



**THE 14TH ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF)**
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**RESOLUTION ON
PROMOTING WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE
(Sponsored by Indonesia and Canada)**

The 14th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum,

Recalling the Declaration of the UN Commission on the Status of Women adopted at its Forty-ninth Session on 28 February - 11 March 2005, which reaffirmed the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third Session of the UN General Assembly,

Recalling also that the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women guarantees the equal access to participation of women in political and economic life of the nation,

Recalling further that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights declares all the rights and freedoms shall be enjoyed by all people regardless of race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status,

Reaffirming that the Beijing Platform for Action and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women provide the Roadmaps for achieving the Millennium Declaration and the Millennium development Goals,

Noting with concern the fact that there remain many countries that have not fully implemented the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action after ten years of their adoption;

Recognizing the importance of promoting the participation of women in economy and politics;

Recognizing also the role of female members of parliaments in advocacy and legislative processes with a view to promoting and protecting women's rights;

Noting the limited number of female delegates at the 14th APPF Annual Meeting;

Resolves to:

1. *Call upon* member parliaments to actively promote gender equality in the political and economic life through the promulgation of laws and regulations that incorporates elements from relevant international instruments, including CEDAW, ICCPR and ICESCR, and overseeing their implementation;
2. *Urge* member parliaments to review development policies of their respective government to ensure the inclusion of gender perspective into their policies in economic and political development,
3. *Stress* the need for member parliaments to further promote cooperation with stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region that have particular interest in promoting women's participation in politics and economy such as the UN ESCAP and the Asia-Pacific Women's Watch.
4. *Encourage* member parliaments to exert concerted efforts to promote women's participation in political and economic life through the exchange of best practices and lessons learnt.
5. *Urge* member parliaments of APPF to ensure a greater number of women delegates in future delegations.