



## Draft Resolution on Planning APA Budget

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

**Recalling** APA/Res/2008/04 and APA/ Res/2014/09 and other relevant APA documents;

**Determined** to enhance the efficiency and organizational capacity of the APA to achieve its goals and objectives enshrined in its Charter;

**Underscoring** the importance of participation by all Member Parliaments in equitably sharing the financial needs of the APA and its Secretariat on the agreed amount of annual contribution of 22,000 USD;

**Emphasizing** the principles of transparency, integrity, accountability, and efficient management of financial resources in APA budgeting and spending;

*We therefore,*

1. **Request** all APA Member Parliaments to operationalize and effectively fulfill their commitments regarding the payment of their annual assessed contributions to the APA budget, in accordance with their respective internal budgetary procedures, and encourage them to provide voluntary financial contributions in order to enhance the sustainability of the APA budget and its decisions;
2. **Expresses** its appreciation to the Islamic Parliament of Iran for its generous financial contributions to the APA budget since its establishment; requests the APA Secretariat to expedite the implementation of the approved assessed contributions; and strongly urges all Member Parliaments to fulfill their financial obligations without further delay, thereby enabling the Secretariat to effectively discharge its mandated functions and to ensure the timely payment of staff remuneration in full compliance with the Financial and Staff Regulations;
3. **Acknowledge** the generosity of the APA President and Vice-Presidents in contributing to the APA expenses by hosting activities and meetings based on commitment to the APA Decision on Modalities for Effective Organization of the APA Meetings adopted

by the 7<sup>th</sup> Plenary on 10 December 2013 through supporting APA Secretariat expenses;

4. **Request** the Secretary General to prepare, while taking into consideration the annual assessed contributions of member Parliaments, the Draft APA Annual Budget based on the (Program & Performance Budget model), that requires programs, projects and expenses estimation based on the Assembly objectives, and on the policies and plans approved by consensus of the standing committee, and then to be presented to the APA Executive Council for final approval by consensus by the Plenary Session;
5. **Request** the APA Secretary General to provide proposals to be considered in the next meeting of the Standing Committee, based on the views expressed by the APA President during the 13<sup>th</sup> Plenary on Revitalization for the enhancement of organizational capacity and its effectiveness;
6. **Allocate** the APA Budget through the following three Items:
  - I. Operational and Strategic Budget Item: expenses allocated initially upon the Budget approval and attestation.
  - II. Additional Budget Item: amounts decided to be added to cover APA new projects and programs.
  - III. Emergency Budget Item: which shall be determined by a decision of the APA Executive Council, to cover emergency events or incidents.
7. The Secretary General is responsible for the implementation of the APA Budget and the management of its assets, determining the principles, objectives and rules for preparing the budget, to be submitted to the Standing Committee for budget and Planning;
8. **Recommend** to exempt the Parliament of Palestine from the assessed contribution until the end of occupation, and the establishment of its independent state. Any other member parliaments wishing to be exempted from payment of annual contribution must submit an official request to the Secretariat
9. **Emphasizing** the importance of establishing mechanisms to monitor the disbursement of funds to ensure that they are used for the purposes for which they were allocated, which enhances transparency and accountability.
10. **Request** APA Secretariat to provide all items of Budget Estimates in Euro currency as stated by Article 5 of APA Financial and Staff Regulations;