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MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

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PARTICIPANTS OF 15TH ANNUAL SESSION OF ASIA PACIFIC
PARLIAMENTARY FORUM,

Expressing deep concerns in connection with the crisis situation in the Middle East and numerous victims among the peaceful population, caused by its permanent degradation;

Believing that the reason for the chronic instability in the region is connected with the unsettled Arab-Israeli conflict, as well as the crisis in Iraq, and a complicated internal political situation in Lebanon, and tension around Syria; being concerned with new challenges to the Middle East, including the threat of proliferation of nuclear weapons;

Being convinced that the final peace settlement of the regional conflicts in the Middle East, where everything is so closely connected, is possible only when applying a complex and comprehensive approach;

Reaffirming that a just and lasting solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict must be based on the Madrid “Land for Peace” principle, the UN Security Council resolutions 242, 338, 1397, and 1515, previously reached agreements, including the ones reached in Oslo, and the Middle East Road Map;

Referring to the resolutions on the Middle East peace process, adopted during 10th (2002), 11th (2003) and 14th (2006) APPF annual sessions;

Welcoming conflicting parties efforts aimed at avoiding further bloodshed and restoring trust in Arab-Israeli relations, and pointing out in this context importance of Israeli-Palestinian Cease Fire Agreement reached in November 2006, and also the

UN Security Council resolution 1701, which was adopted in August 2006 and became a significant step on a way to settling the Israel-Lebanon conflict;

Expressing support for international efforts to establish a peace dialogue along all tracks of the Middle East peace process and, in particular, efforts of “the Quartet” of international mediators (Russia, the US, the EC and the UN), as well as regional parties with the end of finding ways to establish comprehensive and just peace in the Middle East upon the universally recognized international legal basis;

RESOLVES TO:

1. *To call upon* the Israelis and the Palestinians to undertake active practical and responsible actions in support of their commitment to full-scale peace settlement on the Road Map basis, their desire to strengthen regular contacts to this end, including those on the high level, decisively reject violence, suppress all manifestations of terrorism, go back to the logic of looking for political solutions;

2. *To confirm* that the core of the Middle East peace process is the settlement of the Palestinian problem, which should be solved on the basis of the idea of coexistence of the two independent and sovereign states, Palestine and Israel, living side by side in peace and security. This aim can be achieved through direct and immediate negotiations between two parties;

3. *To declare* that the inter-Palestinian consent is an important factor of the progress towards peace and security in the area of the Middle East conflict, the resolution of problems on the Palestinian territories, the key to implementation of just expectations of the Palestinian people and, above all, creation of an independent viable state through negotiations with Israel;

4. *To support* efforts to immediately overcome the consequences of the crisis situation in the Lebanese affairs, to ensure national consent, to continue the internal dialogue in Lebanon and search for mutually acceptable compromises;

5. *To stress* that the way to sustainable and total normalization in Iraq can be achieved through a broad and real internal dialogue involving representatives of

all leading ethnic-faith groups and political forces, aimed at reaching the true national conciliation and agreement;

6. *To support* active cooperation including a dialogue between parliamentarians from different countries within the efforts being taken by the international community, including “the Quartet”, and the regional participants, the Gulf states among them, on unblocking the Arab-Israeli conflict along both Israeli-Palestinian and other tracks.