



Resolution on Special Committee of APA Women Parliamentarians

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We, members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Recalling the APA Plenary Resolution (APA/Res/2010/06, 30 November, 2010) on the establishment of the Coordinating Meeting of APA Women Parliamentarians;

Mindful of the fact that despite all efforts made for the promotion of women's rights, injustice still persists between women and men both in the extent of power at decision-making and in mechanisms to promote the advancement of women;

Aware of the importance of promoting the enhanced participation of women in scientific, social, political, cultural and economic affairs, and peace dialogue;

Reaffirming that to include women in positions of power and elected bodies, and also their involvement in the decision making process, strengthens the development of democratic principles in public life and increases the economic development;

Recognizing that the main obstacles women face in entering Parliaments in Asia include political, socio-economic, cultural, and extremism;

Mindful of the necessity to put on the agenda of APA meetings matters of importance to women such as combating violence against women, empowerment of women in society, participation of women in political life, and prevention of sexual violence against women and girls, including in situation of armed conflicts;

Stressing our resolve to participate and contribute actively in the deliberation of issues relating to women's empowerment and women's participation in APA meetings;

Underlining the need to facilitate networking between women parliamentarians of Asia;

Welcome the Report of APA Executive Council Meeting held in Jakarta 12-13 October 2010 contained in document EC.1/Rep/2010/01 which stated the proposal of the Indonesian delegation to establish the Coordinating Meeting of APA Women Parliamentarians;

Support the decision to establish the Coordinating Meeting of APA Women Parliamentarians to meet annually at the time of APA Plenary Session in order to enhance the participation and representation of women within APA to concentrate on matters of specific concern to women;

Urge APA Member Parliaments to ensure the inclusion and effective participation of women in all peace building processes.

Encourage Member Parliaments to adopt legislative regulations to facilitate women's representations in Asian Parliaments;

Urge active and effective participation of women parliamentarians in political, economic, social and cultural and educational affairs;

Urge the including at least one woman parliamentarian in APA delegations;

Affirm the need of APA Member Parliaments to provide inputs on ways to promote the implementation of the enhanced and effective participation of women in political, economic, social and cultural affairs;

Urge APA Member Parliaments to recognize and prioritize the concerns of women, and to effectively implement the relevant United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) which promote gender equality and empowerment, sustainable and inclusive economic growth, full and productive employment, and building accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Determine to enhance the activities of the Coordinating Meeting of APA Women Parliamentarian through more effective exchange of views and close interaction;

Decide to supersede the establishment of the Special Committee of APA Women Parliamentarians under the auspices of Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs, to coordinating meeting of APA Women Parliaments;

Decide to take appropriate measures to facilitate networking between women parliamentarians of Asia in order to enable them to share their interests with their counterparts and different organizations;

Request the APA Secretariat to assign one part of the website of the Assembly to facilitate such a network between women parliamentarians of Asia through the establishment of data base covering update information on APA Women Parliamentarians;

Express concern at the dire situation of millions of women in all war-torn areas such as Afghanistan Azerbaijan, Kashmir, Iraq and Syria, and for suppression and injustice faced by Palestinian women under the Israeli occupation in Palestinian territories including East Jerusalem, and also Syrian women in the Israeli occupied Syrian Golan as well as violence against women, such as killing, rape, and captivity;

Request the Secretary-General to make appropriate arrangements to hold the third Special Committee of APA women parliamentarians in 2015 seek the views of Member parliaments on this resolution and submit a report thereon to the meeting.

