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**Report of the Meeting**  
**The Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development**

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**Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia**

The Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development held its meeting on 10 December 2015 and adopted its agenda.

1. Honorable, Mrs. Baige Zhao, Member of National People's Congress Standing Committee, People's Republic of China chaired the meeting. Honorable, Honorable Mr. Esmail Jalili from Islamic Republic of Iran was elected as the vice-Chairperson and Honorable Mr. Mozammel Hossain from Bangladesh was elected as Rapporteur of the Standing Committee.
2. His Excellency Dr. Ali Khorram, Deputy Secretary-General of APA opened the presentation over the five resolutions.
3. The documents before the Standing Committee were:
  - Draft Resolution on Financial Affairs: Ensuring Efforts for Economic Growth

- Draft Resolution on The Role of APA Parliaments to Adopt Legislation in Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals
- Draft Resolution on Asian Integrated Energy Market,
- Draft Resolution on Environmental Issues, Global Warming, Climate Change and Planting Billions of Trees throughout Asia
- Draft Resolution on Poverty Eradication in Asia

4. The Standing Committee first reviewed the background information on the aforementioned Draft Resolutions. Dr. Khorram pointed out that the Standing Committee met in Jakarta, on 20 August 2015, considered the report of the Secretary General (SG/Rep/2015/02/rev.1), and developed the Draft Resolutions before the First Executive Council. He mentioned these Draft Resolutions were discussed and adopted in the First and Second Executive Councils.

5. Madam Zhao, Chairperson, opened the discussion and deliberation on the draft resolutions one by one. Draft Resolution on Financial Affairs: Ensuring Efforts for Economic Growth was adopted without any new comment.

6. Draft Resolution on "The Role of APA Parliaments to Adopt Legislation in Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals" was discussed and the distinguished delegation from Kuwait proposed a new paragraph which was adopted by the Standing Committee.

7. Draft Resolution on Asian Integrated Energy Market was considered by the Standing Committee as the next resolution. The distinguished delegations from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iran made some comments and corrections which were adopted by the Standing Committee.

8. The Standing Committee discussed Draft Resolution on Environmental Issues, Global Warming, Climate Change and Planting Billions of Trees throughout Asia as the next resolution. There were many comments, observations and amendments from the floor including delegations from Iran, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Jordan, Kuwait, Palestine and China that contributed to further enriching the Draft Resolution. Those comments were able to get consensus, incorporated into the text of the resolution.

9. Deputy Secretary-General of APA mentioned that Heads of States who participated in COP 21 in Paris (30 November to 6 December 2015) agreed on a global, legally binding agreement to keep global warming below 2 °C. He also informed the Standing Committee that the Secretary-General of the United Nations had a lecture in COP 21 and stated "First, we need an agreement that will limit temperature rise to less than 2 degrees Celsius. For

many, including low-lying and least developed countries, even a 1.5 degree rise will have grave consequences”.

10. Delegation of Kuwait proposed to change the long name of the Resolution to just "The Environmental Issues", which was adopted by the Standing Committee.

11. The last draft resolution which was raised in the Standing Committee was the Draft Resolution on Poverty Eradication in Asia. This draft was adopted by the Standing Committee with small correction.

12. The Standing Committee took note with appreciation of the Reports submitted by the APA Secretary-General for each item that constituted the basis of deliberations in the Standing-Committee leading to the development of the draft resolutions above.

13. The Standing Committee agreed on the text of the Draft Resolutions as amended to be forwarded to the Plenary for final adoption. The Draft Resolutions as amended are now issued under Documents

- APA/Economic/Res/2015/01: Draft Resolution on Financial Affairs: Ensuring Efforts for Economic Growth
- APA/Economic/Res/2015/02: Draft Resolution on The Role of APA Parliaments to Adopt Legislation in Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals
- APA/Economic/Res/2015/03: Draft Resolution on Integrated Energy Market in Asia,
- APA/Economic/Res/2015/04: Draft Resolution on Environmental Issues
- APA/Economic/Res/2015/05: Draft Resolution on Poverty Eradication in Asia

14. The Honorable Delegate of the People's Republic of China expressed her readiness to host the relevant meeting of the Standing-Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development in July 2016.