

# ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF)

## 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

### RESOLUTION APPF9/RES.06

#### Illicit Drugs

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The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

**Aware** of the deleterious effects of narcotic drugs and trafficking in illegal drugs remains a serious concern not only in the Asia Pacific Region but in the world and this, constitutes a global menace;

**Acknowledging** that millions of people continue to abuse the use of drugs or are addicted to narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

**Recognizing** that despite years of government efforts toward dangerous prevention and control, the drug menace is still the 2nd most alarming crime problem in the Asia Pacific Region;

**Aware** that dangerous drugs undermine not only the peace and order systems of Asia Pacific Region but also efforts to improve the social and economic conditions of the people in the region;

**Recalling** the provisions of the United Nations Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, the Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988;

**Noting** that criminal groups engaged in dangerous drug trafficking are using some countries as vital drug transit areas due to their strategic location in international land and sea routes;

**Acknowledging** the fact that advances in information technology, particularly through e-commerce could intensify the proliferation of illicit drugs;

**Emphasizing** the need for cooperative measures in order to fight against illicit manufacture, traffic and use of drugs;

## **RESOLVES TO:**

1. **Oblige** all member parliaments to keep pace with international efforts to curb the proliferation of drugs, particularly its illicit manufacturing, peddling and use;
2. **Call on** all States to explore areas of cooperation in combating the narcotic drug problem such as launching a comprehensive education and information program that would involve private citizens including youth and women's organization as well as civic groups in the drive against illegal drugs;
3. **Call upon** member countries to accelerate its law enforcement program, in particular the arrest and prosecution of identified dangerous drug pushers from the top level down to the street-level;
4. **Urge** all States to strengthen existing extradition treaties to bring organized groups engaged in illicit narcotics manufacture and trade to justice;
5. **Call on** member countries to institute measures covering the exchange of foreign intelligence and training, compulsory drug rehabilitation for people with drug addiction convicted for drug offences;
6. **Call on** member countries to improve information exchange on criminal activity drugs, to make rehabilitation and addiction services available throughout society, including the workplace, and to adopt comprehensive health-focused harm reduction programs;
7. **Urge** the development of information exchange on effective means of reducing demand for drugs in societies of APPF nations as well as narcotic crops control;
8. **Encourage** members of the APPF to share their experiences in curbing demand for illicit drugs.