

Asian Parliamentary Assembly



Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs

(Virtual Meeting)

Tehran- Islamic Republic of Iran

14 July 2021



Annotated Agenda

(6/7/2021 by APA Secretariat)

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Participants are invited to adopt the draft Agenda.

2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson

Chair will present his/her opening remarks.

3. Statement by Representative of APA President

Chair will call on Rep. of APA President to address the Committee.

4. Report of the APA Secretary General

APA Secretary General will report on the work of the Standing Committee and outline his views on the draft resolutions to be considered by the meeting.

5. Consideration of the Situation of Women Parliamentarians in Asia

APA by adopting Res/2014/16 decided to establish Special Committee of APA women parliamentarians under the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs. Women Parliamentarians are called upon to present their views/reports on topics of their interests under this agenda item.

6. Consideration and Recommendations on the Draft Resolutions:

Under this item, the Chair will introduce the draft resolutions before the Committee and will invite authors of the amendments to present their proposed texts. The Chair will rule on each amendment and the draft resolution in question is adopted.

Remarks: The unfolding tragedy of the COVID-19 pandemic which has faced the globe with enormous critical challenges, calls on APA Parliamentarians to redouble their efforts in order to efficiently address the key issues, where ever possible, within the context of the draft resolutions with a different approach conducive to the prevailing situation.

Draft Resolutions are as follows:

1. **Draft Resolution on Measures to Promote Cultural Diversity and Protect Cultural Heritage in Asia**

2. **Draft Resolution on Asian Integration through Information and Communication Technology**

During consideration of this draft resolution at 12th Plenary Session in Antalya, Turkey, 2019, Indonesian delegation presented their comments and amendments. The Chair requested them

that all such amendments should be drafted in a written form and be submitted to the Secretariat for further elaboration in the next Standing Committee.

3. Draft Resolution on Collaboration on Health Equity in Asia

4. Draft Resolution on Asian Parliamentarians against Corruption

During consideration of this resolution at 12th Plenary Session in Antalya, Turkey, 2019, delegation of Qatar presented their comments and amendments. The Chair requested that such amendments should be drafted in a written form and be submitted to the Secretariat for further elaboration in the next Standing Committee.

5. Draft Resolution of APA Women Parliamentarians

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6. Draft Resolution on Promoting Inter-Faith Dialogue and Harmony among World Religions

7. Draft Resolution on Legal and Legislative Cooperation in Combating the Smuggling of Cultural Items in Asia

8. Draft Resolution on Effective Cooperation in Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking in Asia

9. Draft Resolution on Humanitarian Aid to Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Gaza and Myanmar on the Verge of the Humanitarian Catastrophe

The draft resolution was slightly amended and adopted at 12th Plenary Session in Antalya, Turkey, 2019. Delegation of Turkey registered her reservation on China's amendment.

10. Draft Resolution on Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers in Asia (*Deferred*)

- *At SC meeting in Bangkok, Feb. 2019, few delegates disassociated themselves from the preamble paragraph 5 of this draft resolution.*

- *During Executive Council Meeting in Rize, Turkey on October 2019, several delegations expressed their strong positions against the Form and Content of this resolution and requested its deletion from list of resolutions of this Standing Committee due to its adverse effects on security of some states. Others argued that we might change the title of this resolution to "Migrant/Foreign or Expatriate Workers". After a substantive exchange of views on the topic of resolution and its different terminologies, the meeting decided to defer consideration of the said resolution to the next Standing Committee.*

11. Draft Resolution on the Promotion of Quality Child and Youth Development for Sustainable Society in Asia (*New*)

This new draft resolution was presented by the Thai delegation during the SC meeting on February 2019 in Bangkok.

12. Draft Resolution on Ageing Society in Asia (*New*)

This new draft resolution was presented by the Thai delegation during the SC meeting on February 2019 in Bangkok.

13. Draft Resolution on "Human Development in Asia" (*New*)

This new draft resolution was presented by the delegation of Kuwait during the SC meeting on February 2019 in Bangkok.

7. Closing session.

8. Any Other Matters

Participants will have the possibility to introduce any other issue of their interest not covered on the Agenda.