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Resolution on Political Issues

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

Reaffirming their crucial role as representatives of peoples and as a significant part and symbol of people's sovereignty to get actively involved in dealing with challenges and utilizing opportunities facing our great continent.

Recognizing the deep-rooted ties of history, geography, culture and civilization which bind their people together,

Being aware of the key role Asia plays in shaping world future relying on its glorious past, great human and natural resources and technological achievements,

Emphasizing the importance of regional arrangements for consolidation of ties among Asian countries and stress the need for the representatives of Asian nations to interact regularly,

Encouraging and promote dialogue and interaction among Asian cultures and civilizations while respecting cultural diversity and fostering tolerance throughout the continent,

Committing themselves to promote peace and security at global, continental and regional levels on the basis of justice, mutual respect and the rule of law through expanding cooperation and interaction with all nations within and outside Asia,

Stressing the importance of coordination among parliaments in political issues leading to more harmonized political cooperation in regional and international levels,

Expressing deep concern over the deterioration of the political situation in parts of Asia, especially in the Middle East and particularly in Palestine, Iraq and Afghanistan,

Noting the considerable changes in the dynamics of the international relations in recent history, believe that the need for a major reform in the structure of the United Nations and its organs, including the Security Council, is profoundly required in order to make the decision-making process in the UN system more representative,

Believing that the expansion of the culture of unilateralism in International relations nurtures the challenges at global level and in Asia, undermines the fundamental rights of nations including the right to self-determination,

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Expressing their deep concern about continuing resort to terrorism around the world and condemn in the strongest term all kinds of terrorist acts under any pretext, including state terrorism, and emphasizing the need to differentiate between terrorism and the right of peoples under occupation to resistance,

Condemn attempts to violate sovereignty and territorial integrity of Asian countries and interference in their internal affairs,

Express the need for respecting fundamental Human Rights, promoting democratic institutions and full participation of the people in the decision making process in their respective countries,

Reject application of double standard in dealing with issues in international relations,

Further Reject imposing unilateral sanctions against any state including countries of Asia under any pretext, undermining the welfare of people and the principles of free trade,

Call for an end to occupation and presence by foreign forces in Palestine, and Afghanistan and any other country with a clear timetable for withdrawal and urge concerted efforts by members of international community to help rebuild these countries,

Strongly Condemn the atrocities by the Zionist Regime in occupied Palestinian territories, including the detention of the speaker and the members of the Palestinian Parliament, target assassinations, collective punishment, building of settlements and the wall of apartheid, cutting off humanitarian aids and the daily-need supplies of the people of Palestine and consider such atrocities as the most elaborate cases of state terrorism,

Call Upon international community to help achieve a just settlement for the Palestinian issue in which the rights and dignity of the Palestinians are duly acquired, the return of all refugees secured and the occupation of the Zionist Regime in Palestine, Lebanon and Syria is for ever ended,

Express Deep Concern about the continued interference by the United States, the Zionist regime and any other external force in the internal affairs of the Lebanon, especially the continued military maneuvering and the violation of its air space and sovereignty and fully support the election of a new president for Lebanon by national consensus.

Condemn Strongly the threats by the united states against the Islamic republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic and any other country in the world,

Call Upon International community to take urgent measures for the relief of the humanitarian crisis imposed on the Gaza by the Israeli policy.

Reiterate the need for Asian countries to fight more vigorously against corruption, human trafficking, drug trafficking, money laundering and organized crime in order to attain a more stabilized political situation in their countries,

Emphasize that the founding of international relations on the basis of justice remains a high priority agenda; and in this respect welcome, with great interest, the remarks by His Excellency Mr. Ahmadi Nejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran and decide to form a working group in order to explore ways and means of fostering justice in international relations at national, regional and global levels,

Decide to further discuss the modalities of efficient cooperation and coordination between the APA and respective governments. In this respect, they ask the Secretary General of the APA to pursue the formation of an ad Hoc Committee and prepare all documents required for its work. The ad Hoc Committee shall hold at least one meeting before the next session of the General Assembly and submit its final report to it.

Decide to establish a sub-committee under the APA Political Committee composed of delegations from Bahrain, the Philippines, Thailand, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kuwait, Iraq, Oman, Indonesia and Pakistan to meet at least once a year prior to the APA Executive Council session at a time coordinated with the Secretariat, to consider the best strategies leading to the signing, ratifying and acceding to the Friendship Pact of Asia.
