



## Resolution on Asian Parliamentarians against Corruption

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

*Recalling* APA Resolutions on Combating Corruption contained in APA/Res/2013/09, December 2013; APA/Res/2010/01; APA/Res/2009/03; APA/Res/2008/18; and APA/Res/2007/05;

*Recalling* also APA Plan of Action on Combating Corruption contained in APA/Res/2007/05/ Annex;

*Expressing determination* to strengthen parliamentary initiative to implement the APA Plan of Action and resolutions on Combating Corruption;

*Taking note* of UN Convention against Corruption, and other anti-corruption conventions and relevant binding legal instruments;

*Bearing in mind* the importance of the UN Convention against Corruption adopted by the General Assembly on October 31, 2003;

*Recognizing* that fighting corruption at all levels is a priority and that corruption is a serious barrier to effective resource mobilization and allocation and diverts resources away from activities that are vital for poverty eradication and sustainable development;

*Reaffirming* the importance of respect for human rights, the rule of law, good governance, and democracy in the fight against corruption;

*Acknowledging* that the fight against all forms of corruption requires comprehensive anti-corruption frameworks and strong institutions at all levels;

*Expressing* concern about the laundering and transfer of stolen assets and proceeds of corruption, and stressing the need to address this concern in accordance with the UN Convention against Corruption;

*Supporting* the establishment of Asian Parliamentarians against Corruption (APAC) as an APA institutional framework to strengthen parliamentary capacity to implement APA Plan of Action and to explore other areas of cooperation in fighting corruption in Asia;

*Recognizing* the important role of parliaments to promote transparency, participation, accountability and integrity as the four key principles of anti-corruption strategy;

**Determine** to strengthen our parliamentary capacities to develop a strong and comprehensive anti-corruption strategy, by taking practical measures to implement APA Plan of Action and APA resolutions against corruption;

**Consider** the APA decision to establish the Asian Parliamentarians Against Corruption (APAC) to have been a major step to enhance the synergy of Asian parliaments to effectively fight corruption;

**Consider** all APAC delegates attending the 7<sup>th</sup> Plenary to be the founding members of APAC<sup>1</sup>;

**Decide** to hold the initiation and the first meeting of APAC in 2015 in... at a time to be coordinated by the Secretariat when at least 10 APAC founding members participate, and to report thereon to the 2015 meeting of the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs;

APAC will consider and adopt its constitution, other necessary documents and priorities of its work, including the study of the need for an Asia-specific convention against corruption at its initiation meeting in 2015;

**Build** synergy with other related GOPAC Chapter which has been established in Asia namely: ARPAC, SEAPAC, SAPAC to further study the establishment of APAC;

**Condemn** corruption at all levels and in all its forms, including bribery, as well as the laundering of proceeds of corruption and other forms of economic crime;

**Express** determination to preventing and combating corrupt practices and the transfer of proceeds of corruption, facilitating asset recovery and returning such assets to legitimate owners, in particular to countries of origin, in accordance with the United Nations Convention against Corruption as well as the laundering of proceeds of corruption;

**Welcome** the significant number of Member States that have already ratified or acceded to the Convention, and in this regard urges all Member States and competent regional economic integration organizations, within the limits of their competence, that have not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the Convention as a matter of priority, and urges all States parties to take appropriate measures to ensure its full and effective implementation;

**Urges** States parties to the Convention that have not already done so to designate a central authority for international cooperation in accordance with the Convention and, where appropriate; focal points for asset recovery, and also calls upon States parties to give timely consideration to the requests for assistance made by such authorities;

**Request** the Secretary-General to prepare in consultation with interested APA Delegations, particularly APA delegates with interest and experience in anti-corruption efforts, the required draft documents for the initiation meeting of APAC in 2015;

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<sup>1</sup> Founding Members of APAC are requested to fill out the attached form and submit it to the APA Secretariat.

**Request** also the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments on implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the next meeting of the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs.

Asian Parliamentary Assembly

Membership Form  
Founding Members, Asian parliamentarians Against Corruption (APAC)  
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