

Asian Parliamentary Assembly

Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs



**Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan
20-23 September 2023**



Draft Annotated Agenda

(7/31/2023 by APA Secretariat)

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Participants are invited to adopt the draft Agenda.

2. Election of Bureau

Participants are requested to volunteer for the positions of Vice-Chair and Rapporteur of the meeting

3. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson

Chair will present his/her opening remarks.

4. Report of the APA Secretary General

APA Secretary General will report on the work of the Standing Committee and outline his views on the draft resolutions to be considered by the meeting.

5. Situation of Women Parliamentarians in Asia

APA by adopting Res/2014/16 decided to establish Special Committee of APA women parliamentarians under the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs. Parliamentarians are called upon to enhance activities of coordinating meeting through close interaction/facilitating networking among women parliamentarians in Asia and present their views/reports on topics of their interests under this agenda item.

6. General Debate on Draft Resolutions

Participants are requested to express their views/comments on topics of their interests vis-à-vis content of draft resolutions and relevant issues.

7. Consideration of Draft Resolutions:

Under this item, the Chair will introduce the draft resolutions before the Committee and will invite authors of the amendments to present their proposed texts. The Chair will rule on each amendment and the draft resolution in question is adopted.

Draft Resolutions are as follows:

1. Draft Resolution on Measures to Promote Cultural Diversity and Protect Cultural Heritage in Asia

2. Draft Resolution on Asian Integration through Information and Communication Technology

During consideration of this draft resolution at 12th Plenary Session in Antalya, Turkey, 2019, Indonesian delegation presented their comments and amendments. The Chair requested them that all such amendments should be drafted in a written form and be submitted to the Secretariat for further elaboration in the next Standing Committee.

3. Draft Resolution on Collaboration on Health Equity in Asia

4. Draft Resolution on Asian Parliamentarians against Corruption

During consideration of this resolution at 12th Plenary Session in Antalya, Turkey, 2019, delegation of Qatar presented their comments and amendments. The Chair requested that such amendments should be drafted in a written form and be submitted to the Secretariat for further elaboration in the next Standing Committee.

5. Draft Resolution of APA Women Parliamentarians

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6. Draft Resolution on Promoting Inter-Faith Dialogue and Harmony among World Religions

7. Draft Resolution on Legal and Legislative Cooperation in Combating the Smuggling of Cultural Items in Asia

8. Draft Resolution on Effective Cooperation in Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking in Asia

9. Draft Resolution on Humanitarian Aid to Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Gaza and Myanmar on the Verge of the Humanitarian Catastrophe

This draft resolution is deferred for further consideration by Standing Committee according to the final report of the 13th APA Plenary.

10. Draft Resolution on Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers in Asia (Deferred)

This draft resolution is deferred for further consideration by Standing Committee according to the final report of the 13th APA Plenary.

11. Draft Resolution on the Promotion of Quality Child and Youth Development for Sustainable Society in Asia

12. Draft Resolution on Ageing Society in Asia

13. Draft Resolution on “Human Development in Asia”

14. Draft Resolution on Tourism Cooperation in Asia (New-Turkiye)

15. Draft Resolution on Sustainable Tourism Cooperation in Asia (New-Iran)

16. Draft Resolution on the Commission on Women (New-Azerbaijan)

8. Closing Session.

9. Any Other Matters

Participants will have the possibility to introduce any other issue of their interest not covered on the Agenda.