



APA/Res/2010/03
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Resolution on Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia

We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

Recalling APA Resolution, APA/Res/2009/04,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia, SG/Rep/2010/03, dated 7 March, 2010, submitted to the meeting of the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs held in the Republic of Palau, 14-16, March 2010;

Stressing the view that global net-working provides opportunities for Member Parliaments to share experiences and engage in fruitful dialogue on globalization impact in Asia.

Recognizing the important role of Asian parliaments in developing a harmonized approach in dealing with globalization impact on Asia;

Emphasizing the need for free and further access for all to information, communication, and new technologies globally;

Supporting the proposal for establishing the “Virtual Asian Parliament” to enhance deliberation and strengthen cooperation among Member Parliaments;

Expressing concern on cultural hegemony as well as social homogenization of Asian societies;

Concerned about the possible negative impact of globalization on widening the gap between the rich and the poor, and the further marginalization of developing countries in Asia;

Recognizing the fact that today Asia has the biggest market in the world, the highest number of population and the largest amount of foreign exchange reserves and dynamic economic growth;

- 1- Welcome the Report of the Secretary-General contained in SG/ 2010/03
- 2- Call on Member Parliaments of APA to promote networking among major

governmental and non-governmental institutions dealing with the impact of globalization in Asian countries.

- 3- Encourage Member Parliaments of APA to share best practices and exchange experiences regarding global process and challenges in Asia with a view to formulating a common Asian approach toward globalization through holding special workshops and forums among Asian Parliaments.
- 4- Welcome the Report made by the Secretary-General on technical requirements of “Asian Virtual Parliament” that aims at enhancing deliberations among APA delegates, and, request the Secretary-General to report to the next meeting of the Committee on the financial requirements of its implementation.
- 5- Underline the importance of drafting a common legislation among Member Parliaments on Bridging the Digital Divide in Asia, and Decide to establish an open-ended Ad-hoc Working Group on ICT comprising of Bahrain, Indonesia, Iran, and Russia that have volunteered to prepare a framework for such legislation.
- 6- Request Secretary General to collect data and information from APA Member Parliaments to share their best practices and implementation on ways and means to survive from social and cultural crisis and to gain benefit from globalization based on Asian norms and values.
- 7- Request the Secretary-General to seek possible technical and financial assistance from Member Parliaments and other institutions to facilitate the implementation of this resolution;
- 8- Call on the Member Parliaments of APA to initiate dialogues on the possible alternative to the current world foreign exchange reserves and the untying of the countrys’ currency to certain foreign currencies;
- 9- Request the Secretary-General to seek inputs from Member Parliaments on the progress to implement this resolution and submit a report thereon to the next Committee meeting.