



Resolution on Asian Integrated Energy Market

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We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Recalling APA Resolution on Integrated Energy Market in Asia (APA/Res/2017/01) adopted at the 10th APA Plenary in Istanbul, Turkey, November 2017 and other relevant APA meetings.

Welcoming the Report of the Secretary-General on the Asian Integrated Energy Market (AIEM), and the meeting of the Energy Sub-Committee held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 27 July 2016;

Considering the role of energy market integration between West and East Asia in the future due to high rate of energy consumption in the East and South of Asia.

Concerning about the political crisis in the West Asia in recent years as a real obstacle for the realization of Asian Integrated Energy Market;

Recognizing that “Integrated Asian Energy Market” can help the Asian countries to maximize the interests of both producers and consumers and minimize the risks and costs of energy in Asia;

Welcoming the strong support of North-East, East and South-East Asia for “Integrated Asian Energy Market”;

Emphasizing the need to develop multilateral co-operation among Asian countries and the work of APA to develop an Integrated Energy Market in Asia as efforts to provide a sustainable, green and clean energy as they are crucial for the climate change mitigation and the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals;

Welcoming concrete actions under the Belt and Road Initiative¹ to promote cooperation in the connectivity of energy infrastructure, work in concert to ensure the security of oil and gas pipelines and other transport routes, build cross-border power supply networks and power-transmission routes, and cooperate in regional power grid upgrading and transformation;

Reaffirming the importance of adoption and implementation of environmentally sound energy policies and projects throughout Asia;

Welcoming the decreasing trend of energy intensity in the most regions of the world, particularly in Asia;

Welcoming the Asian governments’ commitments to reduce carbon emissions affecting global warming and environment;

¹ Delegate of India dissociated himself from this expression

Emphasizing the importance of unimpeded flows of energy sources, technologies and capital, and acknowledging that clean and renewable energy needs to be affordable to all;

Recognizing that sustainable development, energy access, and energy security are critical to the shared prosperity and future of the region;

Supporting a wider use of Natural gas as an economically efficient and ecologically clean fuel to promote sustainable development as well as to reduce the greenhouse emissions in accordance with the Paris Agreement on the climate change;

Stressing on the commitment of APA members to cooperate and coordinate regionally and globally in the field of renewable energy, with the aim of joining up efforts, standards, norms, and objectives;

Encouraging parliaments to develop strategies that support and hold governments accountable in relation to sustainable development, and to expand in depending on clean, renewable energy, such as solar, hydropower, nuclear, and wind energies and to give priority to the utilization of water as a resource, when sufficient and applicable;

Calling on APA Member Countries to foster cooperation through joint research and other initiatives and transfer technology on clean renewable energy;

1. **Decide** to expand the mandate of the Advisory Group on Energy to link the demand and the supply for energy in Asia and to promote the sustainable use of energy, in line with the spirit enshrined in the UN Summit 2015 Declaration to secure our planet for present and future generations;
2. **Call upon** APA Member Parliaments to encourage their respective governments to expand bilateral and multilateral cooperation among Asian countries in the field of energy and its sustainability and to link such efforts with the existing international commitments such as the SDGs and the UN Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC);
3. **Call up** APA Member States in South and West Asia to respond positively and urgently to the appeal of “Integrated Asian Energy Market” in North-East, East and South-East Asia;
4. **Urge** all Members of APA Parliaments to report to the Secretary-General on their national experiences in the field of increasing energy efficiency and their energy policies for the betterment of the information of the Advisory Group and to be forwarded to the Plenary;
5. **Request** the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the next meeting of the Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development Affairs;