



Resolution on Financial Affairs: Ensuring Efforts for Economic Growth

Resolution 201505

Page 1 of 3

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Recalling APA resolution on the Ramification of International Financial Crisis for the Economies of Countries of APA Member Parliaments, APA/Res/2013/13, APA/Res/2013/06 and other relevant APA resolutions;

Expressing concern with the following repercussions of the sovereign defaults and financial markets volatility to the economic growth in APA countries;

Taking note on the deliberations at the UN, G-20, IMF, WTO, WB, ADB and other international organizations and their recommendations towards a global economic slowdown to redress the situation;

Appreciating the measures that have already been taken by Asian Parliaments and their governments to contain the negative impacts of economic crisis in their economies, and expect them to take further steps to stimulate their respective economies;

Noting that the economic growth in Asian Economies has not been shared equally in the society whereby the Gini Coefficient, as reported by the Asian Development Bank, had grown significantly over the last decades and that regional cooperation which have already existed in Asia could serve as a platform for enhancing cooperation among sub regional economic organization that would improve welfare for all in Asia;

Noting that peace and stability in the region is an important contributor to economic growth and that violence and political instability act as inhibitors for economic development and that maintaining regional collaboration on political stability is crucial;

Recognizing also the necessity to effectively reform the current global financial architecture so as to achieve a more balanced world economic and financial order;

We therefore,

1. **Call upon** Asian governments to take new policy approaches to develop a more comprehensive and innovative growth strategies needed to sustain a more resilient, balanced and sustainable economic growth as a sole means to create decent jobs and reduce inequalities.
2. **Call upon** APA member parliaments to support the development of Asian-led multilateral banks and its capacity to promote equitable economic growth, improve

- national and trans-boundary connectivity and to seek possible establishment of a regional stabilization fund in times of economic crisis;
3. **Encourage** APA member governments to create a protocol to enhance resilience to economic crisis which regulates the allocation for some budget reserves for economic crisis mitigation;
 4. **Also encourage** governments in Asia to promote cross-border private investments while ensuring an institutional capacity and prudent regulatory framework to enable countries to absorb large capital flows, while at the same time using bilateral swap arrangement to promote the role of local currency in financing cross-border trade;
 5. **Recommend** parliaments in APA member countries to improve the fiscal policies, especially the tax system in order to expand tax collection;
 6. **Also recommend** government in APA member countries to promote the adoption of Basel III to improve supervision on financial sector governance;
 7. **Encourage** parliaments in APA member countries to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable Development and focus on policies that alleviate poverty, including improving access to health, education and social protection to help close income inequality;
 8. **Call for** parliaments in respective countries to review its legislations, where appropriate, to give more support to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) by giving access to low interest credit loan and to provide capacity building and regional networking to integrate SMEs into regional and global value chains;
 9. **Encourage** parliaments to support financial inclusion for the poor in each respective country and to share best practices of financial inclusion in the region;
 10. **Stress** the importance to invest in human development and to provide sufficient public funding for education and health for everyone, without gender bias, to face the future global economy demands;
 11. **Request** the government in respective countries to channel more funds in joint research and development (R&D) activities as a means to spur innovation and viable economic growth strategies to sustain a more resilient economic growth;
 12. **Also request** the government in respective Asian countries to promote the implementation of low carbon economy despite the global economy deceleration;
 13. **Call upon** the APA Member Parliaments to continuously promote the need for reform in global financial institutions and architecture, with the view for a balanced world economic and financial order;

14. ***Call upon*** APA member countries to strive to create an enabling institutional and business environment that can promote financial stability, financial inclusion, and efficient mobilization and utilization of the available resources;
15. ***Call upon*** APA member countries to facilitate and promote investing their sovereign funds *and* encourage their private investors to invest in Asia rather than other parts of the world.

