



## Standing Committee on Budget and Planning

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Doha, State of Qatar

## Final Report

At the invitation of the Shura Council of State of Qatar, in the capacity of APA Vice-President, the Meeting of Standing Committee on Budget and Planning was hosted on 04-07 November 2024 in Doha under the Chair of H.E Mr. Ahmad bin Hitmi AL-Hitmi, with participation of delegations from the following member parliaments:

Azerbaijan, Bahrain, China, Cyprus, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkiye, United Arab Emirates,

(Attachment I)

### **Opening Session:**

Following dignitaries presented their remarks at the opening session:

- H.E. Mr. Hassan Abdullah Al-Ghanim, Speaker of the Shura Council of State of Qatar,
- H.E. Mr. Rizvan Nabiyeu, Head of Azerbaijan Delegation in his capacity as representative of the APA President,
- H.E. Mr. Boris Chernyshov, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma of Russian Federation, and the APA Vice-President,
- H.E. Mr. Mohammad Reza Majidi, Secretary General of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,

### **Excerpt of statements at the opening session:**

**Honorable Speaker of the Shura Council of Qatar:** The meeting opened with the statement of H.E. Mr. Hassan Abdullah Al-Ghanim, Speaker of the Shura Council who welcomed the participants for their presence at this important meeting. He expressed hope that convening of this event would open a new chapter in the activities and programs of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly.

He added that this event was being held at a very critical and sensitive time, because the region was facing with numerous challenges which called for deeper and collective cooperation for our future progress.

He also underlined that the challenges facing Asia called for greater cooperation and solidarity among the member parliaments.

Greater cooperation in regards to the structure of the APA was of great importance and that all the members needed to render such cooperation for a better future for Asia. In fact, he underlined “lawmaking was not merely enough, and that efforts should be intensified to further strengthen in an attempt to build up necessary structures for better cooperation among the APA members in favor of economic advancement in Asia.

**Dr. Rizvan NABIYEV, Representative of the APA President:**

Second speaker at the opening session was Dr. Rizvan Nabiyeu, Head of the Azerbaijan delegation and in his capacity as representative of the APA President.

He began his speech with sincere thanks to the organizers of this important meeting and expressed hope for the successful outcome of this event which shoulders a heavy mandate to decide on the budget of the APA.

He said Asia as a very important Continent with its vast territory and rich natural resources was one of the fastest growing economic regions that was facing serious challenges and humanitarian crisis.

He continued these challenges could not be addressed individually, but required a collective approach through joint efforts.

This situation, he added, called for cooperation with the Asian Parliamentary Assembly as an important parliamentary organization that could also play a vital role in shaping a unified stance on major international issues in favor of reflecting mutual interests of its members.

He then referred to the meeting of the APA Standing Committee on Budget and Planning mandated to discuss the budget of the organization which directly impacts the function and efficiency of this representative institution.

He finally expressed hope that the outcome of the meeting would lead to a common understanding in order to reach a collective will and determination in favor of resolving the budgetary issue of the organization in a very practical manner

**H.E. Mr. Boris Chernyshov, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma of the Russian Federation and the APA Vice-President:**

**Mr. Chernyshov** expressed his gratefulness to the Shura Council of Qatar for the excellent organization of the meeting. He also extended his thanks to the APA Secretariat for their efforts done in support of the APA.

In another part of his speech, he said that Russia attached great importance to Inter-Parliamentary dialogue and referred to the importance of the APA as a unique forum for development of such parliamentary cooperation.

He continued by saying that State Duma in the capacity of the APA Vice-President recently hosted the APA SC Meeting of Social and Cultural Affairs in Moscow, which could come up with successful outcome in the course of its interactive deliberations made during the meeting.

In another development, Mr. Chernyshov referred to the recent BRICS summit and the Kazan Declaration, which placed importance on parliamentary cooperation. In this regard, he emphasized that the goals of APA and BRICS largely followed similar goals.

Finally, he stated that APA could become one of the key instruments of political dialogue which would not be limited to Asia, but with a comprehensive positive agenda taking due note of future development.

In conclusion, he underlined that the initiatives of the APA would have solid weight and power when a responsible decision on its budget could be made. Therefore, he added, the Russian side had studied the preliminary version of the budget and expressed his gratefulness to the APA Secretariat for the documents provided in this regard.

**APA Secretary General, H.E. Dr. Mohammad Reza MAJIDI:**

He began his address with a few words of thanks to all the distinguished delegates for their participation at this important event. He also appreciated both leadership of the Shura Council and the APA Vice President for the excellent organization of the meeting and generous hospitality.

In another part of his address, Dr. Majidi expressed his deep sorrow for the current tragic situation unfolded in Qaza and Lebanon and denounced silence of the international organizations in the face of the war crimes perpetrated by the Apartheid regime of Israel in defiance of the international law.

He then appreciated the active diplomacy of State of Qatar during the past year and its unceasing effort with the aim of putting an end to the Israeli's acts of genocide in order to establish a lasting ceasefire in Gaza.

Dr. Majdi also congratulated State of Qatar for its commendable hosting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) Summit in Doha under the theme of "Sport Diplomacy, underlining the abundant potential that Asia can use to make such ample capacities flourish. In conclusion, he urged all the APA members to spare no efforts in supporting the Secretariat for better administration of the Organization and advancement of its aspirations in favor of strengthening parliamentary cooperation in the region.

[\(Attachment II\)](#)

Group Photo

## **Standing Committee Session:**

### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

- The Chair put forward the agenda to the participants which was unanimously adopted.

(Attachment III)

### **2. Election of Bureau:**

The Committee elected the members of its Bureau as follows:

- H.E. Mr. Ahmad bin Hitmi Al-Hitmi as Chairperson
- H.E. Mr. Nicos Tornaritis, Head of Cyrus Delegation as Vice-Chairman
- H.E. Mr. Aziz Giyozoda, Head of the Delegation of Tajikistan as Rapporteur,

### **3. Remarks by the Chairperson:**

H.E. **Ahmad bin Hitmi AL-Hitmi**, Chairperson of the meeting, presented a short remarks and welcomed all participants for joining this important meeting.

He also expressed hope that the meeting would come up with a successful result on the payments of annual contribution and the scrutiny of the amendments proposed under the items of the agenda. He then asked the Secretary General to brief the members on the APA Budgetary process and the actions so far taken by the APA Secretariat in this respect.

### **4. Report by the APA Secretary General:**

APA Secretary General, Dr. Majidi, delivered a report on the latest development and actions taken by the APA Secretariat to provide necessary mechanisms to streamline payment process of annual contribution by the members.

He underlined the importance of the mandate tasked to this Standing Committee in the course of its work for adoption of both model of payment and the scale of assessment to be considered in the annual budget of the organization.

He then referred to the unceasing attempts made by the members since establishment of this organization in 2007 and actions taken place to this date to define the budget estimate of the APA and its Secretariat to be shared by the members for payment of their contribution.

In conclusion, Dr. Majidi expressed hope that this meeting will succeed in finding a final solution for the budget of our organization.

(Attachment IV)

### **5. General Debate:**

Under this agenda item, participants took the floor and presented brief remarks on the following points:

- Placing emphasis on the importance of budgetary process and fixing the APA budget for 2025,
- Realization of the budget estimate and assessed contribution of 22,000 USD to 50,000 USD,
- Equal Payment for assessed contribution by all member parliaments.,
- The annual sum of one million dollars divided by 44 APA members which result to 22,000 USD as assessed contribution has logical basis,
- Exemption of Palestine from payment of annual contribution shall remain in force until establishment of the independent State of Palestine,
- Gravity of concern over the issue of Palestine and the challenges facing this nation was raised and Israel's war crimes was strongly condemned,
- Equal payment and the amount of contribution as well as transparency etc. are of great importance that should be duly taken into consideration
- Call on all the APA members to spare no effort to come up with a common position in respect of the APA Budget and equal payment was reaffirmed,
- Every effort should be made for sustainable development and realization of our common goals
- For the success of the APA, every member should pay its fair share and it is hoped that our meeting can give its all-out and full support for the equal payment,
- Equal payment as a rational step to the APA budget is of great importance.
- Concerning the currency of the payments, participants noted that the use of dollar and euro cannot guarantee the equality of all member states

[\(Attachment V\)](#)

#### **6-Consideration of the Draft Resolution on Budget & Planning:**

Under this item of the agenda, the Chair noted that there were amendments submitted by Bahrain, Pakistan and later by the United Arab Emirates. The draft resolution together with all proposed amendments were discussed and adopted in a commendable sense of cooperation.

Following points were emphasized by the Participants:

- The amount of annul contribution within the range of 22,000 USD to 50,000 USD can be agreed as an initial step,
- The sum of 22,000 USD is not that much that cannot be paid the members,
- This is a fair amount with no pressure on any member country.
- Voluntary pay by certain rich member can be also taken into consideration,
- Implementation of our decisions depends on the approval of Executive Council and that of the Plenary,
- Any member wishing to be exempted from payment of contribution should submit a written request to this effect,

Finally, the amount of assessed contribution ranging between the minimum of 22,000 USD to 50,000 USD and equal payment were unanimously adopted.

#### [Attachment VI](#)

#### **7. Consideration of relevant Articles of APA Charter:**

- Article 8 of the APA Charter on number of votes,
- Article 13 of the APA Charter on Voting,

The above two Articles were introduced by the delegation of Qatar and the following remarks were made by the participants:

- State of Qatar proposes these two Articles on voting rights should be revisited under theme of equal payment,
- Raising the issue of amending the Charter is not within the mandate of this Committee. A working Group has been already established by the Executive Council to deal with this matter.
- For the amendment of Charter, a specific mechanism under a WG has been already defined which had so far held two sessions, therefore, raising the issue of amendment to the Charter is not within the mandate of this Committee
- Amendment to the Charter should undergo its related procedure and any such amendment should be referred to the Executive Council and the Plenary,
- To have faster pace for the amendment of the Charter, it is recommended to make follow-ups for restoration of the Working Group which has so far has held two sessions,
- It is recommended to continue holding the WG Sessions and try to hold its sessions alongside the Standing Committees as a regular practice,
- Efforts should be made to continue holding sessions of the WG in order to address as a first step for amending Articles 8 and 13 of the Charter

#### **7. Closing:**

Having covered all the agenda item, the Chair declared the meeting closed.

## Attachment I

**List of Participants**

<b>No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Country</b>
1	RIZVAN NABIYEV	Member of the Milli Majlis	Head of Delegation	Azerbaijan
2	AHMED SUBAH SALMAN ALSALLOOM	MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT	Head of Delegation	Bahrain
3	ABDILAZIZ HASAN ALI ABUL	MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT	Member	Bahrain
4	MOHAMED RASHED MOHAMED BINDAINA	SENIOR PARLIMENTARY RELATIONS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	Member	Bahrain
5	ZHANG XINGMIN	Member of the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress of China	Head of Delegation	China
6	HOU DONG	Deputy Director of the Foreign Affairs Bureau of the National People's Congress of China	Member	China
7	ZHENG YI	Staffer of the Foreign Affairs Bureau of the National People's Congress of China	Member	China
8	NICOLAOS TORNARITIS	Member of Parliament	Head of Delegation	Cyprus
9	CHARIKLIA ELLINA TORNARITIS	-	A Spouse	Cyprus
10	VENETIA ANTONIADOU	International Relations Officer	Member	Cyprus
11	MOHSEN ZANGANEH	MP	Head of Delegation	Iran
12	ALI REZA SALIMI	MP	Member	Iran
13	ABBAS PAPIZADEH BALANGAN	MP	Member	Iran
14	LEILA TAATI	Expert	Member	Iran
15	MAHDI TORABI MEHRABANI	Interpreter	Member	Iran
16	AMIR REZA AHMADI KHOY	Advisor	Member	Iran
17	JABBAR FRAYYEH ABBAS AL KINANI	MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT	Head of Delegation	Iraq
18	HAIDER M. HABEEB MAJEED AL SELAMI	MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT	Member	Iraq
19	HUSSEIN MOLA KHALAF AL SAEDI	EMPLOYEE	Member	Iraq

20	IRFAN UL HAQUE SIDDQUI	Senator	Head of Delegation	Pakistan
21	SAYYIDAH MARYAM SHAHEEN	Section Officer	Member	Pakistan
22	MIRZA IKHTIAR BAIG	Member of the National Assembly of Pakistan	Member	Pakistan
23	Boris Chernyshov	Deputy Chairman	Head of Delegation	Russia
24	Elena Medvedeva	Interpreter	Member	Russia
25	Gennady Ordenov	Senator of the Russian Federation	Member	Russia
26	Olga Folomeeva	Referent of the International Relations Department	Member	Russia
27	Veronika Belousova	Interpreter	Member	Russia
28	Alexander Tarasov	Department on interparliamentary cooperation	Member	Russia
29	Igor Mikheev	Secretariat of the Deputy Chairman	Member	Russia
30	HE Mr Essa bin Ahmad Al-Nassr		Member	Qatar
31	HE Mr Amair bin Abdulla Alnaemi		Member	Qatar
32	Ahmad Alnobi		Officer in Charge of the APA File at the Shura Council	Qatar
33	Ms. Muneera Khalifa Al-Sowaidi		international affairs researcher	Qatar
34	GIYOZODA AZIZ	Member of the Assembly of Representatives of Tajikistan	Head of Delegation	Tajikistan
35	SHERALIZODA MUHAMADULLO	Member of the Assembly of Representatives of Tajikistan	Member	Tajikistan
36	JAMSHEDZODA KOMRON	Senior Advisor for the Speaker of the Assembly of Representatives of Tajikistan	Member	Tajikistan
37	MR. WORAWIT BARU	Member of the House of Representatives	Head of Delegation	Thailand
38	MR. ROMTHAM KHUMNURAK	Member of the House of Representatives	Member	Thailand
39	MR. RUSSDY KHANTANIT	Foreign Affairs Officer	Member	Thailand
40	Omer Ozmen	Member of the Parliament	Head of Delegation	Türkiye
41	Vecdi Gundogdu	Member of the Parliament	Member	Türkiye
42	ILYAS Topsakal	Member of the Parliament	Member	Türkiye



43	Mucahit Arslan	Deputy Director of the External Relations and Protocol Department of the GNAT	Member	Türkiye
44	Murat Hasturk	Senior Officer of the External Relations and Protocol Department of the GNAT	Member	Türkiye
45	Harun İpek	Assistant Expert of the External Relations and Protocol Department of the GNAT	Member	Türkiye
46	H.E NEDAL MOHAMMED AHMED BIN SHERBAK	Member Of Federal National Council	Head of Delegation	UAE
47	AMNA OBAID SAIF OBAID ALKAABI	International Relations Principal Specialist	Member of Delegation	UAE
48	MOHAMMAD REZA MAJIDI	Secretary General	Head of Delegation	APA Secretariat
49	KIA TABATABAEE	Deputy Secretary General	Member of Delegation	APA Secretariat
50	MEHDI GHASHGHAVI	Executive Deputy of the Secretariat	Member of Delegation	APA Secretariat
51	SEYED JAVAD HASHEMI HASSANABADI	Director for International Affairs	Member of Delegation	APA Secretariat

**مسودة**

الكلمة الترحيبية لسعادة السيد  
حسن بن عبدالله الغانم  
رئيس مجلس الشورى  
في افتتاح أعمال اجتماع اللجنة الدائمة للموازنة والتخطيط  
بالجمعية البرلمانية الآسيوية  
الدوحة 5 نوفمبر 2024

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم،،  
الحمد لله رب العالمين، والصلاة والسلام على أشرف الأنبياء والمرسلين، سيدنا محمد وعلى  
آله وصحبه أجمعين  
سعادة الدكتور محمد رضا مجيدي الأمين العام للجمعية البرلمانية الآسيوية،  
أصحاب السعادة أعضاء اللجنة الدائمة للموازنة والتخطيط بالجمعية البرلمانية الآسيوية  
السيدات والسادة  
الحضور الكريم،

بالأصالة عن نفسي، وبالنيابة عن إخواني وأخواتي أعضاء مجلس الشورى في دولة قطر،  
يسرني أن أرحب بكم جميعاً في الدوحة، هذه المدينة التي تحتضن لقاءاتكم واجتماعاتكم والتي  
نأمل أن تكون محطة جديدة لتعزيز التعاون البرلماني بين دولنا الآسيوية.

إن استضافة دولة قطر لاجتماع اللجنة الدائمة للموازنة والتخطيط بالجمعية البرلمانية الآسيوية  
هو انعكاس للالتزام المشترك بتعزيز العمل البرلماني بين دول آسيا، ودفع عجلة التعاون  
المشترك نحو مستقبل أفضل لشعوبنا.

الحضور الكريم،،،  
يأتي هذا الاجتماع في لحظة تاريخية هامة تشهد فيها منطقتنا والعالم تحديات كبرى، تتطلب  
منا تكثيف الجهود للتصدي لها عبر رؤية مشتركة تقوم على التعاون والتضامن. ومن هنا، نتطلع  
إلى أن تكون هذه اللقاءات فرصة لطرح أهم الموضوعات المتعلقة بالتخطيط والموازنة في ظل  
ظروف اقتصادية عالمية معقدة، حيث تواجه دولنا تحديات مالية وتخطيطية كبيرة تتطلب حلولاً  
مبتكرة ومتكاملة.

الحضور الكريم،،،  
تولي دولة قطر، بقيادة حضرة صاحب السمو الشيخ تميم بن حمد آل ثاني، أمير البلاد المفدى  
"حفظه الله ورعاه"، اهتماماً بالغاً بتعزيز أواصر التعاون بين الدول الآسيوية في شتى المجالات،  
إدراكاً منها بأن مستقبل آسيا يعتمد على تكامل الجهود بين دولها لتحقيق التنمية المستدامة  
والازدهار الاقتصادي. ويأتي استضافة الدوحة للقمة الثالثة لحوار التعاون الآسيوي، في الثالث  
من أكتوبر الماضي، كدليل على التزام قطر بدعم هذا الحوار البناء وتفعيل دوره في تعزيز  
الشراكات الاستراتيجية بين دول القارة، بهدف مواجهة التحديات المشتركة وبناء مستقبل  
مستدام لشعوبنا.

إن هذه القمة تشكل منصة هامة لتعميق الحوار والتعاون في مجالات حيوية مثل الاقتصاد والطاقة  
والتعليم والابتكار، حيث إن قارتنا تمتلك من الإمكانيات والقدرات ما يمكنها من تحقيق نهضة

شاملة تُسهم في إرساء أسس السلام والاستقرار. ومن هذا المنطلق، فإن مجلس الشورى في دولة قطر يدعم بكل قوة هذه الجهود التي تهدف إلى تعزيز التفاهم بين الدول الآسيوية، وتحقيق تكامل اقتصادي وثقافي يُمكن شعوبنا من مواجهة التحديات العالمية.

الحضور الكريم،،،  
يأتي تعزيز التعاون الاقتصادي والتنمية المستدامة في طليعة الأولويات التي طرحتها الجمعية العامة للجمعية البرلمانية الآسيوية خلال اجتماعاتها، حيث تعتبر هذه الركيزة أساسية لتحقيق رفاه شعوبنا ومواجهة التحديات المشتركة مثل الفقر والتغير المناخي. إلى جانب ذلك، فإن تنمية القدرات البشرية والتعليم يعدان عاملين رئيسيين في تحقيق التنمية الشاملة ورفع مستوى المجتمعات الآسيوية، من خلال تمكين الأجيال القادمة من المساهمة في بناء مستقبل مستدام. كما يبرز تطوير البنية التحتية المشتركة كعنصر محوري في تعزيز الترابط بين دولنا وتسهيل التبادل التجاري والتكنولوجي، مما يدعم نمو الاقتصاديات الآسيوية ويعزز فرص التعاون الإقليمي.

الحضور الكريم،  
إن دور البرلمانات والمجالس التشريعية لا يقتصر على سن التشريعات وحسب، بل يمتد ليشمل تحقيق التوازن بين الأهداف المالية والاقتصادية والسياسية. ونعلم جميعاً أن التحديات الراهنة تتطلب منا تعاوناً أكبر وتخطيطاً استراتيجياً لضمان استدامة الموارد وتحقيق التنمية الاقتصادية التي نطمح إليها.

وفي الختام، أتمنى لاجتماعاتكم هذه النجاح والتوفيق، وأتطلع إلى أن تكون مخرجاتها في مستوى التحديات والطموحات المشتركة.

كما اجدد ترحيبي بكم في دوحة الخير والعطاء، متمنياً لكم إقامة سعيدة بين أهلكم وإخوانكم والسلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته.

**Asian Parliamentary Assembly**  
**Opening session of the Committee on Budget and Planning**  
**Doha, Qatar, 4-7 November 2024**

**Speech of the Representative of the APA Term President and Head of the  
delegation of Azerbaijan to the APA, Mr. Dr. Rizvan Nabiyeu**

Distinguished Speaker of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, His Excellency Mr. Hasan bin Abdulla Al-Ghanim,

Distinguished Vice-President of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly His Excellency Mr. Ahmad bin Hitmi Al-Hitmi,

Distinguished APA Secretary General, His Excellency Dr. Majidi,

Honorable Members of the Parliaments,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First and foremost, it is both a pleasure and an honor to participate in and deliver a speech at the meeting of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly's Standing Committee on Budget and Planning, representing Azerbaijan as Head of Delegation to the APA.

In my capacity as Representative of the Term President of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly, I am delighted to convey warm greetings and best wishes for your success from Her Excellency Professor Sahiba Gafarova, President of the APA and Speaker of the National Assembly of Azerbaijan.

Most recently, I was privileged to chair the Coordinating Meeting of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly alongside the 149th IPU Assembly in Geneva as the Representative of the APA Term President and we had the opportunity to get acquainted with some representatives of the delegations present at this event.

I would like to emphasize my sincere gratitude and deep appreciation to the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, His Excellency Mr. Hasan bin Abdulla Al-Ghanim, Speaker of the Shura Council, and His Excellency Mr. Ahmad bin Hitmi Al-Hitmi, Vice-President of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly and Chairman of the APA Standing Committee on Budget and Planning, for their gracious and delicate hospitality. I would also like to extend my heartfelt recognition to the esteemed colleagues of the Shura Council for their invaluable efforts for organizing this important meeting in Doha. My sincere and heartfelt thanks also go to the Secretary-General of APA, His Excellency Dr. Mohammad Reza Majidi and APA Secretariat for their considerable efforts in intensifying the activities of the organization.

**Distinguished Delegates,**

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

The Asian region is one of the most important in the world due to its vast territory, rich natural, human, and financial resources, and its geopolitical significance. Asia is not only one of the fastest-growing economic regions but also hosts the largest continental economy. The region's power will continue to grow as Asian countries become more integrated through trade, innovation, knowledge exchange, and capital flows. The more integrated the region's states become, the greater their collective influence.

However, alongside these developments and achievements in various fields, serious challenges persist. Humanitarian crises, regional conflicts, armed clashes, poverty, and climate change continue to negatively impact the Asian region and beyond.

My country is facing the devastating consequences of landmines left behind from Armenia's three-decade military occupation. Azerbaijan is now among the most heavily mine-contaminated nations globally, with an estimated 1.5 million landmines and an unknown number of explosive remnants of war (ERW). These threats affect around one million people and impact 12% of our nation's territory.

These challenges cannot be addressed individually but require a collective approach through joint efforts. In this context, the role of international organizations is essential in uniting the efforts of countries in the region.

Next week, Azerbaijan will host COP29, the first Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in the South Caucasus and surrounding region. We are committed to bringing together both developed and developing countries to tackle this global challenge. Azerbaijan has prepared an ambitious Action Agenda, which includes 14 initiatives in different areas, including finance, human capital and peace. COP29 will also promote global peace, supported by Azerbaijan's COP29 Truce Initiative, which urges all nations to observe a truce during COP29, similar to the Olympic Games Truce. Over a thousand NGOs, religious leaders, celebrities and various parties have already joined this initiative. We call on everyone to put aside political and other differences and respect the truce and peace during COP29.

Therefore, cooperation with the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) is crucial for fostering Asian solidarity and promoting development across various fields. The organization can also play a vital role in shaping a unified stance on major international issues that reflect the mutual interests of its members. As the only multilateral interparliamentary platform uniting Asian countries, the APA offers a unique opportunity to amplify our voices in the complex landscape of international relations. The APA facilitates the strengthening dialogue, peace, and stability in Asia and beyond.

**Dear participants,**

Today, at the meeting of the APA Standing Committee on Budget and Planning, we will discuss the **draft resolution on 'Planning the APA Budget,'** which directly impacts the functioning and efficiency of the Organization.

I am confident that we will have a productive exchange of views on issues of great importance to the Organization, and that the decisions made here will serve the development of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly. The APA budget is a critical concern for all of us, as it is essential for the success of our Organization and the advancement of its programs. For the effective functioning of the Organization, we must take all necessary measures to allocate the required funds.

We hope to reach a common understanding. Achieving this depends on our collective will and determination. Either we will do what is necessary to finally resolve this issue, or we will continue to delay a crucial decision—something that will undoubtedly affect the Organization's operations.

Dear Colleagues, I would like to thank you for your valuable presence here and for your contributions to the meeting. I wish us all success in resolving this important matter.

**Thank you.**

**Speech of the Deputy Chairman of the State Duma of the Russian Federation,  
Vice-President of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly H.E. Mr. Boris Chernyshov  
at the Opening Session of the APA Standing Committee on Budget and Planning  
(Doha, 5-6 November 2024)**

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Dear Mr. Secretary-General, Dear Parliamentarians,

On behalf of the Russian delegation, I would like to express my gratitude to the Shura Council of the State of Qatar for the warm welcome and the creation of excellent working conditions.

We are grateful to the APA Secretariat for the job done to support the activities of the Assembly.

Russia attaches great importance to the promotion of inter-parliamentary dialogue. The Asian Parliamentary Assembly is a unique forum for the development of such cooperation. The decisions taken here are intended to serve the cause of strengthening comprehensive ties between our countries. Chairman of the State Duma of the Russian Federation Mr. Vyacheslav Volodin in his contacts with the leadership of the parliaments that are members of the APA particularly emphasizes the importance of the dialogue in the parliamentary dimension in the interests of the citizens of our countries. Today parliaments bear great responsibility for the changes necessary for future development, including in fulfillment of interstate agreements.

At the end of September 2024 the Meeting of the APA Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs was held in Moscow. Important issues concerning the just multipolar world, preservation of national identity, protection of historical memory and cultural heritage, protection of the institution of family, faith, traditional and sovereign values were considered.

The participants of this Meeting emphasized the importance of culture and social policy as the foundations of modern security. We also discussed in detail the problems of the Middle East settlement.

The Standing Committee paid attention to the women's agenda, the role of women parliamentarians and their contribution to the development of interparliamentary cooperation.

In addition, we were pleased to offer the delegates Russian developments in the field of elections and digital technologies. I am sure that the exchange of legislative experience in this area would be in great demand among the APA parliaments.

Following the Meeting in Moscow draft resolutions were approved, including

a new Russian project in support of a more just multipolar world order, reflecting its cultural and civilizational diversity. I thank all colleagues for their cooperation.

We also heard a report on the priorities of BRICS work. I would like to inform you that the BRICS summit was recently held in Kazan under the Russian chairmanship. It was attended by the heads of state and delegations from 36 countries, the leadership of 6 international organizations, including the UN and the Inter-Parliamentary Union. New participants joined BRICS as partners. Now, the BRICS members and partners include 12 countries whose parliaments are members of the APA. And this number is growing.

As Russian President Mr. Vladimir Putin said, "each of these states has its own development path, its own models of economic growth, rich history, and culture. It is precisely in this civilizational diversity, this unique combination of national traditions, that the strength and enormous potential for cooperation lies, not only within the BRICS framework, but also in the large circle of like-minded countries that share the goals and principles of the organization."

Following the BRICS summit, the final Kazan Declaration was adopted, which noted the importance of parliamentary cooperation.

I would like to especially emphasize that the goals of APA and BRICS largely coincide. We approach most international issues from a similar perspective, showing mutual respect and taking into account each other's interests. Thus, the voice of the countries of the Global South and East is becoming more and more confident in the international arena.

Today we work within the APA Standing Committee on the Budget and Planning. From the very beginning, the Assembly has sought to ensure that parliaments harmonize their positions on important global and regional issues. However, the lack of a decision on APA funding limits its real possibilities. It is obvious that the APA could become one of the key instruments of political dialogue not only in Asia, to form a comprehensive positive agenda aimed at the future. Good potential has been accumulated for this. We see that the need to restart cooperation within the APA has matured. The initiatives of the Assembly will have solid weight and power when a responsible decision on the budget is made.

We are on the right track. However, it is important to think about increasing the efficiency of this work. We already have an understanding of the budget volume, there is agreement on contributions. The principle of equal payments has been developed, which is taken into account in the draft resolution.

The Russian side has studied the preliminary version of the budget. We are grateful



to the APA Secretariat for this document. We agree with the Secretariat in that it is symbolic in nature. However we believe that the project needs revision and greater accuracy and transparency in terms of calculations.

In addition, it is necessary to take into account that in the conditions of politicization of the world economy the "collective West" uses instruments of currency and financial restraint. The use of the dollar and the euro, around which numerous risks arise today, cannot guarantee the equality of all member countries.

Therefore, it is important for us to ensure transparency and accountability of the financial mechanism of the APA. To do this, it is necessary to make appropriate amendments to those articles of the charter that will regulate the formation of the budget. The Russian side is ready to work towards concrete results. Thank you for your attention.



## **Asian Parliamentary Assembly**

### **Standing Committee on Budget and Planning Doha-State of Qatar November 04-07, 2024**

#### **Opening Remarks by APA Secretary General**

**Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is a great pleasure and privilege for me to warmly welcome all the distinguished delegates present here at this important meeting organized and hosted by the Shura Council of the State of Qatar in the capacity of the APA Vice-President. This event, which is being held with generous hospitality and well-versed management of the Shura Council, has provided us with an excellent opportunity to get together for deliberation on the budgetary issue as the key element and backbone of our organization.

**Dear Colleagues,**

We have gathered here in Doha in such a circumstance that massacres of children and women of Palestine is continuing over the past year in Gaza in the aftermath of the unprecedented acts of genocide perpetrated by the apartheid regime of Israel; the horrendous crimes that have drawn to Lebanon.

Failures of international organizations to bring the Israeli's war crimes to a halt has bolstered this regime to continue its acts of terror. In fact, silence and inaction of the international organizations is a clear indication of the inefficiency of the prevailing international order which necessitate the need for moving ahead toward establishment of a just global order.

**Dear Colleagues,**

I deem it necessary to appreciate the State of Qatar for conducting an active diplomacy during the past year for its unsparing efforts to put an end to the acts of genocide and establishment of a ceasefire in Gaza.

I also avail myself of this occasion to express my sincere congratulations for the commendable hosting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) Summit, held in Doha under the theme of "Sport Diplomacy". This event clearly indicated that Asia is blessed with so widely abundant

potential capacities that can be leaned on as appropriate grounds helping to use all such excellent opportunities to make such ample capacities thrive.

Parliamentary diplomacy can be duly referred to as a glaring example to this effect. In fact, the Asian Parliamentary Assembly is a large parliamentary organization that can serve as an appropriate platform for realization of the Asian common objectives in light of multilateral parliamentary diplomacy.

**Dear Colleagues,**

In conclusion, I would like to, once again, seize this valuable opportunity to urge all the APA members present here to do their best in paving necessary grounds for the Secretariat to set up the desirable programs needed for better administration of our organization which has so far left behind on the threshold of its 18<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary. I hope that your consultations and constructive insights will lead us to the expected results.

Thank you for your attention

# Asian Parliamentary Assembly

## Standing Committee on Budget & Planning



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## Draft Agenda

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**Asian Parliamentary Assembly**

**Standing Committee on Budget and Planning  
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**Report of the APA Secretary General**

**Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Delegate,  
Dear Colleagues,**

I am delighted to have given the opportunity to present a summary report on the latest activities of the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning in order to get prepared for fruitful consultations and exchange of views on the agenda items of our today's meeting.

Let me begin my report with a few words of thanks to the Shura Council of the State of Qatar and its leadership, H.E. Mr. Hassan Abdulla Al-Ghanim as well as H.E. Mr. Ahmad bin Hitmi Al-Hitmi in his capacity as the APA Vice-President for excellent organization of this important meeting and generous hospitality extended to us.

**Dear Colleagues,**

As you are well aware, the main item under the agenda of this Standing Committee is of crucial importance in that the success of our organization and realization of the objectives defined under its Charter widely depends on the collective support of the members in every aspect, most particularly from financial and budgetary standpoints.

The track records of the deliberations made so far at the meetings of this Committee, particularly during the past few years, indicate that some considerable steps have been taken, though with very slow pace. However, a glimpse of the past records and based on the experiences we have harvested to this date reveal that administration of the APA; an organization with such a wide spectrum of members, requires to take much faster and deeper steps as a pressing need in order to be able to secure and facilitate the annual budget process as the central core and the key element if we are to witness the fruit of the parliamentary

cooperation and progress of this large parliamentary platform in the vast Continent of Asia at both regional and international arena as envisaged in its Charter.

**Dear Colleagues,**

I hereby would like to make a concise reference to the steps so far taken as a groundwork for the financial framework and structure of our organization after nearly two decades since its establishment.

To this end let me refer you here to the principal items of the only resolution under consideration by this Standing Committee which has been consistently discussed by APA members since its 2017 Meeting in Abu Dhabi are as follows:

- To enhance the efficiency and organizational capacity of the APA with collective participation of all the members in sharing financial needs of the APA and its Secretariat.
- To take due notice of transparency, accountability, and efficient management of financial resources in APA budgeting and spending.

This draft resolution underwent changes several times following extended discussions by the members attending the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> APA Plenaries held respectively in 2018, 2019 and 2023 in Turkiye.

However, it wasn't until the convening of the 13<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary in January 2023 in Antalya when the model on "equal payment" was reaffirmed with acceptable support of member parliaments present at the meeting.

Latest effort to this effect relates to the decision adopted by the 14<sup>th</sup> Plenary of Feb.2024 in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, which took a good step leading to a major and important change to this draft resolution by adoption of para 10 of the draft resolution on the model of " Equal Payment" with the approval of the members present at this meeting.

**Dear Colleagues,**

As you are well aware, the issue of model of payment and financial contributions by all APA member parliaments to the Annual Budget of the APA, has been underway and consistently discussed since establishment of the Organization in 2007.

With nearly two decades since then, the Secretariat has suggested various models of payment in order to reach a consensus on this vital issue. Accordingly, during the 11<sup>th</sup> Plenary of 2018 in Istanbul, I, in my capacity as APA Secretary General, suggested three model of payment based on GDP, Equal and mixture of GDP and Equal payment.

In the aftermath of the follow ups to this effect, the Standing Committee of July 2023, in Tehran, Iran, reached a consensus on the assessed contribution model for equal payments, but due to raising of numerous opinions on the amount of annual contribution, the meeting deferred adoption of decision on this issue to the First Executive Council meeting of November 2023 in Antalya.

Consequently, participants in the First Executive Council in Antalya, addressed the estimated budget for 2024 and the issue of equal payment. It was pointed out that the sum of 22,000US\$ up to 50,000US\$ maybe considered by member states as a fixed amount for the assessed annual contribution. In addition, it was indicated that there should be a linkage between the amount of assessed contribution and the issue of equal rights.

The Executive Council also decided to maintain the APA Secretariat's 2024 budget estimation table as a guideline for determining the final amount of contribution payable by all member parliaments and accordingly to seek the approval of the 14<sup>th</sup> Plenary.

As a result, the report of the Executive Council meeting together with the Estimated 2025 Budget table were submitted to the 14<sup>th</sup> plenary session. It is expected that the Estimated Budget for 2025 provides necessary grounds for fruitful discussion and subsequent finalization of the amount of contributions by all the members present at our today's meeting.

**Dear Colleagues,**

You may also share with me that resolving the longstanding issue of financial contributions to be paid by all member parliaments is a crucial issue for our organization. Though this issue tops the annual agenda item of the APA since its establishment in 2008, unfortunately we have not yet arrived to an acceptable formula in this respect. Therefore, let me express, on your behalf and on my own, my warmest appreciation to the Islamic Parliament of Iran for the generous financial support extended to the APA Secretariat and that of the APA Presidents and the four Vice-Presidents who have hosted relevant APA Meetings at their respective countries.

Finally, I thank all the members who responded to the invitation of Shura Council of Qatar and participated in this meeting.

## Attachment V

### پیش نویس متن پیشنهادی سخنرانی

### رئیس محترم گروه پارلمانی ج.ا.ایران در APA

### در نشست کمیته دائمی امور بودجه و برنامه ریزی

### مجمع مجالس آسیایی

دوحه - آبان 1403

### بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

نمایندگان ارجمند،

خانم ها و آقایان،

این اولین حضور بنده و بقیه همکاران من در نشست های مجمع مجالس آسیایی است و بر همین اساس، مایلیم از طرف گروه پارلمانی ج.ا.ایران مراتب خرسندی خویش را به عنوان نماینده مجلس شورای اسلامی ایران در مجمع مجالس آسیایی و حضور و مشارکت در نشست کمیته دائمی امور بودجه و برنامه ریزی مجمع مجالس آسیایی ابراز نموده و از میهمان نوازی مجلس شورای قطر و میزبانی موفقیت آمیز این نشست قدردانی نمایم. همچنین از دبیرکل محترم و همکاران ایشان در دبیرخانه و نمایندگان محترم پارلمان های کشورهای مشارکت کننده در این نشست تشکر می نمایم.

امیدوارم در این جلسه و جلسات دیگر مجمع مجالس آسیایی، تعاملات سازنده و موثری در راستای تقویت دیپلماسی پارلمانی در چارچوب مجمع مجالس آسیایی و اهداف متعالی آن داشته باشیم.

حاضر گرامی،

همه شما واقفید که قاره کهن آسیا امروزه بیش از پیش در محور تحولات ژئوپلیتیکی قرار دارد. طرفیت بالای این منطقه به گونه ای است که سایر کشورهای جهان نیز توسعه خود را به برخورداری از منابع عظیم این قاره گره زده اند و همواره در تلاش هستند تا با ایجاد و یا دامن زدن به بحران های این منطقه، اهمیت و جایگاه آن را در تحولات بین المللی کاهش دهند. بی دلیل نیست که برای دولتمردان آمریکایی و متحدان آنها، مهار آسیا و جلوگیری از آرامش، صلح و امنیت پایدار در این قاره همواره به عنوان یکی از استراتژی های مهم آنها قرار گرفته است. در این راستا، ضروری است کشورهای آسیایی با عزم راسخ در برابر بحرانها و چالشها در این قاره که با حمایت آمریکا ایجاد شده است، ایستادگی کنند.

مستحضرید که شرایط امروز در غزه و لبنان از مصادیق آشکار اینگونه بحران هاست. جهان شاهد آن است که رژیم جنایتکار صهیونیستی با حمایت همه جانبه آمریکا و برخی کشورهای اروپایی و مدعیان دروغین حقوق بشر، همچنان با تداوم خوی وحشیگری و تجاوزگری در انجام اقدامات غیرقانونی و نقض فاحش قوانین بین المللی، صلح و امنیت منطقه و حتی جهان را با مخاطرات فراوان روبه رو کرده است.

مسئولیت انسانی، اخلاقی و تعهدات بین المللی ایجاب می کند که همه کشورها، نهادها و سازمان های بین المللی با تأکید بر ضرورت انجام اقدامات عملیاتی برای مهار این رژیم خونخوار وارد عمل شوند.

همکاران محترم؛



مجمع مجالس آسیایی به عنوان یکی از این نهادهای بین المللی است که در راستای تقویت دیپلماسی پارلمانی و در جهت کمک به همگرایی و حداکثر بهره مندی از ظرفیت های کشورهای آسیایی برای رسیدن به صلح، امنیت و توسعه پایدار برای همه ملت های آسیایی تلاش می کند. مجلس شورای اسلامی ایران با امید به آینده این مجمع پارلمانی و در جهت توجه به نقش کلیدی دیپلماسی پارلمانی و ارتقاء همکاری میان ملت های آسیایی همواره حمایت های خود را از دبیرخانه و این مجمع آسیایی انجام داده است. در این میان، سایر اعضای مجمع مجالس آسیایی نیز که سخاوتمندانه میزبانی نشست های کمیته های دائمی، شورای اجرایی و مجمع عمومی را بر عهده گرفتند و تمامی نمایندگانی که در جهت تقویت فعالیت های این مجمع و محتوای اسناد ارائه شده در آن، مشارکت داشته اند نیز در عبور از این گذرگاه کمک کرده اند. بدیهی است تداوم این مسیر در جهت نیل به اهداف متعالی این مجمع که در منشور آن نیز آمده است، بدون همراهی و همکاری اعضای محترم APA میسر نخواهد شد.

در این راستا، طرح مسائل مالی و بودجه که در جلسه امروز در دستور کار ما قرار دارد، فرصت مغتنمی است که اعضای محترم با همفکری و تشریک مساعی با یکدیگر بتوانند به نتایج ملموس و رو به رشد در مورد آینده APA دست یابند.

**حضور ارجمند،**

تصویب بودجه در همه سازمان های بین المللی، یک فرایند مهم برای اعضای آن است که در تداوم و تقویت فعالیت های آن در آینده سازمان، نقش اساسی ایفا می کند. ما بر این باوریم که اثربخشی و ظرفیت سازمانی مجمع مجالس آسیایی برای دستیابی به اهداف اشاره شده در منشور این مجمع می تواند ارتقاء یابد و بدیهی است که مشارکت همه اعضای پارلمان در تقسیم نیازهای مالی APA و دبیرخانه آن، اقدام مهمی در این زمینه به شمار می آید.

مجلس شورای اسلامی ایران همواره بر این عقیده بوده است که دبیرخانه APA بایستی طی فرایندی تبدیل به یک دبیرخانه بین المللی با مشارکت همه اعضای محترم آن گردد و بتواند همه اعضا را به نحوی نمایندگی کند. البته تاکنون نیز دبیرخانه و کارکنان محترم آن در ارائه خدمات و همکاری با اعضا، رویکرد همکاری و همگرایی با در نظر داشت دیدگاه و نگاه جمعی اعضا بوده است.

ما بر این باوریم و فکر می کنم اعضای دیگر نیز موافق باشند که تصویب قطعنامه بودجه و نحوه بودجه ریزی بر اساس پرداخت حق عضویت برابر و بین المللی شدن دبیرخانه و مشارکت مالی اعضا، گامی رو به جلو برای کمک به رشد ارکان مجمع و تقویت شخصیت بین المللی و اجرای تصمیمات مشترک و روند رو به رشد برای آینده مشترک است و فکر می کنیم که الان زمان برنامه ریزی برای اجرای اسنادی است که قبلاً در حوزه مشارکت مالی اعضا تدوین و تصویب شده است.

قطع به یقین، همکاری در این زمینه نیز سایه احترام متقابل، تصمیم گیری جمعی و پرهیز اعمال نظر اکثریت بر سایر هیات ها بوده است. این شیوه از همکاری توانسته افقی روشن در مسیر همکاری های بین المجالس آسیایی ایجاد کند و می تواند مبنای خوبی برای همکاری های آینده باشد.

جمهوری اسلامی ایران از همان ابتدا حمایت مالی و لجستیکی لازم را از دبیرخانه به عمل آورده و در آینده نیز پشتیبانی لازم از مجمع مجالس آسیایی را به عمل خواهد آورد و این اطمینان را دارد که پیشنهادات واقع بینانه و فعالیت های سازنده و اثربخش همه اعضا شرکت کننده در این نشست، می تواند تداوم حرکت ما را در مسیر تحقق اهداف این مجمع هموار سازد.

از توجه شما سپاسگزارم



GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF TÜRKİYE

Department of Foreign Relations and Protocol

**Address of H. E. Mr. İlyas TOPSAKAL, Member of Turkish Delegation to APA on the occasion of Meeting of the Committee on Budget and Planning**

**(5 October 2024, Doha - QATAR)**

*Honorable Chairperson;*

*Distinguished Parliamentarians of Asian countries;*

*Dear Secretary General;*

It is a great pleasure for me to meet and address you once again at the meeting of the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly.

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the host country, Shura Council of the State of Qatar and Mr. Hasan bin Abdulla Al-GHANIM, Speaker of Shura Council for his generous hospitality, to the chair-in-office Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan, and the Secretariat of Asian Parliamentary Assembly for the excellent organization.

I would also like to thank all the member parliamentarians, who participated in this meeting to promote inter-parliamentary dialogue throughout Asia.

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

It would be in our interest to make a sincere self-criticism. We support regional responsibility and solutions, but we must acknowledge that international initiatives in Asia are still weak in term of parliamentary organizations. Unfortunately, exception of The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), which includes only a few countries, an effective mechanism for collaboration has not yet to be established throughout Asia.

To put it frankly and a little bitterly; the APA, with its existing structure and regulations, is having and will have difficulties to make guiding decisions for member states even it find difficulties to organize own meeting. We must not allow this to happen.

In this meeting, we should take concrete steps to strengthen the APA's structure in terms of payment for APA budget I want to emphasize that we must put forward suggestions and discuss all the options.

In order to improve the APA's effectiveness, it is crucial to take all necessary steps and renew our key documents, particularly our Rule of Procedure. It is important to reach sound solution on this matter.

In pursuit of this goal, the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye had taken an active role and established new guidelines for revising the basic documents. Grand National Assembly of Türkiye hosted in *Ürgüp Working Group on Basic Documents* meeting with the contributions of member states. We need to establish either new working group or continue the former one established in Ürgüp with the participation of experts from member countries to restart the

work on the basic documents. Experts should present an objective report not on the priorities of the member states, but on how an international organization can be effective. Following the technical consultations, the political dimension shall be first addressed in the Executive Council. Then final discussion will take place in the APA General Assembly.

*Dear Colleagues,*

The Assembly, which has been in existence for nearly a quarter of a century, still lack a budget. As a result of long negotiations, at the meeting of the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning held in Tehran on 11 July 2023, equal contribution model was accepted; however the amount of contribution to the APA secretariat remains unclear.

I have no doubt that all members will show the necessary sensitivity on this issue.

In conclusion, I wish you all fruitful and constructive deliberations during this meeting of the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning here in Doha and express my sincere appreciation to the Shura Council of the State of Qatar for the kind hospitality.

*Thank you very much for your attention*



## 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 equitably sharing the financial needs of the APA and its Secretariat on the agreed amount of annual contribution ranging between the minimum of 22,000 USD to 50,000 USD,

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

*We therefore,*

1. **Request** all APA Member Parliaments to take required measures to secure the necessary funds for the payment of their annual contributions to the APA budget, according to their respective internal budget planning procedures and encourage them to make voluntary financial contributions to enhance the sustainability of the APA'S budget and decisions,
2. **Appreciate** the provision of financial and logistical support to the APA Secretariat by the Islamic Parliament of Iran since 2007, and request the continuation of its generous support pending the full implementation of Financial Regulations and until the regular payments of assessed contributions by all Member Parliaments are made, tentatively for APA budget of 2025;
3. **Acknowledge** the generosity of the APA President and Vice-Presidents in contributing to the APA expenses by hosting activities and meetings based on commitment to 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;

4. **Request** the Secretary General to prepare, while taking into consideration the annual assessed contributions of member Parliaments, the Draft APA Annual Budget 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 consensus of the standing committee, and then to be presented to the APA Executive Council for final approval by consensus by the Plenary Session.
5. **Request** the APA Secretary General to provide proposals to be considered in the next meeting of the Standing Committee, based on the views expressed by the APA President during the 13<sup>th</sup> Plenary on Revitalization for the enhancement of organizational capacity and its effectiveness;
6. **Allocate** the APA Budget through the following three Items:
  - 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 determined by a decision of the APA Executive Council, to cover emergency events or incidents.
7. The Secretary General is responsible for the implementation of the APA Budget and the management of its assets, determining the principles, objectives and rules for preparing the budget, to be submitted to the Standing Committee for budget and Planning,
8. **Affirm** that there should be equal payments for assessed contributions by all member parliaments regardless of population, geographical area or GDP. The amount of such contributions will be discussed and decided during the next meeting of APA Executive Council.
9. **Recommend** to exempt the Parliament of Palestine from the assessed contribution until the end of occupation, and the establishment of its independent state. Any other member parliaments wishing to be exempted from payment of annual contribution must submit an official request to the Secretariat
10. **Emphasizing** the importance of establishing mechanisms to monitor the disbursement of funds to ensure that they are used for the purposes for which they were allocated, which enhances transparency and accountability.