to be victims of such practice by United States and its allies. The new millennium is the era of Asian growth and influence and the US and the West ought to duly accommodate Asia.
14. Kyrgyzstan Republic, (Honorable, Mr. Avtandil Arabaev, MP): APA efforts and activities have a great potential to promote trust, confidence and cooperation throughout Asia. It is quite essential to focus, within APA, on promoting fundamental freedoms, democracy, development and guarding against intolerance and discrimination. Kyrgyz Republic has gained positive experience in building institutions of democracy, such as, improved national legislature, political parties, NGOs and respect for freedom of religions.

1. India, (Honorable, Mr. Ahmad Saeed Malihabadi, MP): I thank God for the APA decision to make India a member of APA. India is the largest democracy, which for us is a way of life and the best form of governance. We believe in the open and transparent working of our government and parliament. Regular exchanges of parliamentary groups promote understanding and cooperation and the Indian Parliament regularly practices this. Cooperation within the APA, I am Convinced, help promote democracy and peace and security.
2. Yemen, (Honorable, Mr. Mohamed Ali Salem al-Shadadi, Deputy Speaker): This session of APA has great deal of importance in terms of promoting peace and stability and alleviating poverty. We, in the parliaments must ensure that people’s rights are respected, we need to oversee that policies in these regards are implemented. We are determined to ensure to uphold freedom of expression and parties. We have more that 3000 associations and NGOs, and 22 political parties. Our parliamentarians are elected in direct and free elections. The same is true for our local Councils. The hegemony imposed on us, particularly against the Palestinians, the separation wall, the violation of the Dome of the Rock are all against the fabrics of the rule of law and we must stand with the victims.
3. Turkey, (Honorable, Mr. Emin Onen, MP): Terrorism, instability, organized crime, human trafficking, environment, poverty and security of energy supplies are but some of the challenges the international community faces today. We are all aware that the behavioral norms of the 20th century are now out of date. But, a new international order based on better cooperative relations in tackling global issues is yet to be attained. Terrorism and the alarming level of polarization, religious discrimination and lack of understanding prevalent in the international community are topics of great concern. An overdue involvement in policy issues under the purview of national governments will not add value to our work at the APA. On the contrary, perhaps the APA would benefit from greater detachment from policy matters. Our collective efforts should be channeled into more realistic areas of work where we can make a difference. In the first instance, a broad debate on expanding democratic governance and fundamental freedoms in Asia might be helpful.
4. Malaysia, (Honorable, Datuk yussof Mahal, MP): We in Asia must be able to work together to make our voice heard at international level and preclude violation of the rights of its members. Malaysia… cao all of us. on UN Security Council to consider the war crimes committed against the Palestinian people. We also call on the Palestinian people to be united and present a united front.
5. Maldives, Honorable, Mr. Ahmad Nazim, Deputy Speaker: It is a very meaningful time for us to participate in the APA Plenary. After 77 years we introduced a new Constitution and introduced a parliamentary democracy. We need to build our capacities and strengthen our democracy and democratic practices. It would be helpful to have a data base of various expertise available within the APA Members to help those who may need their assistance. The APA Secretariat may be the right place to develop such data base. We need to be more practical. We need to have zero tolerance for corruption. Maldives needs the support of international community involved in the Copenhagen for its survival.
6. Lao PDR, (Honorable, Dr. Kukeo Akkhamontry, MP): Peace, democracy, justice and prosperity are what the people of Asia have long been struggling for and we the parliamentarians are entrusted with the task to make them happen through legislation, oversight and representation. The most challenging factors hindering the successful implementation of the UN MDGs is the development gaps that have split the world into rich and poor camps. Although we have witnessed steady economic growth in many developing countries, but achieving the MDGs is a long way ahead of us. We are deeply saddened by the number of casualties and material damages inflicted upon the nations of Iraq and Afghanistan. We are greatly dismayed by the prolonged conflict in the Middle East that continues to inflict immense suffering on millions of people in the region, particularly, on the Palestinian people who have been struggling to exercise their legitimate rights to self-determination. Currently, more than ever, the parliaments in Asia have the responsibility and the opportunity to promote solidarity and strengthen international cooperation in jointly addressing global problems in pursuit of a world free from fear and war, rooted in a new, just and equitable order.
7. Pakistan, (Honorable, Dr. Abdul Khaliq Pir Zadeh): I pay tribute to all those who have been instrumental in establishing and strengthening this parliamentary organization. I avoid making bombastic observations about democracy and human rights and so on. We all know the history of our countries. The term republic and its implications are known to all of us. I wish the APA could position itself to be the guardian of democracy and rule of law. We will be able to succeed if we strengthen our faiths and love Asia and the mother earth and try harder to practice our faiths.
8. Bahrain, (Honorable, Dr. Salah Ali Abdulrahman, Deputy Speaker): Most speakers yesterday and today supported the work of the APA and spoke in favor of the cause of the Palestinian people. The year 2009, was the year in which we have made great achievements within the APA. We had many meetings during the year and tried to translate the ideals to reality. This continent is a major palayer in terms aof human resources and natural resources at international level. I express deep thanks to the Secretary-General and Member Parliaments who have helped ensure success of the APA. We have provided a service to translate all documents into Arabic in order to facilitate the work of the APA. The theme of this Plenary is very telling and it is no coincident. Democracy. Promoting security and prosperity for all is our goal in Asia. We need to urge those parliaments that are not a member of the APA to do so in order to have full integration. The works of our Sub-Committees are highly specialized, and we need to secure the cooperation of our experts in them in a regular manner so as we reach a point where we can provide technical assistance to those who request them. We also need to invite representatives of international organizations including the United Nations to attend as observers to publicize our contribution to peace, security and stability. I also congratulate the Syrian Arab Republic for assuming the APA Presidency after Indonesia.
9. Republic of Korea, (Honorable, Mr. Kim Sunggon, MP): There are two other inter-parliamentary organizations in Asia; APPU and AIPA. He suggested that we should start a line of communication between the three organizations with a view to integrating them into one inter-parliamentary Asian Organization. He urged a more balanced view of the East and West Asia in APA. He also implored all participants to love all humankind and to pray to God for the well being of all on earth.
10. Some exchanges took place. Syria thought we should consider the issue at a later stage. Pakistan supported the proposal. Islamic Republic of Iran suggested to consider the proposal in the inter-sessional meeting of the Standing Committee on Political affairs and to make a proposal to the first Executive Council meeting in 2010 for further consideration. The President requested the Honorable delegate from the Republic of Korea to present a brief report on the subject to the Secretary-General for consideration at the inter-sessional meeting of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs. The Plenary agreed with the proposal from the Islamic Republic of Iran and it was so decided.
11. The President announced that since there were no more speakers on the list, the Plenary is adjourned until 9:00 AM tomorrow, 10 December 2009.
12. The President resumed the Plenary session at 9:15 AM on Thursday 10 December 2009.
13. The delegate from Indonesia made a statement on gender mainstreaming and the need to have more women represented in the APA.
14. The President moved to the next item on the Agenda and called on Chairpersons of the Standing Committees to report on their works. The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs made the following Report.
15. The Standing Committee onSocial and Cultural Affairs held its meeting on 8 December 2009.

Honorable Mr. Gibson Kanai of Palau chaired the meeting. The meeting adopted its agenda unanimously. Honorable Mr. Chhit Kim Yeat of Cambodia and Honorable Mr. Nurul Islam of Bangladesh were elected as Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur of the Standing Committee respectively.

The following documents were before the Standing Committee:

1. EC.1/Res/2009/03: Draft Resolution on Combating Corruption
2. EC.1/Res/2009/04: Draft Resolution on Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia
3. EC.1/Res/2009/05: Draft Resolution on Protecting and Respecting Cultural Diversity in Asia
4. EC.1/Res/2009/06: Draft Resolution on Achieving Health equity in Asia
5. Draft Resolution on Rendering Assistance to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking

The Member Parliaments participating in the Standing Committee actively took part in the discussions and exchanged views in a constructive manner and made comments on the Reports of the Secretary-General as well as the relevant draft resolutions adopted by the Executive Council. The participants also emphasized on the importance of continuing the work of the above-mentioned Sub-Committees in 2010.

The Standing Committee adopted Draft Resolutions on Combating Corruptions, Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia and Protecting and Respecting Cultural Diversity in Asia after introduction of amendments by a number of delegations.

The Committee adopted the Draft Resolution on Achieving Health Equity in Asia without any amendment.

The delegation of the Russian Federation introduced the Draft Resolution on Rendering Assistance to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking. The Committee adopted this Draft Resolution after introduction of an amendment by a number of delegations.

The Chairman informed the Standing Committee that the Palau National Congress will host the Sub-Committee meetings under the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs in the second week of March 2010. The exact date of the meeting will be communicated to all Member Parliaments later.

1. The President then Moved to adopt the draft resolutions. The Plenary adopted all five Draft resolutions recommended by the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs.
2. The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs made the following Report to the Plenary:

The Standing Committee on **Economic and Sustainable Development** held its meeting on 9 December 2009and adopted its agenda.

Honorable, Mr. Georgy Leontiev, representative of State Duma, Russian Federation chaired the meeting. Honorable, Mr. Khalil Ebrahim Al Marzooq from Kingdm of Bahrain was elected as the vice-Chairperson and Mr. Kenzhegaliy Sagadiyev from Kazakhstan was elected as Rapporteur of the Standing Committee.

The documents before the Standing Committee were:

1. EC.2/Res/2009/01: Draft Resolution on Integrated Energy Market in Asia,
2. EC.1/Res/2009/08: Draft Resolution on Alleviating Poverty in Asia
3. EC.1/Res/2009/07: Draft Resolution on Environmental Issues, Global Warming, Climate Change and Planting Billions of Trees throughout Asia
4. EC.1/Res/2009/02: Draft Resolution on Ramifications of International Financial Crisis for the Economies of the Countries of APA Member Parliaments

The Standing Committee first reviewed the background information on the Draft Resolution on Integrated Energy Market in Asia. It was pointed out that the Sub-Committee met in Istanbul, on 3-5 November 2009, considered the report of the Secretary General (SG/Rep/2009/09/rev.1), and developed the Draft Resolution before the Standing Committee. It was also stressed that the Sub-Committee considered it important to hold the next meeting of the Advisory Group on Energy composed of experts from parliaments and governments in the second half of February 2010 in (Bahrain) in order to further study the APA documents on energy, particularly the issues of stability of energy market, energy efficiency, energy intensity and the concept of Asian Gas Network as reflected in the Secretary-General’s Report of 1 November 2009 and to submit a report to the meeting of the Sub-committee on Energy in July 2010 in Russia.

The Standing Committee reviewed the background information on the Draft Resolution on Ramifications of International Financial Crisis for the Economies of the Countries of APA Member Parliaments. It was pointed out that the Sub-Committee met twice, in Kuala Lumpur and Amman, in 2009, considered the report of the Secretary General (SG/Rep/2009/01 dated 6 February and SG/Rep/2009/02 dated 27 May 2009), and developed the Draft Resolution before the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee reviewed the background information on the Draft Resolutions on Alleviating Poverty in Asia. It was pointed out that the Sub-Committee met in Siem Reap, Cambodia on 22-23 July 2009 and considered the report of the Secretary General (SG/Rep/2009/08/Rev.1). A number of amendments to the Draft Resolution were proposed and consequently it was adopted as amended.

The Standing Committee reviewed the background information on the Draft Resolutions on Environmental Issues, Global Warming, Climate Change and Planting Billions of Trees throughout Asia. It was also pointed out that the Sub-Committee met in Seoul, Republic of Korea on 1-2 July 2009. In the course of discussions, it was decided to set up a working group to discuss the amendments. The working group met and considered different proposals and then finalized the Resolution.

The Standing Committee took note with appreciation of the Reports submitted by the APA Secretary-General to each Sub-Committee that constituted the basis of deliberations in the sub-committees leading to the development of the draft resolutions above.

Many delegations including the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bahrain, Malaysia, Kazakhstan, Bangladesh, Cambodia and China proposed amendments or made observations that contributed to further enriching the Draft Resolutions.

The Standing Committee agreed on the text of the Draft Resolutions as amended to be forwarded to the Plenary for final adoption. The Draft Resolutions as amended are now issued under Documents

1. APA/Economic/Res/2009/01: Draft Resolution on Integrated Energy Market in Asia,
2. APA/Economic/Res/2009/02: Draft Resolution on Alleviating Poverty in Asia
3. APA/Economic/Res/2009/03: Draft Resolution on Environmental Issues, Global Warming, Climate Change and Planting Billions of Trees throughout Asia
4. APA/Economic/Res/2009/04: Draft Resolution on Ramifications of International Financial Crisis for the Economies of the Countries of APA Member Parliaments

The Honorable Delegate of the Russian Federation expressed his readiness to host the relevant meeting of the Sub-Committee under the Standing-Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development in July 2010.

1. The President then moved to adopt the draft resolutions recommended by the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs. All Four Draft Resolutions referred to above were adopted.
2. The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs made the following report to the Plenary:

The Standing Committee on Political Affairs held its meeting on 8 December 2009 in Bandung, Indonesia. Honorable, Mr. Abutorabi Fard, the Vice-Speaker of the Islamic Parliament of Iran chaired the meeting. Honorable Mr. Datuk Wira Ahmad Hamzah, the Head of the Malaysian delegation was elected as the Vice-Chairperson and the Honorable Dr. Abdulaziz bin Abdurahman Annasrullah, was elected as the Rapporteur of the Standing Committee. The Chair was assisted by APA Assistant Secretary-General, H. E. Mr. Masoud Islami.

The documents before the Standing Committee included:

* 1. Resolution on Major Issues of Peace and Security in Asia. (APA/Res/2008/06, 29 November 2008)
  2. Resolution on the Pursuing Implementation of the Declaration on Principles of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia (APA/Res/2008/09, 29 November 2008)
  3. Resolution on Enhancing Cooperation between APA Member Parliaments and their Governments for Implementation of APA Decisions (APA/Res/2008/10, 29 November 2008)
  4. Draft Resolution on Promoting the Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue: The Roles of Asian Parliaments in Preventing Terrorism, proposed by the Parliament of Indonesia.
  5. Draft Resolution on Violations of International Humanitarian Law in Palestine and the War Crimes Committed by the Zionist Regime in Gaza proposed by the Parliament of Palestine.

The Standing Committee took note of the significance of the first three documents which had been adopted by the Third APA Plenary in 2008. However, given the fact that the respective sub-committees did not have a chance to convene in the past year, the Committee unanimously decided to recommend to the Fourth APA Plenary that the mandates of all the three Resolutions continue to carry on in the coming year. The Secretary-General should also be requested to pursue the fulfillment of the mandates as stated in the Resolutions through further communication with all the APA Member Parliaments and coordinate the necessary meetings in this respect.

The Standing Committee welcomed the draft Resolution on promoting the interfaith and intercultural dialogue: the roles of Asian Parliaments in preventing terrorism which had been proposed by the Parliament of Indonesia. The Committee also appreciated the initiative of Indonesia for drawing the attention of the APA the role of Parliaments in combating terrorism.

The importance of addressing the root causes of terrorism and various aspects of the problem was recognized by all the delegates. However, the dynamic deliberations of the delegates convinced the Committee that addressing such an important subject would need further examination. Condemning all acts of terrorism unequivocally, many delegates raised the necessity of providing a definition for terrorism so that the resolution would avoid misinterpretation. All the delegates were concerned that the word “terrorism” is sometimes misused to justify foreign occupation, state terrorism and violations of human rights.

Many delegates, including Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Malaysia, Palestine, Iran, Syria, Bahrain, and Indonesia, stressed the need for clear differentiation between acts of terrorism and the acts of self-defense conducted by individuals and nations confronting foreign occupation in fulfillment of their rights to self-determination. In light of the deliberations took place in the Committee, the Indonesian delegation expressed its willingness to revise the draft resolution so that it would reflect ideas and concerns of other delegates and submit it to the Executive Council for consideration in its next meeting. The APA Secretary-General was requested to provide all required assistance.

With respect to the draft Resolution on violations of international humanitarian law in Palestine and the war crimes committed by the Zionist regime in Gaza proposed by the Parliament of Palestine, many delegates expressed their viewpoints. While almost all of the delegates participating in the Standing Committee expressed their support for the Draft Resolution, the distinguished delegations of Russian Federation and Singapore decided to dissociate themselves from supporting the draft Resolution. The Committee decided to recommend the draft resolution, with certain addition, to the APA Plenary for its adoption. The addition made in operative paragraph 5 after “*Call upon* the Zionist regime, the occupying power” was the following phrase: “to withdraw from all the occupied territories including Al-Guds Al-Sharif, Gaza Strip and the West Bank, the Golan Highs, and Shabaa Farms.”

The Draft Resolution is issued under APA/Political/Res/2009/01 and recommended for adoption at the Fourth Plenary.

The Chairman informed the Standing Committee that the Parliament of the Islamic Republic of Iran shall host the sub-committees under the Standing Committee on Political Affairs in the fourth week of May 2010. The exact date of the meetings will be communicated to all Member Parliaments by the APA Secretariat in due time.

1. The delegate from Lebanon made an amendment to the Report of the Standing Committee on Political affairs and said the APA does not ask Israel to Withdraw, but demands Israel to withdraw from the occupied territories (Paragraph 5 of the report).
2. Delegate from Pakistan pointed out that his delegation would have supported the draft resolution on interfaith dialogue and terrorism if it were to put to the floor.
3. Delegate from the Republic of Korea sought some clarifications on the positions of the Russian Federation and Singapore on the resolution on Palestine. The Chairperson made some clarification resulting in their dissociation from the resolution. The Russian delegation made some clarification and pointed out that in their view the resolution was not constructive in resolving the conflict. The delegate from Singapore stated that in their view the resolution went beyond the UN General Assembly resolution recently passed. Delegate from the Republic of Korea stated that his delegation associates itself with the position of Singapore. The delegate from Palestine stated appreciation to the position of the absolute majority of APA members supporting the Resolution on Palestine. The delegation from Indonesia expressed thanks to the delegations that entertained the proposal by Indonesia on terrorism and that all delegates supported the idea and that some of the points in the Indonesia needs further clarifications. He pointed out that the Indonesian proposal was not rejected but it was decided to present it to the forthcoming meeting of the Executive Council. The delegate from Lebanon expressed thanks to all who supported the resolution on Palestine and expressed that the draft resolution on Terrorism will be refined and presented at a later meeting. China made a statement and suggested postponing the discussion on draft resolution on Palestine as it seems there is no consensus on it. Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs made a statement and called for adoption of the resolution on Palestine. The draft resolution on Terrorism was also supported provided that it is further polished and presented to the Executive Council. Delegate from Bahrain supported the resolution on Palestine and thanked the majority who supported the resolution. We do understand the reservation of Russia and Singapore, but we need to adopt the resolution as the majority members support it. Delegate from Syria pointed out that the Palestine issue was discussed at length in the meeting and we need to move to adopt it as the absolute majority support the resolution. Delegate from Kirgizstan noted the variance of views on the subject and that Russia and Singapore and Korea have reservation about the resolution on Palestine. Since it is taken up in the Bandung Declaration, I suggest we postpone adoption of the draft resolution on Palestine. Delegate from Palestine reminded the meeting that a few delegates may have reservation and abstain. It is their rights. But it does not mean that two or three delegations can veto the resolution.
4. The President adjourned the meeting for 10 minutes. The president resumed the meeting at 10:40 AM. He pointed out that after listening to the debate he has concluded that the plenary can adopt the resolution on Palestine with reservation from some delegations. The draft resolution on terrorism by Indonesia is adopted in principle but it will be refined further and presented to the first meeting of the Executive Council.
5. The president also announced the decision of the plenary to have the meetings of the three Sub-Committees that did not have their meetings in 2009…..
6. President announced that the Syrian Parliament has been elected as the Third APA President. Honorable Mr. Abrash the Speaker of the Syrian Parliament wished to be here today to make his acceptance speech, but he regrets that he has been unable to do so. I hereby declare that Syrian Arab Republic is elected as the third APA President.
7. The delegate from Syria made a statement, thanking the president and the APA Member Parliaments for the confidence placed in Syria to serve as the third Presidency of the APA. I convey the honor and pleasure of the Syrian President, H.E. Mr. Bashar al Assad for this post. I welcome all delegations to Syria for the second APA Executive Council and the 5th Plenary.
8. The delegation of Cambodia announced the readiness of the parliament of Cambodia to serve as the APA President after the Presidency of Russian federation.
9. The delegation of Russian Federation announced that Russia plans to host the next meetings of the Subcommittees under the standing Committee on economic affairs in July 2010. Russia is also ready to serve as the APA President after Syria.
10. The President thanked Cambodia and Russian Federation for their offer and stated that there is plenty of time to make a final decision on this issue.
11. The President moved to adopt the Bandung Declaration. The Plenary adopted the Bandung Declaration. The President stated that the 4th Plenary Report is also being prepared and will be circulated at the end of the meeting. The Heads of the delegations signed the Bandung Declaration in a special ceremony.
12. The Rapporteur of the Plenary, Dr. Sunggon Kim, MP (Republic of Korea) presented the Report of the 4th Plenary and the Plenary adopted it by acclamation.
13. The President made a closing statement. The President also addressed the International Human Rights Day extensively. The President’s statement is attached to this report as Annex IV.
14. The Heads of delegations of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab republic took the floor and expressed gratitude to the Indonesian Government, Parliament and people for their hospitality and for the leadership provided the APA. They also thanked the APA Secretary-General, his assistants and the Host country Secretariat and staff for their excellent preparation of the meetings and arrangements.
15. The President thanked all delegations again and officially closed the 4th Plenary at 12:45 PM.
16. The list of participants is attached to the report as Annex V.

Annex II

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ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

The Fourth Plenary Session

7-10 December 2009

Bandung, Indonesia

**Agenda**

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Statement by the President of APA
3. Report by the Chairperson of the Executive Council
4. Report by the APA Secretary General
5. Adoption of Draft Resolutions recommended by the Executive Council without reference to any Standing Committee:

* Draft Resolution on Streamlining of the APA work
* Draft decision to grant membership to India and Kazakhstan.

1. Election of the Bureau of the Plenary and the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees
2. General Debate
3. Meetings of the Standing Committees
4. Meeting of the Drafting Committee on the Report of APA Plenary Session and Bandung Declaration
5. Reports by the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees
6. Adoption of the APA Resolutions and Decisions
7. Decision of the Third APA President and the Venue of the Fifth Plenary Session in 2010
8. Acceptance Speech by Third APA President
9. Announcement of the Fourth APA President
10. Adoption of the Report of the APA Plenary Session and the Bandung Declaration
11. Closing Statement by APA President.

Annex III

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|  | **Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA)**    **The Fourth Plenary Session**  **7 – 10 December 2009**  **Bandung, Indonesia**  ***Theme: The Roles of Asian Parliaments in Strengthening Democracy towards Prosperity, Peace and Justice in the Region*** |

**Working Program**

**Monday, 7 December 2009** (Arrival of Delegates)

Arrive at Soekarno-Hatta International Airport

Proceed to Bandung

Morning - Afternoon Registration of Delegates at Savoy Homann Hotel

19.00 - 21:00 **WELCOME RECEPTION**

Hosted by Hon. Dr. M. Hidayat Nur Wahid, Chairperson of the Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation of the Indonesian House of Representatives and Chairperson of the Executive Council

### Venue:Garden Restaurant, Savoy Homann Hotel

*Dress Code: Smart Casual*

21.00 – 22.30 **Exécutive Council**

* + - * Adoption of the Agenda
      * Statement by Hon. Dr. M. Hidayat Nur Wahid, Chairperson of the Executive Council
      * Election of the bureau of the Executive Council
      * Statement of the Secretary General to the Executive Council
      * Consideration and Recommendations on the Report of Sub -Committee on Integrated Energy Market in Asia
      * Consideration of Recommendations by the Ad-hoc Committee on Financial Regulations
      * Consideration and Recommendations on the three Sub-Committees that did not have their meetings in 2009.
      * Consideration of the Draft Agenda of the 4th Plenary Session.
      * Any other matters.

*Venue*: *Embassy Room, Savoy Homann Hotel*

*Dress code: Smart Casual*

**Tuesday, 8 December 2009**

07.00 – 08.30 Breakfast

*Venue*: *Garden Restaurant, Savoy Homann Hotel*

*Preanger Restaurant, Preanger Hotel*

10.00 – 11.00  **Inaugural Ceremony**

* + - * National Anthem: Indonesia Raya
      * Cultural Performance
      * Welcome Address by H.E. Marzuki Alie, Speaker of the Indonesian House of Representatives
      * Statement by H.E. Dr. Haddad Adel, the first APA President
      * Inaugural Address by H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia
      * Photo Session (Heads of Delegation)

*Venue*: *Museum of the Asian-African Conference  
Dress Code: Lounge Suit/National Dress*

11.15 – 12.30 **First Plenary**

* + - * Adoption of the Agenda of the Fourth Plenary Session
      * Address by H.E. Marzuki Alie, Speaker of the Indonesian House of Representatives and President of APA
      * Statement of the Chairperson of the Executive Council
      * Statement of APA Secretary General, H.E. Dr. Nejad Hosseinian, on the work of APA
      * Adoption of Draft Resolutions recommended by the Executive Council without reference to any Standing Committee:
        + Draft Resolution on Streamlining of the APA work
        + Draft decision to grant membership to India and Kazakhstan.
        + Draft Resolution by the Executive Council on Financial Regulations
      * Election of the Bureau of the Plenary and Chairpersons of the Standing Committees and Rapporteurs

*Venue*: *Grand Ballroom, Savoy Homann Hotel*

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

*Venue*: *The Savoy Room 1 and 2 and Garden Restaurant, Savoy Homann Hotel*

14.00 – 16.00 **First Plenary** (Continued)

* + - * General Debate

*Venue*: *Grand Ballroom, Savoy Homann Hotel*

* + - * Meeting of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs

*Venue* : *Embassy Room, Savoy Homann Hotel*

16.00 – 18.00  **General Debate (continued)**

*Venue*: *Grand Ballroom, Savoy Homann Hotel*

Meeting of the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs

*Venue* : *The Palace Room, Savoy Homann Hotel*

19.30 Dinner hosted by H.E. Boediono, Vice-President, Republic of Indonesia

*Venue*: *Ballroom Hyatt Regency, Hyatt Hotel*

*Dress Code: National Dress*

**Wednesday, 9 December 2009**

07.00 – 08.30 Breakfast

*Venue*: *Garden Restaurant, Savoy Homann Hotel*

*Preanger Restaurant, Preanger Hotel*

09.00 – 12.00 **Second Plenary**

* + - * General Debate (Continued)

*Venue*: *Grand Ballroom, Savoy Homann Hotel*

* + - * Meeting of the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs.

Venue: *Embassy Room, Savoy Homann Hotel*

12.00 – 14.00 Lunch

*Venue*: *The Savoy Room 1 and 2 and Garden Restaurant, Savoy Homann Hotel*

14.00 – 17.00 **Second Plenary** (Continued)

* + - * General Debate

*Venue*: *Grand Ballroom, Savoy Homann Hotel*

* + - * Meeting of the Drafting Committee on the Report of the 4th APA Plenary Session and Bandung Declaration

*Venue*: *Embassy Room, Savoy Homann Hotel*

19.30 Dinner hosted by H.E. Marzuki Alie, Speaker of the Indonesian House of Representatives

*Venue*: *The View Dago Pakar Restaurant*

*Dress Code: National Dress*

**Thursday, 10 December 2009**

07.00 – 08.30 Breakfast

*Venue*: *Garden Restaurant, Savoy Homann Hotel*

*Preanger Restaurant, Preanger Hotel*

09.00 – 12.00 **Third Plenary and Closing Ceremony**

* + - * Presentation of Reports by Chairpersons of the Standing Committees
      * Adoption of the Draft Resolutions
      * Decision of the Third APA President and venue of the 5th APA Plenary Session
      * Acceptance speech of the Third APA President.
      * Announcement of the Fourth APA President
      * Presentation of the Report of the 4th APA Plenary Session and the Bandung Declaration and their Adoption
      * Closing statement by H.E. Marzuki Alie, Speaker of the Indonesian House of Representatives and President of APA

*Venue*:  *Grand Ballroom, Savoy Homann Hotel*

12.00 – 14.00 Lunch

*Venue*: *The Savoy Room 1 and 2 and Garden Restaurant, Savoy Homann Hotel*

19.30 Farewell Dinner hosted by H.E. Ahmad Heryawan, Governor of West Java Province

*Venue*: *Gedung Satay*

*Dress Code: National Dress*

**Friday, 11 December 2009** (Departure of Delegates)

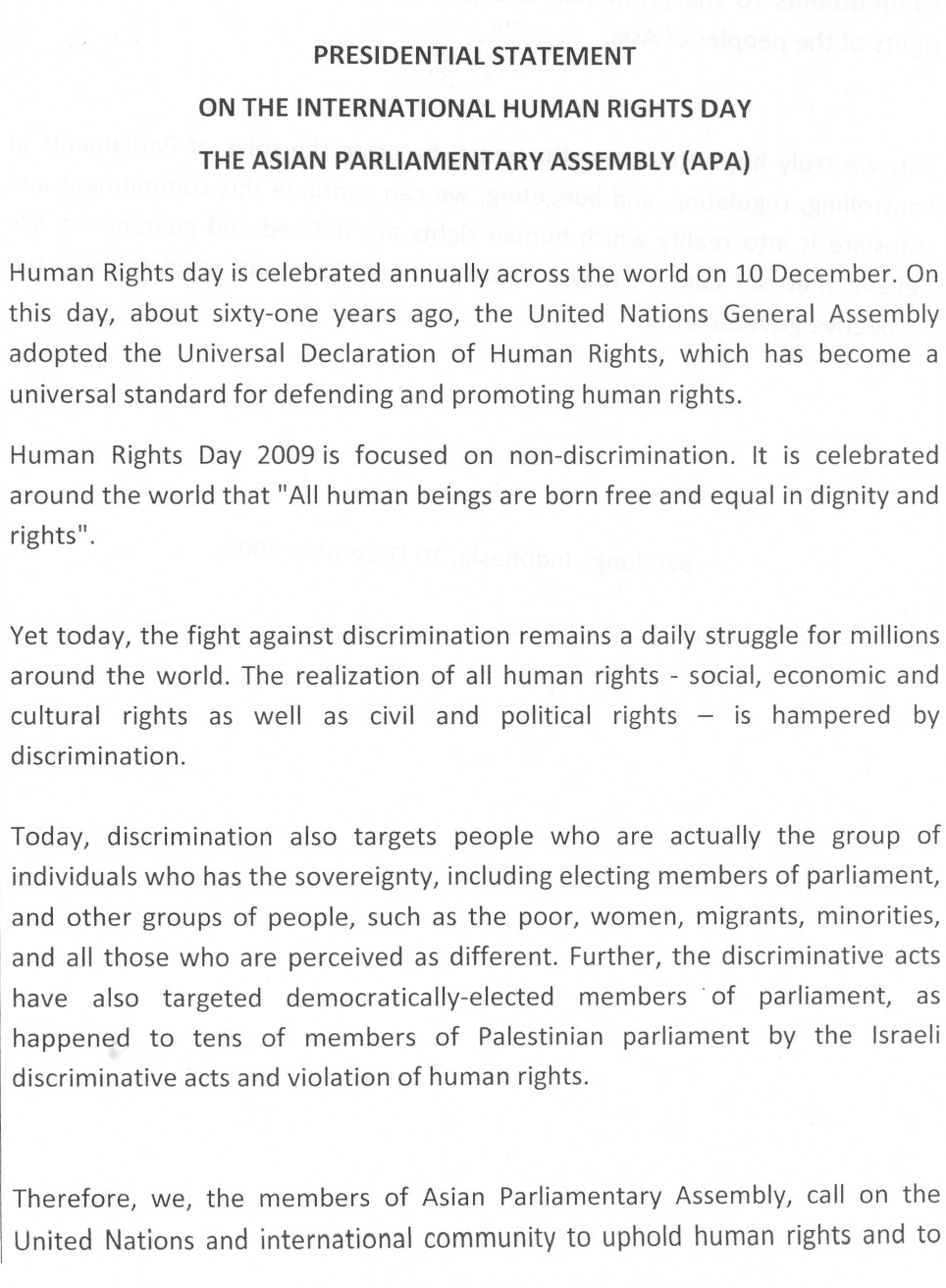
07.00 – 08.30 Breakfast

*Venue*: *Garden Restaurant, Savoy Homann Hotel*

*Preanger Restaurant, Preanger Hotel*

**Departure of Delegates**

Annex IV



**Annex V**

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

**OF THE 4TH PLENARY SESSION OF APA**

**BANDUNG, 7 – 10 DECEMBER 2009**

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| **NO** | **COUNTRY** | **NAME/POSITION** |
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| **A.** | **APA Member Parliaments (29)** |  |
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| 1 | [Bahrain](http://www.bahamas.gov.bs/bahamasweb/home.nsf) | * HE. Dr. Salah Ali ABDULRAHMAN (Deputy Speaker) * Hon. Mr. Khalil Ebrahim AL-MARZOOQ (MP) * Hon. Mr. Fuad Ahmed AL-HAJEE (MP) * Mr. Abdulla Abdali AL-HADDAD (Secretary) * Mr. Tareq Abdulrahman AL-BURSHAID (Secretary) |
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| 3 | Bhutan | * HE. Mr. Yangkhu TSHERING SHERPA (Deputy Speaker) * Hon. Mr. Ugyen TSHERING (MP) * Mr. Tshering DORJI (Legal Assistant) |
| 4 | [Cambodia](http://www.cambodian-parliament.org/) | * HE. Mr. Nguon NHEL (Deputy Speaker) * Hon. Mr. Try Chheang HUOT (MP) * Hon. Ms. Nin SAPHON (MP) * Hon. Mr. Chhit Kim YEAT (MP) * Hon. Mr. Nhem THAVY (MP) * Ms. Sung Sy YOUTH (General Director) * Mr. Nguon RAKSMEY (Secretary) * Mr. Hok BUNLY (Secretary) * Mr. Prom VIRAK (interpreter) |
| 5 | [China](http://www.npcnews.com.cn/) | * Hon. Mr. ZHENG Silin (MP) * Hon. Mr. ZHENG Quan (MP) * Hon. Mr. ZHU Jimin (MP) * Mr. LIU Shimin (Secretary) * Ms. WANG Aihua (Secretary) * Ms. JIA Yongmei (Interpreter) * Mr. YANG Zhiyu (Secretary) * Ms. WANG Yixing (Secretary) * Ms. LIU Lin (Interpreter) * Mr. ZANG Liang (Embassy) |
| 6 | Democratic People’s Republic of Korea | * HE. KIM Wan Su (Deputy Speaker) * Hon. Mr. KIM Kyong Ho (MP) * Hon. Mr. JO Kum Chol (MP) * Hon. Mr. HYON Jong Ung (MP) * Hon. Mr. KIM Chung Song (MP) * HE. Mr. JONG Chun Gun (Ambassador) |
| 7 | India | * Hon. Mr. Sushil Kumar SINGH (MP) * Mrs. Arti SINGH (Spouse) * Hon. Mr. Ahmad Saeed MALIHABADI (MP) * Mr. Cyril JOHN (Secretary * Mr. Sugandh Rajaram (Embassy) * Mr. Amarjeet Singh TAKHI (Embassy) |
| 8 | [Indonesia](http://www.dpr.go.id/) | * HE. Mr. Marzuki ALIE * HE. Mr. Priyo Budi SANTOSO * Hon. Dr. Muhammad Hidayat NUR WAHID * Hon. Mrs. Nurhayati Ali ASSEGAF * Hon. Mr Sidarto DANUSUBROTO * Hon. Mr. Muhammad NAJIB * Hon. Dr. Abdurrahman ABDULLAH * Hon. Mr. Arsyadjuliandi RACHMAN * Hon. Mrs. Evita NURSANTY * Hon. Mrs. Herlini AMRAN * Hon. Mrs. Okky ASOKAWATI * Hon. Prof. Cecep SYARIFUDDIN * HE. Dr. Laode IDA (Advisor) * Hon. Mr. Hamdhani (Advisor) * Hon. Mr. Matheus Stefi PASUMANJEKU (Advisor) * Hon. Mr. Abdurrahman (Advisor) * Hon. Ms. Poppy Susanti DHARSONO (Advisor) |
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| 12 | [Kyrgyzstan Republic](http://kenesh.bishkek.gov.kg/) | * Hon Mr. Avtandil ARABAEV (MP) |
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| 18 | Palau | * Hon. Mr. Gibson KANAI (MP) |
| 19 | [Palestine](http://www.aapp2005.org/en/member/default.asp##) | * Hon. Mr. M. Taysir QUBA’A (Deputy Speaker) * Hon. Mr. Zuhair SANDUKA (MP) * Hon. Ms. Jihad ABU-ZNEID (MP) |
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| 23 | [Singapore](http://www.gov.sg/parliament) | * Hon. Mr. WEE Siew Kim (MP) * Hon. Dr. Fatimah LATEEF (MP) * Ms. YIP Siew Joo (Secretary) |
| 24 | [Syria](http://www.syria-people-council.org/) | * Hon. Mr. Mohammad Zouheir TAGHLIBI (MP) * Mr. Zakareya SALWAYA (MP) * Mr. Bassam ALKHATIB (Embassy) |
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| 26 | Thailand | * Mr. Vutti VUTTISANT (Counsellor/Embassy) |
| 27 | [Turkey](http://www.tbmm.gov.tr/) | * Hon. Mr. Emin ONEN (MP) * Hon. Mr. Mehmet SAHIN (MP) * Hon. Mr. Tacidar SEYHAN (MP) * Hon. Mr. S. Nevzat KORKMAZ (MP) * Mr. Necati OZTURK (Advisor) * Mr. Murat HASTURK (Secretary) |
| 28 | [Vietnam](http://www.na.gov.vn/) | * Hon. Mr. Vu Xuan HONG (MP) * Hon. Mr. Le Viet TRUONG (MP) * Ms. Nguyen Thi HAI YEN (Secretary) |
| 29 | [Yemen](http://www.parliament.gov.ye/) | * HE. Mr. Mohamed Ali Salem AL SHADADI (Deputy Speaker) * Hon. Mr. Abdulkarim Mohamed MASHOOF (MP) * Hon. Mr. Qasem HUssain Kassim AL HADHA (MP) * Mr. Abdullah Ahmed Saleh Sofan (Secretary General) * Mr. Ahmed Abdulkader ESSA (Secretary) |
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| 2 | Tuvalu | * Rt. Hon. Sir Kamuta LATASI (Speaker) * Mr. Andrew SEMELI (Acting Clerk) |
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| 2 | AIPU | * Mr. Noureddine BOUCHKOUJ (Secretary General) |
| 3 | IPAEEC | * Mr. Petr ZVEREV (Executive Secretary) * Mr. Anatoly MARYSHEV (1st Deputy of Executive Secretary) |
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| **E** | **Interpreter (6)** | * Mr. Chawki RAYESS * Ms. Chirin HLAl * Mr. Osman Mohammad EL GALAL * Mrs. Radhia Ben Hassine ZRIBI * Ms. Jihane SFEIR * Ms. Elisabeth ELZENATY |
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| **F** | **Guest of the Host (5)** | * Mr. Rainer HEUFERS (Resident Representative of Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung Fur Die Freiheit) * Mr. Paul SCHAEFER (Director of Hanns Seidel Foundation Manila) * Mr. Demis Timurtas (PASIAD) * Mr. Recep Atmaca (PASIAD) * Mr. Omer Demir (PASIAD) |