



**APA/Res/2008/02
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Resolution on

Alleviating Poverty in Asia

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Recalling APA Resolution, APA/Res/2007/04, by which the text of the Plan of Action for Alleviating Poverty in Asia was adopted and a Sub-Committee was established to consider how best to facilitate the implementation of the provisions of that Plan of Action,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on Alleviating Poverty, SG/Rep/2008/03, dated 2 June 2008, submitted to the meeting of the Sub-Committee held in Jakarta on 12-13 June 2008,

Recognizing the significant role of parliaments in strengthening national strategic plans for alleviation of poverty,

Expressing concern about the situation of the poor globally and in Asia,

Expressing determination to help strengthen national efforts to meet UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs),

1. *Decide* to mandate the Sub-Committee to continue to work, as appropriate, to strengthen the role of Parliaments in all phases of national poverty alleviation strategic plans, including benefiting from advisory groups as the need arises to provide technical advice to the Sub-Committee on a time-bound implementation of the Plan of Action on Alleviating Poverty;
2. *Decide* to strengthen coordination among international and regional organizations such as ADB, ESCAP, IDB, UNESCAP, and the relevant NGOs active in this field, to provide technical support to the implementation of APA Plan of Action on Alleviating Poverty;

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3. *Request* the Sub-Committee to explore ways in which best practices in Asia in poverty alleviation could be exchanged, including identification of focal points in the executive branch of each Member Parliament and defining a networking scheme among them;
4. *Request* the Sub-Committee to expedite and report the possible establishment of a Poverty Alleviation Fund in Asia as reflected in article 16 of APA Resolution on Economic and Sustainable Development, APA/Economic Com/2007/01 dated 20 November 2007;
5. *Request* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments on their efforts to implement this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee in 2009, which will be held in a volunteer country or in the country of the APA President.