



## Standing Committee on Budget and Planning

10 January 2023  
Antalya, Republic of Turkiye

# Final Report

The Meeting of the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning was held on January 10, 2023 in Antalya, Turkiye and chaired by the representative of State Duma of Russian Federation. The following member countries participated in the meeting:

Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Cyprus, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Maldives, Pakistan , Palestine, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkiye, UAE and Yemen.

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Member Parliaments unanimously adopted the Draft Agenda.

[\(Attachment I\)](#)

### 2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson:

H.E. Mr. G. ORDENOV MP from State Duma of Russian Federation the Chairman of the meeting welcomed the participants and expressed hope that this meeting would constructively address the important topics under its consideration.

[\(Attachment II\)](#)

### **3. Report of the Secretariat:**

The Secretariat presented a summary report on the latest activities of the Standing Committee.

### **4. Consideration of the Draft Resolution recommended by the Executive Council:**

Several delegations expressed their dissatisfaction of the continuous reference to the draft resolution under discussion in this Standing Committee during the past years. Many supported the notion of Equal Pay, Equal Right (Equal Vote) and opposed any formula for the Contribution Fee based on any percentage of GDP or Population etc. Several participants supported a fixed payment of 50000 USD for initially coverage of the operational budget of APA Secretariat for the first year. One member parliament stated that he was yet to receive an instruction to agree with the proposals tabled in this committee. Delegation of Iran referring to her financial support to APA Secretariat budget during past 15 years stated that there is a close relationship between this Committee and the work of the Working Group on Statutory Documents.

The Chair concluded that we were yet to reach a consensus on the Modality of Payment, The Amount of Payment and How it would be formulated. Thus, we needed to collect views of all countries and make a consensus decision on that.

Further consideration of the “*Draft Resolution Planning APA Budget*” before this Committee was deferred to the next meeting.

[\(Attachment III\)](#)

### **5. Any other matters:**

No issue was raised.

Attachment I

Asian Parliamentary Assembly



**Standing Committee on  
Budget & Planning**

**Antalya , Türkiye  
8-10 January 2023**

**Draft Agenda**



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- 4- Consideration of Draft Resolution recommended by Executive Council
- 5- Any other matters.

## **Opening Remarks by the Chair of the Standing Committees On Budget and Planning**

- The virtual meeting of the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning was held on August 2021 in Moscow under the chairmanship of Mr. Lyashchenko from the Russian Federation Duma and parliamentary delegation from 13 countries participated at this meeting.
- Participants mainly debated over the amount of assessed contribution, its background and model of payment. Due to the lack of time, the chair deferred consideration of the original text of the draft resolution to the next meeting.
- After intervention by participants, the Chair concluded the debate and summarized it as follows:
  1. We thank Iran to continue its financial support to APA
  2. We thank Turkiye and others for hosting APA meetings,
  3. No consensus was reached on the amount of the assessed contribution and on future model of payment,
- In his report to the Committee, the APA Secretary General proposed that the working group on statutory documents be tasked to find a final solution for the model of payment of the APA Budget

## Attachment III



Asian  
Parliamentary  
Assembly

(Deferred)  
APA/13<sup>th</sup>Plenary/SC-Budget and Planning /Draft Res/2023/01  
10 January 2023  
Türkiye

### Draft Resolution on Planning APA Budget

*We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,*

**Recalling** APA/Res/2008/04 and APA/ Res/2014/09 and other relevant APA documents;

**Determined** to enhance the efficiency and organizational capacity of the APA to achieve its goals and objectives enshrined in its Charter;

**Underscoring** the importance of participation by all Member Parliaments in sharing the financial needs of the APA and its Secretariat;

**Emphasizing** the principles of transparency, accountability, and efficient management of financial resources in APA budgeting and spending;

*We, the participants of the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning;*

1. **Request** all APA Member Parliaments to take required measures, according to their respective internal budget planning procedures, to secure budgetary resources required for the payment of their contribution;
2. **Encourage** willing APA Member Parliaments, to make voluntary financial contributions over and above the assessed contribution to the APA budget and decisions;
3. **Appreciate** the provision of financial and logistical support to the APA Secretariat by the Islamic Parliament of Iran since 2007, and request the generous continuation of its supports pending the full implementation of Financial Regulations and until the regular payments of assessed contributions by all Member Parliaments are securely made; tentatively for APA budget of 2020;
4. **Acknowledge** the generosity of the APA President and Vice-Presidents in contributing to the APA expenses by hosting the events and complying with the APA Decision on Modalities for Effective Organization of the APA Meetings adopted by the 7<sup>th</sup> Plenary on 10 December 2013 through supporting APA Secretariat expenses;
5. **Request** the Secretary General to prepare the APA Annual Budget draft based on the (Program & Performance Budget model), that requires programs, projects and

expenses estimation based on the Assembly objectives, and on the policies and plans approved by the standing committee, and then to be presented to the Executive Council of the APA for final approval by the Plenary Session.

6. **Consider** the consequential bearing and impact of the APA Staff Regulations and the APA Financial Regulations on the Charter of APA, suggest the Plenary and Executive Council of APA for an immediate revisit of Charter and Rules of Procedure and consider proposed amendments to the Charter, Rules of Procedure and Financial Regulations during Executive Council meeting for adoption in the 12<sup>th</sup> Plenary session in 2019.
7. **Allocate** the APA Budget financial funds through the following three Items, the Secretary General shall specify the principles, objectives & rules for the Budget preparation and present it to the Standing Committee on budget and planning;
  - I. Operational and Strategic Budget Item: expenses allocated initially upon the Budget approval and attestation.
  - II. Additional Budget Item: amounts decided to be added to cover APA new projects and programs.
  - III. Emergency Budget Item: which shall be decided via a decision to be taken by the Executive Council to cover emergency events or incidents.
8. **Request** the Executive Council to direct the General Secretariat to communicate with all members to give their approval on their commitment to the contribution to the Asian Parliamentary Assembly budget. In addition, each parliament should state their choice on how the Asian Parliamentary Assembly should calculate the contribution; either by contributing equally or based on the percentage of the GDP.
9. **Recommend** to exempt Palestine from the assessed contribution until the end of occupation, and the establishment of its independent state.