

# ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF)

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

### RESOLUTION APPF11/RES.08

#### Narcotics

*(Sponsored by Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines)*

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

**Reaffirming** the inherent and primordial commitment of every civilized nation to protect and uphold the welfare of its citizens not only from lawless elements but also from hazardous substances prevalent in society;

**Realizing** that the ever-increasing menace of drug abuse and illegal drug trafficking are baneful to economic, political and social progress;

**Recognizing** that the battle against drug abuse and illegal drug trafficking needs collective response based on solidarity and determination and a persistent effort to carry out and continue essential measures which have already been started;

**Noting** that the involvement of minors in the illicit production, trafficking and use of narcotic drugs has reached considerable and alarming levels;

**Noting** also that several cases of HIV-AIDS infection were acquired through the use of illegal drugs paraphernalia;

**Emphasizing** the need to tackle the root causes of drug problems in the region through collective measures as well as constructive dialogues with countries where drugs are still produced;

**Concerned** by the continued spread of illicit drug use and growing linkages between the narcotics trade and other forms of international crime as well as terrorism

**Encouraged** by efforts of regional and international organizations to devise deterrents to the problem, including the 1961 United Nations Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs as amended, the 1971 UN Convention Psychotropic Substance, the 1998 UN Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Illicit Substances and the recent organization of the International Congress in Pursuit of a Drug-Free ASEAN held in Bangkok in October 2000, all geared towards the countering of problems on illicit drugs;

## **RESOLVES TO:**

1. **Call upon** nations in the Asia and Pacific region to intensify cooperation to curb the production, distribution and use of illicit drugs, including amphetamines and psychotropic substances;
2. **Welcome** the plan of action entitled "Association of South-East Asian Nations and China Cooperative Operations in Response to Dangerous Drugs", known as ACCORD;
3. **Calls upon** all States to facilitate drug-control and awareness programs and to organize unrelenting campaigns against illicit drugs mobilizing the support of the public at large;
4. **Calls upon** specialized local agencies, non-government organizations, private sectors and other concerned entities to support the efforts of each government to eliminate the root causes of the proliferation of illicit drugs which includes the alleviation of the living standards of poverty-stricken communities through increased employment opportunities, educational grants and benefits, medical assistance and proper allocations of government funds to different sectors of society;