



Standing Committee on Budget and Planning

23-24 December 2025
Doha, State of Qatar

Final Report

At the invitation of the Shura Council of State of Qatar, in the capacity of APA Vice-President, the Meeting of Standing Committee on Budget and Planning was held on 23-24 December 2025 in Doha, under the Chair of H.E Mr. Ahmad bin Hitmi AL-Hitmi, the Head of APA Delegation of the State of Qatar, with participation of delegations from the following member parliaments:

Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Turkiye, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan,

([Attachment I](#))

Opening Session:

Following dignitaries presented their remarks at the opening session:

- H.E. Mr. Hassan Abdullah Al-Ghanim, Speaker of the Shura Council of State of Qatar,
- H.E. Mr. Mohammad Reza Majidi, Secretary General of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly
- H.E. Mr. Rizvan Nabihev, Head of Azerbaijan Delegation in his capacity as representative of the APA President,
- H.E. Mr. Boris Chernyshov, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma of Russian Federation in his capacity as APA Vice-President,

([Attachment II](#))

Standing Committee Session:

1. Adoption of the Agenda

- The Chair put forward the agenda to the participants which was unanimously adopted.

([Attachment III](#))

2. Election of Bureau

The following Bureau Members were elected:

- Qatar as Chairperson,
- UAE as Vice-Chairperson,
- Tajikistan as Rapporteur,

3. Remarks by the Chairperson:

H.E. Mr. Ahmad bin Hitmi AL-Hitmi, Chairperson of the meeting, presented a short remark and welcomed all participants for joining this important meeting.

4. Report by the APA Secretary General:

The full text of the APA Secretary General's report is attached.

[\(Attachment IV\)](#)

5. General Debate:

Under this agenda item, participants took the floor and presented brief remarks. Key items of the remarks are as follows:

- APA as an important parliamentary platform has a significant role in Asia and must be financially supported for advancement of its objectives,
- Effort must be made to meet its budget for its administration as an important step for its sustainability,
- Exchange of information, knowledge and experience vis-à-vis budget is important and proposed establishment of international cooperation institute by APA
- Transparency, accountability and sustainability in addressing budget is important,
- Upgrading the status of APA Secretariat as well as regular payment of the assessed contributions are great important steps for its internationalization,
- It is expected that the member parliaments do their best for the payment of their assessed contribution,
- The APA Secretariat is requested to closely follow-up the decision of the 15th APA Plenary on the approved assessed contributions,
- Parliament of Iran has continuously committed itself to expense of the Secretariat for the amount of USD 1,450,000 yearly,
- Modernization of the APA Documents is an important step that requires due consideration,
- The Secretariat should expedite opening of an account for the depositing of assessed contribution,

[\(Attachment V\)](#)

6. Consideration of the Draft Resolution:

Delegation of Iran submitted two amendments to the operative paragraphs of 1 and 2 of the draft resolution which was accepted.

The APA Secretariat proposed that the following operative paragraph be added to the text of the draft resolution:

“Request the APA Secretariat to provide all items of Budget Estimate in Euro currency as stated by Article 5 of APA Financial and Staff Regulations “

7. Draft APA Budget Estimate 2026:

The Secretariat presented a symbolic APA Budget Estimate for 2025 and stated that inflation rate for 2026 must be applied. Based on the Article 5 of the Financial and Staff Regulations the future estimates will be presented in Euro currency. The Chair ruled that a 10% increase in budget items should also applied.

([Attachment VI](#))

8. Any other matters:

As no issue was raised under this item, the Chair closed the meeting.

Attachment I



Asian Parliamentary Assembly

**Standing Committee on Budget and Planning
Doha-State of Qatar
December 23-24, 2025**

Opening Remarks by APA Secretary General

His Excellency Mr. Hasan Abdullah Al-Ghanim

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honor and privilege for me to extend my warmest welcome to all the esteemed delegates attending this important meeting, convened and graciously hosted by the Shura Council of the State of Qatar under the distinguished leadership of H.E. Mr. Hassan Abdulla Al-Ghanim. The excellent hospitality provided by the Shura Council have afforded us an invaluable occasion to gather and engage in substantive deliberations on the budgetary matters that constitute a fundamental pillar and indispensable cornerstone of our organization. Let me also express my most sincere felicitation and warmest wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

Honorable Speaker,

At the outset, I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to Your Excellency and other concerned authorities on the active and constructive presence of the State of Qatar, and its sustained engagement at both regional and international levels. This engagement stands as a testament to Qatar's profound expertise and fruitful experience for pushing forward development of its diplomatic presence across the full spectrum of international relations.

It is my earnest hope that this well-established and widely acclaimed experience, together with Qatar's tireless mediation efforts in traditional diplomacy, which have garnered global admiration, may be further enriched through an equally dynamic commitment to parliamentary diplomacy.

Such an approach would significantly enhance the role and impact of parliamentary diplomacy in the Continent of Asia, while witnessing Qatar's active and productive efforts aimed at advancing scientific and educational programs, including the potential establishment of an international award dedicated to excellence in the parliamentary domain.

The prominent working feature of the Shura Council in reinforcing the indispensable role of parliaments for advancing sustained cooperation with the UN as well as with international parliamentary organizations, constitutes a particularly commendable and forward-looking

contribution. Through its advocacy for robust and effective parliamentary coordination mechanisms, underscores the imperative of ensuring that legislative action remains aligned with international commitments and global security priorities.

Dear Colleagues,

It is equally important to recognize that the current global situation compels us to reflect more deeply on the role, effectiveness, and institutional structures of regional and international organizations, as well as the *raison d'être* of their existence, namely, to safeguard nations confronted with injustice and inhumane practices. Regrettably, we are witnessing circumstances in which these institutions, whether through action or inaction, fall short of fully upholding the principles and values for which they were established. This reality underscores the urgency of strengthening multilateral mechanisms and reinforcing our collective resolve to ensure that international norms are applied consistently, impartially, and in full consonance with the inherent purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter.

To further elaborate, allow me to draw your attention to the ongoing and tragic situation in Gaza, where the escalating violence has claimed more than 70 thousand Palestinian lives, mostly women and children, leading to nearly total destruction of the territory's infrastructure. This rare humanitarian crisis has not been confined to the Gaza alone; its repercussions have extended to neighboring countries and beyond. The catastrophe unfolding before us, together with the inability of the relevant international bodies to effectively uphold their mandates, underscores the urgent need for a more just, accountable and responsive international system.

Dear Colleagues,

Allow me to draw your attention to the main focus of our today's agenda meeting, which centers on the adopted equal annual contribution as a significant step forward in strengthening the APA Secretariat and advancing its internationalization process. This also includes the updating of the APA statutory documents, alongside the numerous initiatives undertaken by the APA Secretary General and its administration team aimed at further reinvigorating the APA activities, taking due account of the evolving global political, economic, social and cultural landscape. In this context, it is expected that member parliaments demonstrate enhanced cooperation in the timely payment of their contributions, thereby enabling the APA Secretariat to effectively implement its planned programs.

Dear Colleagues,

Meanwhile, it is of great importance to note that three Vice-Presidential positions will become vacant for the year 2026. As declared previously, Iran will host and chair the Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development. With regard to the remaining three Standing Committees, namely Political Affairs, Social and Cultural Affairs and Budget & Planning Committees, member parliaments are invited to submit their nominations. In this context, I wish to encourage the State of Qatar to continue its role as Chair of the Budget & Planning Committee for 2026. Furthermore, delegations are kindly urged to put forward their candidatures for the other two Committees, Political Affairs and Social & Cultural Affairs, at the earliest opportunity, so as to enable the Secretariat to finalize a comprehensive calendar of activities for the year 2026.

Let me conclude my address, seizing this valuable opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the APA President, and the four Vice-Presidents for their invaluable constructive cooperation. Their support has enabled the APA Secretariat to take fruitful steps over the past

year, including updating of the APA statutory documents following adoption of amendments to the APA Charter and its Rules of Procedure, as well as the unanimous approval of the assessed contribution as vital steps that will have significant role in the advancement of the APA future programs. In effect, these important decisions represent commendable progresses as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the APA in the coming month in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, concurrently with the transfer of APA Presidency to the Council of Representatives of Bahrain.

Thank you for your attention

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Speech of the Representative of the APA Term President and Head of the delegation of Azerbaijan to the APA, Mr. Dr. Rizvan Nabiyev

Distinguished Speaker of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, His Excellency Mr. Hasan bin Abdulla Al-Ghanim,

Distinguished Vice-President of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly His Excellency Mr. Ahmad bin Hitmi Al-Hitmi,

Distinguished APA Secretary General, His Excellency Dr. Majidi,

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with the greatest honor and profound respect that I take part in the meeting of the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly, graciously hosted in the magnificent city of Doha. I am deeply privileged to address this esteemed assembly as Head of the Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the APA.

Acting in my capacity as the Representative of the Term President of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly, I am pleased to extend warm greetings and best wishes for a productive and successful meeting on behalf of Her Excellency Professor Sahiba Gafarova, President of the APA and Speaker of the National Assembly of Azerbaijan.

I would like to express my profound appreciation to the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, to His Excellency Mr. Hasan bin Abdulla Al-Ghanim, Speaker of the Shura Council, and to His Excellency Mr. Ahmad bin Hitmi Al-Hitmi, Vice-President of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly and Chair of the APA Standing Committee on Budget and Planning, for their generous hospitality.

I also wish to commend the distinguished members of the Shura Council for their dedicated efforts in the excellent organization of this important meeting in Doha.

I wish to convey my gratitude to His Excellency Dr. Mohammad Reza Majidi, Secretary-General of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly, and to the esteemed APA Secretariat, for their unwavering dedication and invaluable contributions to the advancement and strengthening of the Organization's work.

Distinguished Delegates,

Asia holds a position of exceptional importance in the contemporary international system. This is reflected in its vast geography and its rich natural, human, and financial resources. The region also carries significant geopolitical weight.

Asia is among the most dynamic and rapidly growing economic regions in the world. It is home to the largest continental economy. Its role in the global economy continues to expand.

Asian states are steadily strengthening regional integration. This is achieved through expanded trade, innovation, knowledge exchange, and increased capital flows. As a result, the region's collective economic strength and political influence continue to grow.

Today, Azerbaijan and Central Asia serve as a vital link between East and West, as well as North and South. In November 2025, a decision was adopted on Azerbaijan's accession to the cooperation format of the Central Asian states—the Consultative Meeting of the Heads of State of Central Asia. On this occasion, President Ilham Aliyev took part in the 7th Consultative Meeting of the Heads of State of Central Asia, held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. This historic decision will contribute to strengthening cooperation and interaction across a vast geographical space between Europe and Asia.

The development of the Middle Corridor is of strategic importance for our countries. Joint efforts to modernize transport and logistics infrastructure, as well as to harmonize and digitalize customs procedures, open significant opportunities for increasing cargo volumes, and expanding cooperation between Europe and Asia.

Azerbaijan serves as a key regional connectivity hub through major transport corridors, with cargo volumes along the Middle Corridor increasing by almost 90 percent since 2022.

The agreements reached in Washington this August on connecting the mainland of Azerbaijan with its Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic will further expand international transit opportunities. The construction of the Zangezur Corridor on the territory of Azerbaijan is nearing completion. The construction of the highway forming part of the Zangezur Corridor is also close to completion.

In parallel, Azerbaijan is advancing digital connectivity through the Digital Silk Way, positioning itself as a regional digital hub.

Azerbaijan also plays a strategic role in global energy security, supplying natural gas to 14 countries and diversifying supply routes across Europe and beyond. In addition, Azerbaijan and Syria have recently strengthened their bilateral partnership, focusing on energy supply, infrastructure development, and post-conflict reconstruction. Since August of this year, with the support of Qatar, Azerbaijan has begun supplying Syria with natural gas via Türkiye, significantly reducing electricity shortages in the country.

Despite significant achievements, Asia continues to face serious and complex challenges. Humanitarian crises persist. Armed confrontations, widespread poverty, and the growing

impact of climate change continue to threaten stability, sustainable development, and human security. These challenges have implications far beyond our region.

In this context, I would like to highlight the importance of the Washington Peace Summit held on August 8, which effectively brought an end to the long-standing conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan in the South Caucasus. This historic development has opened broad prospects for peace, development, and regional cooperation, extending to the wider Eurasian continent.

In this context of the parliamentary diplomacy, cooperation within the Asian Parliamentary Assembly is of particular importance. The Assembly serves as a vital platform for strengthening Asian solidarity. As the only multilateral interparliamentary forum uniting Asian nations, the APA is uniquely positioned to advance coordinated and principled approaches to shared challenges. Through sustained dialogue and active parliamentary diplomacy, the Asian Parliamentary Assembly contributes to mutual understanding.

Dear participants,

Today, at the meeting of the APA Standing Committee on Budget and Planning, we will address the implementation of the resolution on “Planning the APA Budget,” a matter that directly affects the effective functioning and efficiency of our Organization.

As you know, the APA budget has long been a repeated item on our agenda. During its meeting in November 2024 in Doha, the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning carefully considered and unanimously adopted the Draft Resolution on APA Budget and Planning.

The model of an equal assessed contribution of 22,000 USD has been agreed upon and subsequently endorsed by the Executive Council in Baku, Azerbaijan, earlier this year.

The Plenary of the APA in Baku in February 2025 also endorsed the crucial decisions regarding equal payment and equal voting rights, recognize that the APA budget is essential for its effective functioning. The Plenary called on all Member States to take the necessary measures to allocate the required funds.

It is essential that the Assembly’s budget be implemented without delay to ensure the smooth operation of its activities. I urge all members to recognize the importance of a strong and reliable budget mechanism, which will strengthen the institutional capacity of our Assembly.

The endorsed budget will enhance the effectiveness of our collective cooperation.

I believe that having a comprehensive document, such as the APA Secretariat Regulations, to outline the structure, staffing, and responsibilities of the APA Secretariat would greatly facilitate our work.

The APA budget remains a matter of critical importance. It is indispensable for the success of our Organization and the effective implementation of its programs. To ensure the smooth functioning of the Assembly, it is imperative that we take all necessary measures to secure the required resources.

Reaching a common understanding is both our responsibility and our shared objective. Success depends on our collective will, commitment, and determination.

Dear Colleagues, I sincerely thank you for your presence, your dedication, and your valuable contributions to this meeting.

Thank you.

**Speech of the Deputy Chairman of the State Duma of the Russian Federation,
Vice-President of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly H.E. Mr. Boris Chernyshov
at the Opening Session of the APA Standing Committee on Budget and Planning
(Doha, 23 December 2025)**

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

Dear Colleagues,

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to our Qatari friends and the APA Secretariat for creating necessary conditions to organize this important event.

We met in Doha to hold a meeting of the APA Standing Committee on Budget and Planning. This is essentially the final event of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly for the outgoing year. This means that we can sum up the preliminary results of the APA work for 2025.

Today, we are witnessing the formation of a new global architecture and new principles of world order. These processes are accompanied by increasing geopolitical instability, intensifying contradictions and conflicts. We also see the inability of some international organizations to develop and adopt coordinated decisions. In our opinion, taking into account all these circumstances, the work of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly in general could deserve a positive assessment.

Indeed, during this period, we managed to achieve good dynamics of interaction. Interparliamentary cooperation within the APA is gaining momentum, its agenda and composition are expanding with the admission of new members and observers, in particular Belarus. This year key events and meetings of all Standing Committees were held, including in Bahrain and Russia. Iran did everything possible to organize the meeting of the APA Standing Committee on Political Affairs in Mashhad. I regret that I was unable to attend it in person. However, the Russian delegation was there and contributed to the development of the dialogue. New draft resolutions were approved. They enrich our agenda and lay the foundation for future work. I am referring to the resolutions of the Russian and Iranian delegations.

We support the Assembly's line, which, in turn, promotes the establishment of a multipolar world, shapes the security architecture in the Eurasian space, and promotes the development of trade and economic relations, stipulates intercultural diversity and social cohesion.

Colleagues, we are doing this work in conditions of high turbulence and the degradation of the principles of multilateral cooperation, in particular in those structures where the collective West is trying to dominate.

Russia condemned the unprecedented aggression against Iran in June and against Qatar in September 2025, as did many of our partners sitting at this table. We regard these acts as a gross violation of international law and new steps towards escalation.

I consider it important to strengthen the role of our Assembly so that to more actively and more confidently coordinate the positions of participants on current regional and global issues.

Next year, the Assembly will celebrate 20 years since its founding. It is a significant period of time, when the age of adulthood has been reached and the time for responsibility has come. I won't philosophize for long. Let me get back to the topic of our meeting today. Colleagues, we are one step away from the milestone for the APA as an organization to gain a more significant status. We are talking about its budget. In 2025, at the APA plenary session in Azerbaijan, a fundamental decision was made on the formation of a general budget. Now we have an understanding of its scope and an agreement on contributions. The principle of equal payments has been developed, which is taken into account in the resolution. Today we are gathered here, to complete this work and achieve a concrete result. We need to sum up just a few technical details to make this puzzle come together.

I once again confirm our interest in further expanding and deepening practical cooperation within the Asian Parliamentary Assembly. The Russian delegation is ready to work on the result.

Thank you for your attention.

Asian Parliamentary Assembly



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Draft Agenda

- 1- Adoption of the Agenda
- 2- Election of the Bureau
- 3- Opening Remarks by Chairperson
- 4- Report by APA Secretary General
- 5- General debate
- 6- Consideration of Draft Resolution on:
 - Planning APA Budget
- 7- Draft APA Budget Estimate –2026
- 8- Any other matters.

Attachment IV



ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Standing Committee on Budget and Planning
December 23-24, 2025
Doha-State of Qatar

Report of the APA Secretary General

**Mr. Chairperson
Distinguished Delegate,
Dear Colleagues,**

I am pleased to have been given the opportunity to present a brief report on the recent activities of the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning, as we prepare to engage in constructive consultations and a meaningful exchange of views on the agenda items before us at today's meeting.

Before proceeding further, I wish to express my profound gratitude to the Shura Council of the State of Qatar and its esteemed leadership, His Excellency Mr. Hassan Abdulla Al-Ghanim. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to His Excellency Mr. Ahmad bin Hitmi Al-Hitmi, the distinguished Head of the APA Group of Qatar, in his capacity as APA Vice-President and Chair of the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning, as well as to his dedicated team, for the exemplary organization of this important meeting and the generous hospitality extended to all participants.

Allow me to add that this meeting marks the final session of the four regular Committee Meetings convened under the APA's official calendar of events for the current year. As we bring 2025 to a close, the Assembly will enter a new phase of activities in the coming year, which will coincide with the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly. This important milestone will also be marked by the transfer of the APA Presidency from the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Kingdom of Bahrain, following the conclusion of Azerbaijan's successful and productive two-year presidency.

Dear Colleagues,

As you may recall, following the unanimous decision adopted at our meeting held here in Doha last year, the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning reached a milestone agreement concerning the annual assessed contribution. The Committee agreed on an equal annual contribution of USD 22,000 by all Member Parliaments; a decision that subsequently received full support and endorsement of the 15th Plenary Session held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan.

In the wake of this important decision, necessary follow-up actions were undertaken, and the operational modalities for the payment of annual contributions were examined thoroughly during three consecutive Bureau Sessions held respectively in Manama, Moscow, and Mashhad. These deliberations resulted in significant and constructive outcomes, particularly in streamlining and clarifying the procedures governing the payment process.

Dear Colleagues,

As you have duly noted, the agenda of today's meeting comprises two major items of considerable importance, namely:

1. Consideration of the draft resolution on the planning of the APA budget; and
2. Examination of the budget estimate for the year 2026.

In accordance with the draft resolution before the Committee, the first five operative paragraphs, each carrying particular significance, merit our careful attention. These provisions are directly concerned with:

- Ensuring mobilization of the required funds by Member Parliaments within the framework of their internal budget;
- Expressing appreciation for the financial and logistical support extended to the APA Secretariat by the Islamic Parliament of Iran;
- Conveying gratitude to the APA President and Vice-Presidents for their generosity in contributing to APA expenditures through hosting meetings and activities;
- Mandating the preparation of the budget estimate by the APA Secretary-General on the basis of identified projects and programs; and
- Encouraging continued revitalization efforts aimed at enhancing the institutional capacity and overall effectiveness of the Organization.

The second topic of major importance concerns the budget estimate for the year 2026, taking into due consideration the estimations reflected in the 2025 budget table attached to the meeting agenda. Evidently, this amount should be adjusted annually to account for inflation, as a regular reference item in the relevant budget estimate table. Moreover, it is also important to consider the use of the Euro, rather than the US dollar, as the currency originally stipulated in the Financial Regulations adopted in 2014.

While this decision constitutes a significant and strategic step toward the internationalization and institutional strengthening of the APA, as reflected in operative paragraph five of the draft resolution, the subsequent operational measures are equally critical. This milestone reflects not

only our shared commitment to the future of the APA, but also our collective resolve to ensure its financial sustainability and effectiveness in fulfilling its mandate. In this regard, I wish to sincerely thank all colleagues for their constructive cooperation in approving the assessed contribution, which represents a major responsibility resting upon all Member Parliaments.

Dear Colleagues,

The foremost issue before us remains our continued commitment to enhancing the standing of our organization; an endeavor to which we have remained steadfastly dedicated over the past two decades, despite the many challenges encountered along the way.

This approach represents a solid and forward-looking strategy that has been pursued, most particularly over the past three years to advance the APA agenda, as reflected in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution. Through its structured programs and practical orientation, this strategy has strengthened our collective efforts to uphold the objectives of the Assembly. It began with sustained policy-making initiatives, notably through regular Bureau meetings held alongside Standing Committee meetings, and finalization of the mandate of the Working Group on statutory documents following a comprehensive review of the APA Charter and Rules, including the adoption of necessary urgent amendments.

These commendable efforts have enabled the generation of new ideas and further enrichment of the APA activities, including:

- Narrowing the themes of draft resolutions to more focused and relevant topics, while archiving those that have not received amendments over two consecutive review cycles;
- Inviting the host parliament of each Standing Committee meeting to submit one new draft resolution for consideration; and
- Providing a platform for the exchange of best practices, with a view to encouraging follow-ups actions by member parliaments to translate impact of the APA resolutions into concrete national actions ,

I would like to underscore that our shared responsibility to further elevate the standing of the APA remains paramount. Over the past two decades, the Assembly has spared no effort in preserving and strengthening its role, and our continued dedication is essential to securing an even more robust and prosperous future for our organization.

Allow me, in concluding my report, to express on your behalf and on my own, our profound appreciation to the Islamic Parliament of Iran for its generous financial and logistical support to the APA Secretariat. I also wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the APA Presidents and Vice-Presidents for their invaluable contributions in hosting various APA meetings in their respective countries, thereby significantly advancing our shared objectives.

Thank you for your kind attention.



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سعادة الدكتور/ محمد رضا مجيدي، الأمين العام للمجمعية البرلمانية الآسيوية، الموقر،

أصحاب المعالي والسعادة، أعضاء اللجنة الموقرین،

الحضور الكريم،

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته،

يشرّفني أن أشارككم أعمال اجتماع اللجنة الدائمة للموازنة والتخطيط للجمعية البرلمانية الآسيوية، بوصفها الركيزة المحورية للعمل المؤسسي للجمعية، والضامن لفاعليّة برامجها واستدامة أنشطتها، عبر تخطيط رشيد، وإدارة مسؤولة للموارد، وترسيخ مبادئ الشفافية والمساءلة. ويأتي دور هذه اللجنة متجاوزاً للأبعاد الفنية والإجرائية، ليشكّل إطاراً استراتيجياً يربط الرؤية السياسية للجمعية بآدواتها التنفيذية، ويكفل مواءمة الخطط والموازنات المعتمدة مع أولوياتها، بما يعزّز كفاءة الأداء، ويرسّخ المصداقية، ويمكن الجمعية من الاضطلاع بدورها البرلماني الآسيوي على نحو فاعل ومستدام.

الحضور الكريم،

يطيب لي أن أؤكد أن المكانة الفاعلة والثقة المتنامية التي تتمتع بها مملكة البحرين إقليمياً ودولياً تستند إلى نهج قيادي راسخ أرسّته حكمة حضرة صاحب الجلالة الملك حمد بن عيسى آل خليفة، ملك البلاد المعظم، حفظه الله ورعاه، وبدعم ومساندة من صاحب السمو الملكي الأمير سلمان بن حمد آل خليفة، ولي العهد رئيس مجلس الوزراء، حفظه الله، وهو نهج يقوم على ترسّخ العمل الجماعي، واعتماد الحوار المسؤول، وتعزيز البناء المؤسسي للتعاون الإقليمي والدولي.

وقد برزت معاً هذا النهج بجلاء في النجاحات المتواصلة التي تحققها مملكة البحرين في استضافة الاجتماعات والمؤتمرات الكبرى، بما أظهر قدرتها على تهيئة بيئة توافقية فاعلة، وإدارة الحوارات الإقليمية والدولية بكفاءة عالية ومسؤولية رفيعة، الأمر الذي عزّز مسارات العمل المشترك، ورسّخ مكانة البحرين كشريك موثوق وفاعل في دعم الاستقرار والتنمية.

وانطلاقاً من هذه الرؤية، تتطلع مملكة البحرين بكل اعزاز لرئاسة الجلسة العامة السادسة عشرة للجمعية البرلمانية الآسيوية في مطلع العام المقبل 2026، وتعامل السلطة التشريعية في مملكة البحرين مع هذا الاستحقاق باعتباره مسؤولية مشتركة وفرصة مهمة لتعزيز العمل البرلماني الآسيوي، وتفعيل دور اللجان النوعية، وفي مقدمتها لجنة الموازنة والتخطيط، بوصفها شريكاً أساسياً في إنجاح برامج الجمعية وتحقيق أهدافها، انطلاقاً من قناعة راسخة بأهمية التخطيط المالي المتوازن، وربط البرامج بالأهداف، وتعزيز آليات المتابعة والتقييم، بما يضمن الاستخدام الأمثل للموارد، ويحقق أثراً ملمساً لأنشطة الجمعية، ويعزّز ثقة البرلمانات الأعضاء في أدائها ومخرجاتها.

وتؤكد مملكة البحرين، في هذا الإطار، التزامها الكامل بالعمل بروح الشراكة والتشاور البناء مع جميع الدول الأعضاء والأمانة العامة، من أجل إقرار خطط وموازنات واقعية وقابلة للتنفيذ، تخدم تطلعات الجمعية البرلمانية الآسيوية، وتواكب استحقاقاتها في المرحلة المقبلة.

الجمع الكريم،

وفي الختام، أقدم بجزيل التقدير لجهود رئاسة لجنة الموازنة والتخطيط، وللأمانة العامة للجمعية البرلمانية الآسيوية، وللدور المسؤول الذي تضطلع به الدول الأعضاء في دعم مسيرة العمل البرلماني المشترك. ويهدونا اليقين بأن مداولات هذا الاجتماع ستفضي إلى مخرجات عملية وخطط مالية متوازنة تعزّز من كفاءة أداء الجمعية، وتدعم استدامة برامجها، وتُمكّنها من الاضطلاع بدورها المتنامي على المستويين الآسيوي والدولي.

كما أعرب عن خالص الشكر والتقدير لدولة قطر الشقيقة على حسن الاستضافة والتنظيم، مع التطلع إلى استمرار هذا التعاون البناء، وأن تشكل نتائج اجتماعنا اليوم أساساً راسخاً لترسيخ نهج التخطيط الاستراتيجي، وتعزيز الانضباط المالي، وضمان استدامة العمل المؤسسي للجمعية في المرحلة المقبلة.

أشكركم على حسن الاستماع،
والسلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته.

**Speech of H.E. Mrs. Sardana Avksenteva (State Duma of the Russian Federation)
at the APA Standing Committee on Budget and Planning
(Doha, 23 December 2025)**

Dear Colleagues,

The Asian Parliamentary Assembly continues to increase its pace. Over the past two years, during the Russian chairmanship of the Standing Committee on Culture and Social Affairs, and thanks to the conceptual contribution of the Chairmen of four APA Standing Committees – our colleagues from Qatar, Azerbaijan, Bahrain and Iran – there has been a qualitative leap in the activities of the APA.

Its work has begun to take on a more systematic character. This applies not only to the organization of events, but also to setting goals, tasks, and defining a specific niche for inter-parliamentary cooperation. We see our multilateral forum in the future as a representative platform for coordinating and harmonizing positions on key issues on the global and regional agenda.

However the APA will be what we, the Assembly members, shape it to be. Therefore, it is important for us to do everything possible to ensure that the APA's authority grows and its decisions are taken into account in legislative and international practice.

One of the tasks that we need to solve today in order to achieve the goals we have set is to create a permanent budget. We hope that the APA Secretariat will carry out this important work in order to create all the conditions necessary for implementing the budget decision. This includes a bank account, the bank itself, and the country where the financial institution will be located. We are waiting for specific information on this matter. I would like to reiterate that a fundamental decision was made at the APA plenary session in 2025 to establish a common budget. We have developed an understanding and agreed on the principle of equal payments. These aspects are recorded in the resolution. There are only a few steps left for the decision to come into force. We need to walk this path together.

And I also would like to thank our Colleagues from Qatar for their warm hospitality and excellent conditions for holding this meeting in Doha.

Thank you for your attention.



Draft APA Budget Estimate – 2026

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12/29/2025 by APA Secretariat

No.	Description	Expenses/year
1	Basic budget	629,034€
2	Additional budget	261,800€
3	Emergency budget	29,920€
Total		920,754€ ¹

Remarks:

- 1) This Draft Budget is modified based on the discussions and proposals of the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning in Abu-Dhabi 22-23 May 2017 and was offered for consideration of the same Committee in Baghdad 2019 (but was not addressed in detail by participants in the meeting). The average inflation rates of 8% upto 2024 are applied. (Inflation note: 2022= 4.4% 2023=3.6%)
- 2) Although the figures shown in the tables above are to our best of estimates, but the document, in its entirety, is a symbolic one and should be revisited once the “Assessed Contribution” scheme is adopted at the APA Plenary level.
- 3) APA Budget will be valid and applied whenever the Member Parliaments pay their assessed contributions one year before.

¹ Article 5 of the APA Financial Regulation: Rep/Ad-hoc/2014/04

“The budget and the Secretariat accounts shall be drawn up and kept in Euro and Iranian Rials.”

4) The monitoring and inspection system will be applied to the budget based on items 16 & 17 of the Financial & Staff Regulations, which was adopted in the Plenary of 2014.

The Construction of the Budget:

APA Budget is divided into three categories:

1. Basic Budget Items: 68.3%
2. Additional Budget Items: 28.4%
3. Emergency Budget Item: 3.28%

Basic Budget Items

NO	Description	Expenses/year
1	Salaries (Table 1)	538,629
2	Office Expenses (Table 2)	54230
3	Operational Expenses (Table 3)	36372
Total		629,231

Table 1- Salaries

	Nature of expenses	Secretary General	DSG	ASG	Expert	Admin Staff	Support service	Total
	Number of Personnel	1	1	3	4	4	5	18
	Salary	6564	5049	4040	2020	1010	606	
2	Benefits (health care ...)	1010	707	505	303	202	152	
3	Monthly Payment	7574	5756	13633	9291	4848	3787	
4	Annual Payment	90882	69071	163588	111482	58165	45441	538629

Table 2 - Office Expenses

No	Nature of expenses	Per Year
1	Vehicle (for the first year)	29920
2	Office supplies(for the first year)	24310
Total		54230

Table 3 - Operational expenses

No	Nature of Expenses		Per Month	Per Year
1	Building Maintenance	Utilities(water- power-gas- telephone)	1515	18180
		Repair and Renovation	1515	18180
2	APA Headquarters Rent(€ 1/per month)			12
3	Secretary-General's Residence & other staff's housing allowance			-
Total				36372

Additional Budget Items

1 - Travel Average Expenses (36 / Persons / Trip/Year)	Round Trip Air Ticket (3 tickets/ month)	6059	72710
	Hotel Fare (3 Persons / five nights/ €234 per night)	3787	45815
	Meals (3 Persons /six days/ €94 per day)	1818	21505
	Per-diem (3 persons/€328 per day)	6362	76670
2- Receptions	3 Receptions for 50 guests (€94 Per Person)		14960
	One Reception for 200 guests (€141 Per Person)		29920
Total			261,800

Emergency Budget Item

Unforeseen Expenditures	29920
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