



PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY , SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY



Damascus, 26 October, 2010

Excellency,

It is an honor and a pleasure for us to invite your Excellency to the Second Executive Council meeting and the 5th APA Plenary Session to be held from 28 November to 1 December 2010 in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, where the exchange of views on major international issues among Asian parliamentary leaders promises to be engaging and enlightening.

The number of official delegates of APA Member Parliaments is determined by Article 8 of the APA Charter. The host Parliament will offer hospitality (accommodation, meals and local transportation) to official delegates of all APA member Parliaments plus one; two representatives of each Observer Parliament and one representative of each Observer Organization from 27 November - 1 December 2010 (5 nights).

The relevant documents of the 5th Plenary may be consulted at the following website:
www.asianparliament.org

We have the honor to refer to paragraph 3 of Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure which reads in part: the President/Speaker of a member parliament leading the delegation to a Plenary shall be entitled to one vote in addition to the votes which that Member Parliament already enjoys..., and extend a special invitation to your Excellency to lead your delegation to the 5th APA Plenary in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

MAHMUD AL ABRASH
Speaker, People's Assembly
Syrian Arab Republic

M.H. NEJAD-HOSSEINIAN
Secretary-General
Asian Parliamentary Assembly

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Second Executive Council Meeting

28 November 2010

Draft Agenda

- Welcome Speech by Honorable Dr. Mahmud Al Abrash , Speaker of People's Assembly, Syrian Arab Republic or...
- Adoption of the Agenda and Election of the Bureau
- Statement by Honorable Dr. Muhammad Hidayat Nur Wahid, Chairman of the Executive Council
- Statement by H. E. Dr. Nejad-Hosseinian, the APA Secretary-General
- Consideration of Draft Resolution on the Necessity of Effective Security Assurance and Denouncing the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons in International Relations. (SC /Res/2010/07)
- Consideration of the Draft Agenda of the Fifth Plenary Session.
- Any other matter
- Closing

ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY



The Fifth Plenary Session
28 November – 1 December 2010
Damascus - Syria

Draft Agenda

Inaugural Session

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Statement by the President of APA, Honorable Dr. Marzuki Alie, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Republic of Indonesia
3. Transfer of APA Presidency from Honorable Dr. Marzuki Alie, Speaker of House of Representatives of Indonesia to Honorable Dr. Mahmud Al Abrash, Speaker of People's Assembly of the Syrian Arab Republic
4. Acceptance speech by the APA President, Honorable Dr. Mahmud Al Abrash, the Speaker of People's Assembly of the Syrian Arab Republic
5. Election of the Bureau*
6. Statement by Honorable Dr. Muhammad Hidayat Nur Wahid, the Chairperson of the Executive Council
7. Statement by H.E. Dr. Nejad Hosseinian, the APA Secretary General, on the work of the APA
8. General Debate
9. Meetings of the Standing Committees
10. Meeting of the Drafting Committee on Damascus Declaration
11. Reports by the Rapporteurs of:
 - Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs
 - Standing Committee on Political Affairs
 - Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development Affairs
12. Adoption of the APA Resolutions and Decisions
13. Decision on the next APA Presidency
14. Adoption of the Report of the APA Plenary Session and the Damascus Declaration
15. Any other matter
16. Closing Session.

*Four Vice Presidents and one Rapporteur (Three Vice Presidents serve as the Chair of three Standing Committees and the Forth will oversee the elaboration of Financial and Budget Regulations)



Asian Parliamentary Assembly

The Fifth Plenary Session

28 November- 1 December 2010

Damascus, Syria

Tentative Program of Work

Saturday, 27 November 2010:

Arrival of Delegates & Registration

Sunday, 28 November 2010:

09.00 - 12.30

Informal meetings:

- Informal meeting to discuss the Draft Resolution No. SC/Res/2010/07 on the Necessity of Effective Security Assurance and Denouncing the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons in International Relations.
- Informal meeting on preparation for the international conferences in 2011 including on Asian Integrated Energy Market, with participation of both Member Parliaments and their governmental experts (Draft Resolution EC.1/Res/2010/11, dated 16 June 2010)

12.30 - 14.00

Lunch

Venue:

15.00 - 16.15

Second APA Executive Council Meeting

- Opening Statement by Honorable Dr. Mahmud Al Abrash, Speaker of People's Assembly, Syrian Arab Republic or...
- Adoption of the Agenda of the Executive Council
- Election of the Bureau of the Executive Council
- Statement by the Secretary General

16.15 - 16.30

Coffee Break

16.30 - 18.00

- Consideration of Draft Resolution on the Necessity of Effective Security Assurance and Denouncing the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons in International Relations. (SC /Res/2010/07)
- Consideration of the Draft Agenda of the 5th Plenary Session.
- Any other matters.

Venue:

19.00 WELCOME RECEPTION

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Venue:

Monday, 29 November 2010:

09.00 - 09.30 Courtesy Call by Heads of Delegations on His Excellency Mr. Bashar Al Assad, President of Syrian Arab Republic
Venue: VIP room close to Meeting Hall

09.30 - 10.45 Inaugural Ceremony

- Address of the His Excellency Mr. Bashar Al Assad, President of Syrian Arab Republic
- Statement by APA President Honorable Dr. Marzuki Alie, Speaker of the Indonesian House of Representatives
- Welcome Address by Honorable Dr. Mahmud Al Abrash, Speaker of the People's Assembly of the Syrian Arab Republic
- Statement by Honorable Dr. Haddad Adel, the first APA President
- Inaugural Address by H.E. Dr. Nejad Hosseinian, APA Secretary-General
- Photo Session

Venue:

10.45 - 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 - 12.30 Plenary Meeting

- Adoption of the Agenda of the Fifth Plenary Session
- Statement by Honorable Dr. Marzuki Alie, the President of APA and Speaker of the House of Representatives of Republic of Indonesia
- Transfer of APA Presidency from Honorable Dr. Marzuki Alie, Speaker of House of Representatives of Indonesia to Honorable Dr. Mahmud Al Abrash, Speaker of People's Assembly of the Syrian Arab Republic
- Acceptance speech by Honorable Dr. Mahmud Al Abrash, the APA President and the Speaker of People's Assembly of the Syrian Arab Republic
- Election of the Bureau of the Plenary and Chairpersons of the Standing Committees
- Statement by Honorable Dr. Muhammad Hidayat Nur Wahid, the Chairperson of the Executive Council
- Statement by, H.E., Dr. Nejad Hosseinian, APA Secretary- General on the work of the APA

Venue:

- 12.30 - 14.00** Lunch
Venue:
- 15.00 - 17.00** **Plenary Meeting (Continued)**
 - General Debate
 - Meeting of the Standing Committees on Social and Cultural Affairs.
Venue :
- 17.00 - 17.15** **Coffee Break**
- 17.15 - 18.15**
 - **General Debate (Continued)**
 - Meeting of the Standing Committees on Social and Cultural Affairs (Continued).
- 19.30** **Dinner hosted by Honorable Dr. Al Abrash, Speaker of People's Assembly of Syrian Arab Republic**

Tuesday, 30 November, 2010:

- 09.00 - 10.30** **Plenary Meeting (Continued)**
 - General Debate (Continued)
 - Meeting of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs.
- 10.30 - 10.45** **Coffee Break**
- 10.45 - 12.00**
 - General Debate (Continued)
 - Meeting of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs. (Continued)
- 12.00 - 14.00** Lunch
Venue:
- 14.00 - 15.30** **Plenary Meeting (Continued)**
 - Meeting of the Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development Affairs.
 - Meeting of the Drafting Committee of the Damascus Declaration plus any other outstanding issues of the Standing Committees.
- 15.30 - 15.45** **Coffee Break**
- 15.45 - 17.00**
 - Meeting of the Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development Affairs (Continued)

 - Meeting of the Drafting Committee of the Damascus Declaration plus any other outstanding issues of the Standing Committees (Continued)

19.30 Dinner (Optional)
Venue:

Wednesday, 1 December, 2010:

09.00 - 10.30 **Plenary Meeting** (Closing Ceremony)
- Presentation of reports by Rapporteurs of the Standing Committees
- Adoption of the Draft Resolutions
- Presentation and Adoption of Damascus Declaration

10.30 - 14.45 **Coffee Break**

10.45 - 12.00
- Decision on next APA Presidency.
- Adoption of the Report of the 5th APA Plenary Session
- Closing statement by Speaker of the People's Assembly of the Syrian Arab Republic and President of APA
Venue:

12.00 - 14.00 Lunch
Venue:

15.00 - 19.00 **Sightseeing/ Free time**

20.00 Farewell Dinner hosted by
Venue:

Thursday, 2 December 2010 - (Departure of Delegates)

07.00 - 08.30 Breakfast
Venue:
Departure of Delegates