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**Resolution on
The Necessity of Effective Security Assurance and
Denouncing the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons
in International Relations**

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Bearing in mind the need to allay the legitimate concern of the States of the world with regard to ensuring lasting security for their peoples,

Reaffirming that nuclear weapons pose the greatest threat to mankind and to the survival of civilization,

Taking into Account the overwhelming wish of people of Asia to see the entire world in general, and the Asian continent in particular free from nuclear weapons,

Reiterating the need to promote a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East as called for by many United Nations General Assembly resolutions since 1971.

Reaffirming further that universalization of the NPT as the cornerstone of international efforts in nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament and complete elimination of nuclear weapons is essential to removing the danger of nuclear weapons,

Recognizing that strengthening negative security assurances would contribute to the process of nuclear disarmament through enhancement of confidence-building measures

Determined to abide strictly by the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations on the non-use of force or threat of use of force,

Demanding that the security and territorial integrity of non-nuclear-weapon states have to be safeguarded against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

1. **Emphasize** the basic and inalienable right of all States Parties to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to develop research, production and use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes including the development of fuel cycle without any discrimination and in conformity with their respective legal obligations under NPT,
2. **Reaffirm** that the total elimination of nuclear weapons is the only absolute guarantee that there will be no use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,
3. **Reject** any threat made by any nuclear weapon state to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon states.
4. **Reaffirm** the urgent need to reach an early agreement on effective international arrangement to assure non-nuclear weapon states against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
5. **Condemn** the recent threats of use of nuclear weapon against non-nuclear weapon states.
6. **Stress** that non-Nuclear-Weapon States parties to the NPT should be effectively assured by Nuclear-Weapon States that there will be no use or threat of use of such weapons,
7. **Call upon** Nuclear Weapon States, to work actively towards an early agreement on a common approach and, in particular, on common formula that could be included in an international instrument of a legally binding character concerning security assurances of Nuclear Weapon States to Non-nuclear Weapon States – parties to the NPT.
8. **Urge** all Nuclear Weapon States to strictly abide by their obligations under the United Nations Charter and to effectively provide the negative security assurance they have already undertaken not to use nuclear weapons against Non-nuclear Weapon States.