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Report of the Meeting
The Standing Committee on Political Affairs

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Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia

1. The APA Standing Committee on Political Affairs held its meeting at 9:00 am, on 9 December, in the Sokha hotel in Phnom Penh, the Kingdom of Cambodia. Delegations from Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Pakistan, Russia, Thailand, Turkey and Viet Nam participated in this meeting.
2. Honorable Shehadah Abuhdaib from Jordan presided over the meeting in his capacity as the APA Vice-President for Political Affairs. Honorable, Nhem Thavi from National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia was elected as the Vice-Chairman and Honorable Adm. Amorntep NA BANGCHANG from Thailand was elected as the Rapporteur.
3. The meeting adopted its agenda as it was prepared by the Secretariat.

4. The list of documents before the Meeting included:

- a. Draft Resolution on Advancing Principles of Friendship and Cooperation in Asia
- b. Draft Resolution on Mobilizing Interactions Between APA and Asian Governments
- c. Draft Resolution on Deploring Acts of Terrorism and Violent Extremism
- d. Draft Resolution on Significant Political Developments in Asia

5. H.E. Dr. Masoud Islami, the APA Acting Secretary-General provided an outline of the most important points pertaining to each draft resolution and informed the participants on the status of all items on the agenda of the Standing Committee on Political affairs setting the ground for further deliberation by the present members.

6. The participants engaged in a vibrant debate on all draft resolutions. Most of the discussions were directed to the draft resolution on Deploring Acts of Terrorism and Violent Extremism and the draft resolution on the Significant Political Developments in Asia. Certain amendments were presented by the delegations from Lao, North Korea, Pakistan, Palestine, Turkey and Viet Nam. The meeting considered the complete text of each draft resolution one by one and discussed the proposed amendments. After extensive deliberations by participants, a number of amendments were accepted by the meeting and were reflected in the final version of the draft resolutions by the APA Secretariat. The Standing Committee then unanimously decided to recommend four draft resolutions to the Plenary for final consideration and adoption. The final version of four draft resolutions shall be attached to the report of 8th Plenary.

7. The Standing Committee expressed special appreciation to the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia for excellent organization of the meeting and the hospitality extended to all participants. On behalf of all distinguished delegates, the Chair particularly thanked the APA Secretariat for outstanding service it has provided for smooth running of the meeting. Special thanks and appreciation were expressed also to the staff of the local organizing committee for their hard work and contributions to the meeting.