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## Foreword

In January 2013 the Australian delegation participated in the twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) in Vladivostok, Russian Federation. The Forum includes members from countries in the region with which Australia has highly significant links. Australia has participated in all meetings of the Forum, including the two preparatory meetings. Its continued participation and active contribution are important for institutional and professional relationships with regional parliamentarians.

The delegation wishes to thank its host parliament in Russia, and in particular the President of APPF, the Chairperson of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, HE Ms Valentina Matvienko, for her leadership of arrangements and the meeting. The hosts were generous in their welcome and hospitality and the program arrangements and secretariat and liaison officer support were of a high standard.

On behalf of the delegation I would like to thank the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for assistance with briefing materials and advice for the visit. In particular, I thank Mr Peter Nagy, First Secretary at the Australian Embassy in Moscow who accompanied the delegation in Vladivostok throughout the meeting and provided highly professional support.

The Parliamentary Library provided briefing material that anticipated the delegation's needs well. The International and Community Relations Office assisted us with administrative arrangements for the delegation's visit. I also wish to record my thanks to the delegation secretary, Ms Robyn McClelland.

**John Murphy MP**

Leader



## Membership of the delegation

Leader	Hon John Murphy MP	Member for Reid Australian Labor Party
Deputy Leader	Hon Bruce Scott MP	Deputy Speaker Member for Maranoa The Nationals
Members	Hon Warren Entsch MP	Member for Leichhardt Liberal Party
	Ms Laura Smyth MP	Member for La Trobe Australian Labor Party
Staff	Ms Robyn McClelland	Delegation Secretary

# The Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum

## General role and operations

### Australia and the APPF

- 1.1 In January 2013 a delegation from the Australian Parliament comprising the Hon John Murphy MP, the Hon Bruce Scott MP, the Hon Warren Entsch MP and Ms Laura Smyth MP, participated in the Twenty First Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) in Vladivostok, Russia.
- 1.2 This chapter of the delegation's report describes the role and activities of the APPF in general terms, and Australia's contribution to its work over the years. This background information on the APPF sets the scene for the second chapter, which covers the delegation's contribution to the Twenty-first Annual Meeting (APPF21) and its perception of the outcomes of the Meeting.
- 1.3 The APPF is an assembly of members of national parliaments in the Asia Pacific region which has met each year since 1993 to discuss a range of issues of mutual concern. The former Prime Minister of Japan, HE Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, was central to the establishment of the Forum.
- 1.4 The issues the Forum deals with are mainly strategic, economic, social and cultural. More information about the history and objectives of the Forum is provided below beginning at paragraph 1.7.

- 1.5 The APPF is of particular importance to Australia as a parliamentary association because it focuses on countries that are of immediate concern to Australia's regional strategic and economic interests. All regional countries with which Australia has strong links send delegates to APPF annual meetings. The APPF, therefore, provides a unique framework for Australian parliamentarians to develop professional relationships with their regional colleagues and offer them Australian perspectives on current issues. At the same time the Australian delegates are able to develop their understanding of perspectives of neighbouring parliaments.
- 1.6 Australia has played a prominent part in the Forum from the time it was established. One of the two preparatory meetings to establish the Forum was held in Canberra and the eighth annual meeting in 2000 was also held in Canberra. The Australian delegation at annual meetings has submitted, debated, and negotiated draft resolutions on a variety of agenda items. The delegation's draft resolutions have focused on regional political, economic, and security cooperation.

## History and role of the APPF

### Members

- 1.7 The APPF was established formally at its First Annual meeting in Tokyo in January 1993, following preparatory meetings held in 1991 in Singapore and Canberra. The Tokyo Declaration adopted at the First General Meeting henceforth referred to in this Report as the 1993 Tokyo Declaration<sup>1</sup>, outlined the objectives and organisational aspects of the APPF. It provided for the APPF to be open to all national parliamentarians<sup>2</sup> in the Asia-Pacific region, particularly from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) group members, and members of the South Pacific Forum who:
- have an active interest in promoting dialogue among parliamentarians in the region; and
  - accept the objectives and principles of the APPF.<sup>3</sup>

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1 The text of the Declaration is available at <http://www.appf.org.pe>, Milestone Declarations, Tokyo Declaration.

2 Under the New APPF Rules of Procedure, adopted at APPF20, the membership of the APPF is open to national parliaments of sovereign states in the Asia Pacific Region.

3 Paragraph 7 of the 1993 Tokyo Declaration.

## Objectives

- 1.8 The objectives of the APPF, as initially outlined in the 1993 Tokyo Declaration, and following incorporation with minor amendment in the 'New APPF Rules of Procedure' at APPF20, as now reflected in these Rules, are to seek to provide opportunities for national parliamentarians of sovereign states of the Asia-Pacific region:
- to identify and discuss matters of common concern and interest and to highlight them in a global context;
  - to deepen their understanding of the policy concerns, interests and experiences of the countries of the region;
  - to examine the critical political, social and cultural developments resulting from economic growth and integration;
  - to encourage and promote regional cooperation at all levels on matters of common concern to the region; and
  - to play the roles of national parliamentarians in furthering in their respective countries a sense of regional cohesion, understanding and cooperation.<sup>4</sup>

## Principles

- 1.9 The APPF operates under these guiding principles:
- commitment to frank and constructive dialogue;
  - equal respect for the views of all participants; and
  - full recognition of the roles performed by governments, business communities, labour organisations, research institutes and others.<sup>5</sup>

## APPF procedures

### Defining documents

- 1.10 The policies and administrative procedures of the APPF have gradually developed by means of resolutions agreed at annual meetings. Australia has had a significant role in the development of the Forum as expressed in these documents. There are now five strategic documents:

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4 Clause 2 of the New APPF Rules of Procedure; paragraph 2 of the 1993 Tokyo Declaration refers.

5 Clause 3 of the New APPF Rules of Procedure; paragraph 3 of the 1993 Tokyo Declaration refers.

- the Tokyo Declaration (1993);
- the New APPF Rules of Procedure <sup>6</sup>
- the Vancouver Declaration (1997);
- the Valparaiso Declaration (2001); and
- the new Tokyo Declaration (2012).

### The 1993 Tokyo Declaration

1.11 The 1993 Tokyo Declaration is the foundation document of the APPF and describes the Forum's functions:

The APPF seeks to promote greater regional identification and cooperation with particular focus on:

- cooperation for the further advancement of peace, freedom, democracy and prosperity;
- open and non-exclusive cooperation for the expansion of free trade and investment, and sustainable development and sound environmental practices; and
- non-military cooperation, which gives due consideration to issues relating to regional peace and security.<sup>7</sup>

1.12 The 1993 Tokyo Declaration also provides that:

- all decisions of the APPF be made by consensus at an annual meeting;<sup>8</sup>
- all delegates to the annual meetings be national parliamentarians;<sup>9</sup> and
- membership of the Forum be reviewed 'when necessary'.<sup>10</sup> The most recent additions to the membership of the Forum were Costa Rica and Ecuador in 2001.

1.13 In relation to decision making by consensus, the New APPF Rules of Procedure include a provision to allow partial reservations to resolutions to be mentioned in the resolution document, thereby permitting minority opinions at APPF meetings to be reflected in the outcomes of the meeting. At APPF21, all decisions were made on a consensus basis.

### Vancouver, Valparaiso and New Tokyo Declarations

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<sup>6</sup> Rules of procedure were first adopted in the 1994 annual meeting in the Philippines and have subsequently been amended, most recently at APPF20.

<sup>7</sup> Paragraph 4 of the 1993 Tokyo Declaration.

<sup>8</sup> Paragraph 5 of the 1993 Tokyo Declaration.

<sup>9</sup> Paragraph 7 of the 1993 Tokyo Declaration.

<sup>10</sup> Paragraph 8 of the 1993 Tokyo Declaration.

- 1.14 Three additional policy documents are relevant to the operations of the APPF:
- the Vancouver Declaration (1997) enunciated the common interests of countries in the region in the context of the end of the Cold War and the approach of the 21<sup>st</sup> century;
  - the Valparaiso Declaration (2001) focused on the geographical significance of the Asia-Pacific region and identified five basic principles of peaceful co-existence in the area; and
  - the new Tokyo Declaration (2012) noted major transformations in the Asia-Pacific and in the international community since the establishment of the Forum in 1993 and the many challenges faced, and the importance of action, particularly in the areas of advanced information, communications and scientific technologies, to address the challenges. The declaration affirmed the value of the APPF in promoting the peace, stability and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific region.

#### Rules of procedure

- 1.15 The procedural arrangements in the APPF were first set out in the 1994 Annual Meeting in the Philippines and have been updated from time to time. Minor amendments to the rules were agreed in Lima in 1999 (Executive Committee changes) and Hawaii in 2002 (additional member countries). The meeting in Beijing in 2004 established the role of an Honorary Chairman and provided for a rotating Presidency (a President will be appointed each year by the next host country).
- 1.16 Significant amendments to the Rules were agreed at APPF20 in Tokyo in 2012 including in relation to the structure and role of the organisation, arrangements for annual meetings, and the role of the position of Honorary President.

#### Executive Committee: structure and current issues

- 1.17 The Executive Committee consists of representatives from member countries, rather than individuals, with countries being elected on a rotating basis. The Committee has eleven members, with eight members representing the four APPF sub-regions (two representatives per sub-region), two members representing the host countries for the current and the next annual meeting, and one member (Japan) designated by the Honorary President.<sup>11</sup>
- 1.18 The four sub-regions of the APPF comprise:
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<sup>11</sup> Under the New APPF Rules of Procedure, rule 39 (c), there is provision for the Honorary President to designate a country to be represented on the Executive Committee.

- **Northeast Asia** (five countries): People’s Republic of China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Russian Federation;
- **Southeast Asia** (eight countries): Kingdom of Cambodia, Republic of Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Republic of the Philippines, Republic of Singapore, Kingdom of Thailand, Socialist Republic of Vietnam; (Negara Brunei Darussalam is not included as it has observer status);
- **Oceania** (six countries): Australia, Republic of Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands; and
- **The Americas** (eight countries): Canada, Republic of Chile, Republic of Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, United Mexican States, Republic of Peru, United States of America.

Under the New APPF Rules of Procedure, the term of office of the Executive Committee is from May of the year of an annual meeting until April four years later. Previously the membership term was two years. Half the members of the committee are re-elected every two years to provide continuity. The member from the next host country joins the Executive Committee in the May before the annual meeting and retires in the April following the annual meeting.<sup>12</sup>

1.19 The arrangements for representation on the Executive Committee from Oceania are set out in the report of the Australian Delegation to APPF19.<sup>13</sup> The Oceania members have agreed that these forward arrangements be transitioned to the new four year terms as follows:

2013	Micronesia	New Zealand
2014	Micronesia	New Zealand
2015	Papua New Guinea	New Zealand
2016	Papua New Guinea	New Zealand
2017	Papua New Guinea	Fiji (if a parliament is in place) or Australia. <sup>14</sup>

1.20 The Oceania representatives have also agreed that should a representative not be able to attend an Annual Meeting, then the Oceania member countries that were present would agree which of them should attend the Executive Committee meeting (s) in place of

12 New APPF Rules of Procedure, rule 44.

13 *Report of the Parliamentary Delegation to the nineteenth annual meeting of the APPE*, March 2011.

14 This table means, for example, that Micronesia will represent the Oceania subregion at APPF21 and APPF22 in 2013 and 2014 respectively, and that Papua New Guinea will be the new Executive Committee representative for the subregion at APPF23 in 2015.

the absent representative, and inform the secretariat for that meeting as soon as possible.<sup>15</sup>

- 1.21 The arrangements set out in the previous two paragraphs were formally reported at APPF21. At APPF21, Micronesia and New Zealand represented Oceania at the Executive Committee meeting.

## Organisation of the annual meeting

### Annual meetings and secretariat

- 1.22 APPF annual meetings take place in January each year – usually for five days – and are hosted by a national parliament, occasionally with event management assistance from an independent agency. The host, date and venue of each annual meeting are determined at the preceding meeting (rule 19 of the New APPF Rules of Procedure refers). The host for the annual meeting makes the necessary arrangements for the meeting, in consultation with the Executive Committee. Further arrangements relating to the annual meeting, including the timing of preparations for annual meetings, are set out in the rules. The new timetable for preparations is referred to in Figure 1 and in the following paragraphs.

### Proposed agenda

- 1.23 Prior to the January annual meeting, a proposed agenda and program are developed by the host country in consultation with the Executive Committee. Until 1999 there were advance meetings of the Executive Committee which were generally held in the country which was to host the next annual meeting. Since then, arrangements for annual meetings have been arranged by electronic communication between the next host country, the Honorary Chairman's office in Tokyo, and other Executive Committee representatives. The final and official agenda is adopted by motion at the commencement of the annual meeting. For APPF21, a draft agenda was received in October 2012.

### Invitations

- 1.24 The host country sends official invitations to member countries to attend the next annual meeting.

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15 New APPF Rules of Procedure, rule 43(b), provides that the method of election of representatives is a matter to be settled by the sub regions as they see fit.

## Draft resolutions

- 1.25 Under the New APPF Rules of Procedure, draft resolutions are required two months in advance of the annual meeting. Consistent with this requirement, draft resolutions were requested for APPF21 by 27 November 2012. However, an extension was subsequently given to 24 December 2012.
- 1.26 The draft resolutions are posted on the APPF website where they may be viewed by all members (and members of the public). In practice, most countries do not prepare draft resolutions and choose to propose amendments to the draft resolutions of those countries that do prepare them according to the timetable. Australia customarily provides four or five draft resolutions ahead of the annual meetings. For APPF21, five resolutions were submitted.
- 1.27 Under the New APPF Rules of Procedure, draft resolutions are required to be relevant to an agenda item. Where more than one country has submitted a draft resolution on a particular agenda item, participants from the countries involved (and any other interested delegations), meet to cooperate in order to produce a single draft resolution on the item. Depending on the way the agenda is interpreted by the Chair, drafts on different sub-topics of an agenda item may have to be combined. Combining multiple drafts often forms much of the work of the Drafting Committee and informal groups of delegates that support that committee.
- 1.28 The method of converting similar (sometimes contrasting) draft resolutions into an agreed final draft for consideration by the full meeting ('the plenary'), varies. At some annual meetings all drafts are finalised by a formal drafting committee. On some occasions, almost all of the debate and redrafting of resolutions has been undertaken by informal sub-groups of the Drafting Committee, and the full Drafting Committee's scrutiny has then been less detailed. At APPF21, working groups were convened to produce draft single resolutions for consideration by the Drafting Committee.

## Drafting Committee

- 1.29 A Drafting Committee is established at the Annual Meeting on the advice of the Executive Committee to prepare draft resolutions and a draft joint communiqué for consideration, adoption, and release at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.
- 1.30 Participation in the work of the Drafting Committee varies from delegation to delegation. Smaller delegations may not have the capacity to enable members to participate in both the plenary and the

Drafting Committee when the meetings are held simultaneously. Similarly, if delegations have a number of draft resolutions being negotiated at the one time, it may not be possible to have a member participate in all negotiation meetings. Some of the larger delegations have members who specialise in the subject matter of particular items and some have professional advisers such as academics and diplomats.

- 1.31 At APPF21, delegations varied in size from one to 32 delegates plus staff and there were varied levels of representation at the different kinds of meetings. It was typically the case at APPF21 that meetings of the plenary, of working groups and of the Drafting Committee were all held simultaneously. As a result, throughout much of the Forum, the Australian delegation was represented at the various meetings by individual delegates or by two delegates.
- 1.32 When the final draft resolutions come before the plenary, participants from those countries which provided the original draft resolutions may speak on the item. Other delegates may also speak. The final draft may be amended during the debate in the plenary and the text is determined by consensus. In practice, because there has often been extensive debate on draft resolutions beforehand in the Drafting Committee and working groups, there is little likelihood of the final draft being debated and amended during debate in the plenary.
- 1.33 At the Twenty-first Annual Meeting, the Drafting Committee's meetings finalised draft resolutions that had often been extensively discussed and amended and combined, by working groups of delegates. The plenary adopted the proposals of the Drafting Committee without further debate. Fourteen resolutions were adopted at the final session.<sup>16</sup>

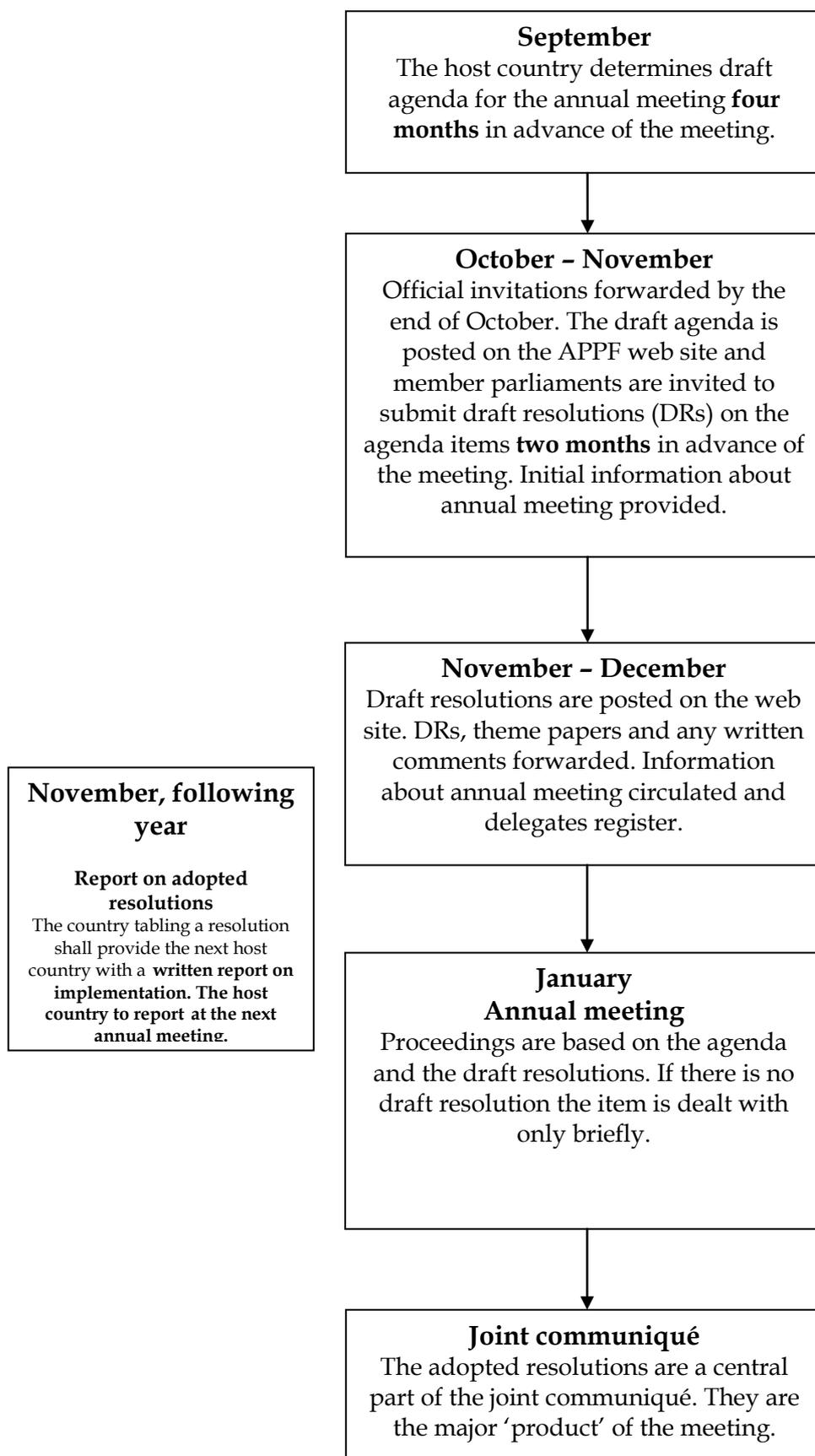
### Joint Communiqué

- 1.34 At the conclusion of each annual meeting the leaders of all participating nations sign a Joint Communiqué which includes, amongst other things, a list of all resolutions passed by the meeting.

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16 <http://www.appf21.com/documents/> viewed 8 February 2013. After May 2013, it is likely that the APPF21 website will no longer be supported, as is the custom when the annual meeting secretariat hands over to the secretariat for the next meeting, and the text of final resolutions and other key meeting documents will be available at <http://www.appf.org.pe/> (annual meetings page).

Figure 1 Outline of meeting preparations and proceedings



## Work of the Twenty-first Annual Meeting

### Overview

- 2.1 This chapter begins with a brief description of the beginning of the Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the APPF. It then addresses the work of the annual meeting from the delegation's perspective.
- 2.2 The meeting began in Vladivostok on 27 January 2013, when delegates registered for the meeting.
- 2.3 The first formal activity was the Executive Committee meeting on 27 January 2013. Participants at the meeting included representatives of nine executive Committee member countries: Canada, Chile, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Micronesia, New Zealand and Russia. The host countries of the next two APPF Annual Meetings, namely, Mexico and Ecuador, were also represented. The meeting was chaired by the Hon Ilyas Umakhanov, Deputy Chair of the Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.
- 2.4 The meeting adopted the draft program of activities and agenda, and resolved that Mr Umakhanov would be Chairman of the Plenary, with Deputies being Deputy Chairs of the Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly, the Hon Svetlana Orlova and the Hon Vyacheslav Shtyrov, and Deputy Chair of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly, the Hon Sergey Zheleznyak. The Drafting Committee would be chaired by Mr Andrey Klimov, Deputy Chair of the Council of Federation Committee for Foreign Affairs. The meeting agreed on the usual time limits for speakers at plenary sessions (seven minutes) and for interventions (five minutes). The Committee welcomed the proposals of Mexico and Ecuador to host forthcoming APPF annual meetings, and supported Mexico as the host of the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting in 2014, and Ecuador as the host in the following year.

- 2.5 The Executive Committee also agreed that subregion countries which had not yet done so, consult at the meeting on their future representation on the Executive Committee, and report the results at the fourth plenary session on 30 January 2013. The Oceania subregion reported accordingly, as mentioned in Chapter 1.

## Opening ceremony

- 2.6 The opening ceremony was held on the morning of 28 January 2013. The opening addresses began with an address by President of the APPF21 and Chair of the Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, HE Ms Valentina Matvienko. In welcoming delegates and opening the meeting, Ms Matvienko referred to the potential contribution of the Annual Meeting and parliamentarians more generally in addressing important global and regional issues. Ms Matvienko said that in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Russia's sector of development will be in the East – in Siberia and the Far East. The meeting was being hosted in this region, in Vladivostok, Russia's gate-way to the Asia-Pacific. It was being held in the new Far Eastern Federal University campus, the venue that had recently hosted the 2012 Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation leaders' summit. She expressed the wish that the APPF Annual Meeting seek to strengthen ideas and commitments resulting from the APEC summit.
- 2.7 A welcoming address to all participants in the Forum from the President of the Russian Federation, HE Mr Vladimir Putin, was read to the meeting by HE Mr Viktor Ishayev, Minister for the Russian Far East. The message indicated that the meeting was organised in the framework of Russia's recent presidency of the APEC, and referred to the outcomes of the APEC leaders' summit in Vladivostok. The message stated that the 'authority and influence of the APPF have grown significantly in recent years' and conveyed the expectation of the President that the work of the meeting would 'be productive and that its results would contribute to the stability and prosperity of the Asia Pacific Region.'
- 2.8 A welcome message sent by HE Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations, was delivered by Mr Yury Fedotov, Executive Director, United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime. In conveying greetings and wishing the meeting every success in its deliberations, the Secretary-General's message referred to the emergence of the Asia-Pacific region as 'an engine of global growth and economic power' in 'a time of great transition'. He looked to the APPF's ideas and commitments 'in five areas where needs are greatest and where collective action can make the greatest difference: sustainable development, prevention, supporting

nations in transition, building a more secure world, and empowering women and young people’.

- 2.9 A congratulatory address by the APPF Honorary President, HE Yasuhiro Nakasone was delivered to the meeting by Mr Takuji Yanagimoto. In expressing congratulations on the opening of the meeting, and earnest hopes for its success, the message expressed Mr Nakasone’s view that the APPF should serve as the ‘wellspring’ from which mutual appreciation and respect among diverse cultures and civilisations will flow.

The APPF member countries must endeavour to gain a fuller understanding of conditions and developments in each other’s countries, and we must foster an even higher awareness of our common destiny. It is my belief that this will contribute to peace, stability, development, and prosperity not only in the Asia-Pacific region but also throughout the world.

- 2.10 The final address in the opening ceremony was by the Hon Masahiro Imamura, the leader of the Japanese delegation, on behalf of Japan, the host of APPF20. Mr Imamura expressed his gratitude to the hosts for their warm welcome, and hopes for the success of the meeting. He referred to the growth and development of the APPF and welcomed one of the themes of APPF21, promoting exchange among young parliamentarians. In ten or twenty years’ time, the young parliamentarians meeting in Valdivostok, ‘will advance to become leaders of their respective countries, and will play a crucial role in ensuring the peace, stability and development of the Asia-Pacific region.’

## **Subject matter of the annual meeting**

- 2.11 At the beginning of the first plenary session, in the morning of 28 January, the meeting adopted the agenda that was proposed by the Executive Committee as well as its other decisions. The agenda comprised three substantive subject areas (on the customary range of issues – politics and security, economic matters and regional cooperation – considered by APPF meetings), as well as future work of the APPF. The items were addressed in four plenary sessions. There was also a round table discussion on ‘Asia-Pacific – Europe: New horizons of co-operation’ and a meeting of young parliamentarians. The meeting concluded with the adoption and signing of the joint communiqué.

2.12 The Agenda's substantive subject areas comprised:

**1. Political and Security Matters**

- 1.1 Peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific: strengthening of democracy, respect for sovereignty and prospects of building up a regional collective security system
- 1.2 Fighting against terrorism, drug trafficking and organized crime
- 1.3 Developments in the Middle East and North Africa: potential challenges to global and regional stability
- 1.4 Parliamentary diplomacy: challenges and perspectives
- 1.5 Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals
- 1.6 Promoting cultural, educational and personal exchanges

**2. Economics and Trade in the Asia-Pacific**

- 2.1 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2012: Report of the Russian delegation on the results of the APEC Summit in Vladivostok)
- 2.2 Parliamentary dimension of trade and economic cooperation and integration processes in the Asia-Pacific Region, taking into account the WTO aspect
- 2.3 Development of transport infrastructure and modern logistics centres
- 2.4 Intensive cooperation for ensuring innovative growth
- 2.5 Strengthening of food security

**3. Regional cooperation in the Asia-Pacific**

- 3.1 Dialogue of civilizations, promotion of cultural, educational and humanitarian contacts, harmonization of youth policy, migration processes
- 3.2 Problems of poverty eradication, sustainable social security in the context of global financial imbalances
- 3.3 Energy security, energy dialogue and energy efficiency
- 3.3 Promoting economic partnership and free trade
- 3.4 Cooperation in disaster prevention and disaster management, environmental protection

**4. Further activities of the APPF**

- 4.1 The results of the first year of the APPF reform process and the new APPF Rules of Procedure
- 4.2 Date and venue of the 22<sup>nd</sup> APPF annual meeting

## Working through the agenda

- 2.13 Annual meetings of the APPF progress through the agenda as delegates make speeches on agenda items. Those countries that have proposed a draft resolution on a particular agenda item usually speak to it. Debate is open to speakers other than representatives from those countries that have proposed resolutions. Completion of debate in the plenary on an agenda item is usually followed by negotiation and debate on relevant draft resolution(s) in meetings of the Drafting Committee, and any working groups or sub-committees that it may establish.
- 2.14 For most of the agenda items at APPF21, more than one draft resolution had been proposed. Working groups were convened to negotiate to settle a single 'draft resolution' on a topic to bring before the Drafting Committee and then the plenary, for adoption. The working groups usually comprised representatives from delegations that had proposed the resolution(s) under consideration and representatives of any other delegations with an interest in participating in negotiations and drafting.
- 2.15 At APPF21 the work of the Drafting Committee was begun by a formal meeting of the full committee in the afternoon of 28 January. The meeting agreed a schedule of working group meetings, with working group meetings to be held later that afternoon and in the morning of the 29 January. Subsequently the Drafting Committee met later on 28 January and on 29 January. The 14 'final' resolutions that were settled by the Drafting Committee were put to the plenary at the last session of the meeting on 30 January, and adopted by consensus, in accordance with APPF practice.<sup>1</sup> The Forum adopted a final resolution on each of the five topics for which Australia had proposed a draft resolution.

## Australia's preparations for participation, debate and negotiation

- 2.16 With assistance from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), the Parliamentary Library and the delegation's secretariat, detailed briefing material on all agenda items was provided to the delegation in December 2012. The briefing material was accompanied by background material on Russia. In January 2013, additional briefing material on many countries and background material on all countries from DFAT was provided to the delegation.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.appf21.com/documents/> (viewed 7 February 2013).

After May 2013, it is likely that the APPF21 website will no longer be supported (as is the custom when the annual meeting secretariat hands over to the secretariat for the next meeting) and the text of final resolutions and other key meeting documents will be available at: <http://www.appf.org.pe/> (Annual meetings page). A list of the resolutions and sponsoring countries is also at Appendix C of this report.

- 2.17 The delegation held an initial briefing meeting in Canberra on 29 October 2012 and a further meeting on 26 November 2012. At the first meeting, the delegation considered a background briefing on the APPF together with the agenda for the forthcoming Annual Meeting, and agreed to submit a draft resolution for each agenda item to be spoken to in the plenary. The second meeting was attended by three members of the Australian delegation to APPF20, namely, Mr Forrest, MP, Senator Back and Senator Bilyk who referred to their experience at the annual meeting. This provided continuity. At the second meeting, the delegation also received a briefing from DFAT.
- 2.18 The briefing meetings were important in the delegation's preparations for the annual meeting, particularly given the need to submit draft resolutions and register speakers in advance of the Annual Meeting.
- 2.19 The delegation was met in Vladivostok, by Mr Peter Nagy, First Secretary, from the Embassy in Moscow. Mr Nagy accompanied the delegation at the Annual Meeting, and his support, professionalism and advice were greatly appreciated.
- 2.20 On Sunday, 27 January, the delegation received a very useful briefing from Australia's Honorary Consul in Vladivostok, Mr Vladimir Gorokhov, on the Russian Far East region and potential opportunities for Australia. This region is very large, resource rich, and undeveloped – it is 25% larger than Australia, with a population less than half that of Australia – with potential opportunities for Australia in mining services, equipment and support; higher education; and food. The delegation was able to explore these issues in a bilateral meeting with representatives of the Russian delegation.
- 2.21 The Australian delegation wishes to express its sincere gratitude for the high level of support it continues to receive from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The Parliamentary Library also provided valuable assistance. The delegation's secretariat provided background information on APPF procedures as well as additional background and drafting on some agenda items.
- 2.22 The quality of work that goes into preparatory briefings and materials and support during the Annual Meeting itself, make a significant contribution to the delegation's capacity to represent the Parliament effectively and to participate fully at annual meetings of the APPF.

### **Draft resolutions proposed**

- 2.23 Thirty-eight draft resolutions were proposed by ten countries including five by Australia. (This number compares to 35 proposed at APPF20, 37 proposed at APPF19 and 29 proposed at APPF18). Most proposed

resolutions were received in sufficient time to be published on the APPF21 website, allowing other delegations an opportunity to consider them before the meeting. All draft resolutions received were adopted for consultation in the Annual Meeting. These comprised:

■ **Australia**

- ⇒ Peace and stability in the Asia Pacific: strengthening of democracy, respect for sovereignty and prospects of building up a regional collective security system
- ⇒ Combatting terrorism, drug trafficking and organized crime
- ⇒ Food Security
- ⇒ Energy security, energy dialogue and energy efficiency
- ⇒ Cooperation in disaster prevention, disaster management and environmental protection

■ **Chile**

- ⇒ Trade and economic integration and cooperation processes in the Asia-Pacific area, considering the WTO and the parliamentary dimension
- ⇒ Transport infrastructure development and modern logistics centres
- ⇒ Intensive cooperation for ensuring innovative growth
- ⇒ Energy security, energy dialogue and energy efficiency

■ **Ecuador**

- ⇒ Eliminating hunger on the basis of sustainable models of agricultural development
- ⇒ A humanitarian approach to organising the economic system and a model of sustainable development

■ **Indonesia**

- ⇒ Parliamentary diplomacy
- ⇒ Fighting against terrorism, drug trafficking and transnational organised crime
- ⇒ The Middle East Peace Process
- ⇒ Strengthening of Food Security
- ⇒ Dialogue of civilizations, promotion of cultural, educational and humanitarian contacts, youth policy harmonisation and migration processes

■ **Japan**

- ⇒ The Situation of the Korean Peninsula
- ⇒ The Middle East Process
- ⇒ Economy and Trade

- **Republic of Korea**
  - ⇒ Peace and stability of the Asia-Pacific region
  - ⇒ Promotion of free trade through global economic cooperation
- **Mexico**
  - ⇒ Drug Trafficking and Organized Crime
  - ⇒ Parliamentary diplomacy
  - ⇒ Economy and trade in the Asia-Pacific
  - ⇒ Intensive cooperation to ensure increased innovation
  - ⇒ Energy security
  - ⇒ Dialogue among civilisations, cultural promotion, educational and humanitarian contacts, youth policy harmonisation and migratory processes
- **New Zealand**
  - ⇒ Economy and trade
- **Russia**
  - ⇒ Political and security matters in the Asia Pacific
  - ⇒ Trade and economic cooperation in the Asia Pacific
  - ⇒ Developing transport infrastructure in the Asia Pacific
  - ⇒ Food security cooperation in the Asia Pacific
  - ⇒ Energy security cooperation in the Asia Pacific
  - ⇒ Regional cooperation in youth policies in the Asia Pacific
  - ⇒ Scientific and educational cooperation in the Asia Pacific
- **The Philippines**
  - ⇒ Peace and stability in the Asia Pacific
  - ⇒ Cooperation on disaster prevention, disaster management and environmental protection
  - ⇒ Energy security, energy dialogue and energy efficiency

## Australia's contribution to debate and settling resolutions

2.24 This section of the report outlines the work of the delegation as it spoke to and negotiated on selected agenda items and resolutions that had been proposed. The Australian delegation submitted five draft resolutions. A resolution was put forward for each of four agenda items spoken on, and a fifth resolution was provided on the topic of combatting terrorism, drug trafficking and organised crime. Each delegation member spoke to an agenda item in the plenary and delegation members participated in the associated working groups and in other working groups. Ms Smyth was the delegation's principal representative on the Drafting Committee.

- 2.25 The delegation leader, Hon John Murphy MP spoke to agenda item 2.1: Peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific. In commending Australia's draft resolution to the meeting, Mr Murphy addressed the importance, in Australia's view, of democracy based on universal values, for enhanced peace and stability in the region. He outlined how Australia has worked to support democracy, good governance and peace and stability in the region, and referred to the importance of multilateral regional architecture in addressing the many issues and challenges confronting the region and the world. Mr Murphy cited cyber terrorism and cyber security as examples of such challenges, and referred to the recent announcement by the Australian Prime Minister of a new Australian Cyber Security Centre to strengthen Australia's ability to protect against cyber attacks.
- 2.26 Agenda item 2.5 on strengthening of food security was addressed by the delegation's Deputy Leader, the Hon Bruce Scott MP. Mr Scott referred to the significant global challenge of feeding the world's every growing population. It is estimated, for example, that global agricultural production will need to grow by 70 per cent by 2050, and by almost 100 per cent in developing countries. Mr Scott referred to the drivers behind food insecurity in the Asia-Pacific and outlined elements of a comprehensive approach to improve global food security. He commended Australia's draft resolution to the meeting.
- 2.27 Mr Entsch's speech to the plenary on cooperation in disaster prevention and management and environmental protection, agenda item 3.4, referred to the number, scale and increasing impact of natural disasters particularly in the Asia-Pacific region, and to work being done by Australia to reduce or mitigate the impact of natural disasters. Under the terms of Australia's draft resolution, which he commended to the meeting, countries are called upon to participate fully in the development of the post 2015 global framework for disaster risk reduction, and to increase their legal preparedness for disasters, and governments are urged to integrate sustainable development into policy making.
- 2.28 Ms Smyth addressed the meeting on agenda item 3.3, energy security, energy dialogue and energy efficiency. Ms Smyth said that maintaining and enhancing energy security in a sustainable and environmentally sound manner is a critical global and regional challenge. She highlighted work that Australia is doing to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, and recent findings of the International Energy Agency on the potential for the world to achieve greater energy efficiency. Under the terms of Australia's draft resolution, which she commended to the meeting, the Forum resolves to recommend that governments increase their efforts to encourage implementation of energy efficiency solutions and the development and use of low carbon emission technologies.

- 2.29 In addition to speeches at the plenary, the delegation was represented at, and contributed actively and constructively to, seven of the twelve working groups at the meeting. These were the working groups on the five agenda items for which Australia had submitted draft resolutions, and two further working groups on 'Developments in the Middle East and North Africa' and on 'Economics and trade in the Asia-Pacific'.
- 2.30 The delegation was also an active participant in the meetings of the Drafting Committee. Mr Scott and Ms Smyth represented the delegation at the first meeting of the Committee on 28 January, and Ms Smyth represented the delegation at the subsequent meetings.

### Final plenary session

- 2.31 On 30 January 2013, at the final plenary session, the meeting considered and adopted the resolutions and Joint Communiqué prepared by the Drafting Committee after the working groups had undertaken the initial negotiations. The Joint Communiqué contains an overview of the activities of the meeting. It outlines the attendance at the meeting, the broad scope of the debates, the resolutions adopted, acknowledgment of the work of the hosts and plans for the next annual meeting to be held in Puerto Vallarta in 2013. A copy of the joint statement from the Communiqué is contained in Appendix D of this report.<sup>2</sup>
- 2.32 The topics of the 14 resolutions that were adopted at APPF21 are set out in Appendix C. Australia was co-sponsor of five of these resolutions.
- 2.33 The closing address was made by the leader of the Mexican Delegation, Senator Teófile Torres Corzo, who looked forward to welcoming delegates to Mexico in 2014. The meeting dates for APPF22 were agreed as 12-16 January.

### Bilateral meetings

- 2.34 On Wednesday 29 January, delegation members held a bilateral meeting with representatives of the Russian delegation, led by the Hon Vyacheslav Shtyrov, Deputy Chair of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly. The meeting discussed the bilateral relationship and opportunities for increased bilateral engagement between the two countries.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.appf21.com/documents/> viewed 8 February 2013. After May 2013, it is likely that the APPF20 website will no longer be supported (as is the custom when the annual meeting secretariat hands over to the secretariat for the next meeting) and the text of final resolutions and other key meeting documents will be available at: <http://www.appf.org.pe/> (Annual meetings page).

- 2.35 In addition, all delegation members took the opportunity to participate in informal discussions during breaks in meetings of the plenary, Drafting Committee and working groups and at the social activities organised for that purpose.

## **Additional meetings and activities**

- 2.36 Ms Smyth represented the delegation at a meeting of young parliamentarians on 30 January 2013 and contributed to the message from participants to the plenary. The message sought support for conducting sessions for young parliamentarians as a regular part of the annual APPPF meetings. At the request of the Australian delegation, it was proposed that a focus of the sessions would be ways to encourage the greater civic engagement of young people in the Asia-Pacific region.
- 2.37 Delegation members observed the round table discussion on 30 January on the topic of 'Asia-Pacific - Europe - New horizons for cooperation'. The round table included participation by observers from inter-parliamentary bodies as follows: the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) member nations<sup>3</sup>, the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of EurAsEC<sup>4</sup>, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC)<sup>5</sup>.
- 2.38 Delegation members also took the opportunity to visit the information displays and presentations by the Russian regions of Siberia and the Far East.

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<sup>3</sup> The members of the IPA CIS are: the Milli Mejlis of the Azerbaijan Republic; the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia; the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus; the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan; the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic; the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova; the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation; the Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan; and the Supreme Rada of the Ukraine. The Afghanistan Parliament has observer status.

<sup>4</sup> The Eurasian Economic Commission member countries are: Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

<sup>5</sup> The BSEC member states are: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey and the Ukraine.

## Outcomes

- 2.39 The Twenty-first Annual Meeting comprised a full program of meetings and formal social activities. The Australian delegation contributed to debate in the plenary, to negotiations on draft resolutions in meetings of working groups, and to the work of the Drafting Committee throughout the meeting.
- 2.40 The delegation is satisfied that its representation of the Parliament at the meeting activities, both formal and informal, demonstrated the Australian Parliament's continuing commitment to the Forum. The delegation is also satisfied that it made the most of its time in Russia to gain some understanding of the Russian economy and political system and the prospects for development in the Russian Far East including development opportunities in which Australia enterprises could be engaged.
- 2.41 The delegation notes that there are lead times for participation in the APPF annual meetings. Draft resolutions need to be provided two months in advance of the annual meeting, for APPF22 this will be by 12 November, and delegates wishing to make statements in the plenary need to be registered in advance. Accordingly, the delegation suggests that Australian delegation members be identified by October each year.
- 2.42 The delegation also suggests that it would also be helpful if members of the previous APPF delegation were able to attend an initial briefing meeting with members of the incoming Australian delegation to provide continuity. Australian Delegations to the APPF annual meetings have frequently been led at Presiding Officer level, which has provided continuity.

**Hon John Murphy MP**  
**Delegation Leader**

Figure 2



The Australian Delegation in attendance at a plenary session

Figure 3



Delegation member, the Hon Warren Entsch MP, presenting in a plenary session

Figure 4

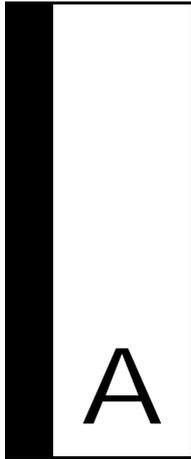


Delegation member, Ms Laura Smyth MP in a meeting of the Drafting Committee

Figure 5



The Australian Delegation and officials with the President of the APPF21,  
HE Ms Valentina Matvienko



## Appendix A

### **Agenda and Program for the Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the APPF**

#### Agenda

- **1. Political and Security Matters**
  - 1.1 Peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific: strengthening of democracy, respect for sovereignty and prospects of building-up a regional collective security system
  - 1.2 Fighting against terrorism, drug trafficking and organized crime
  - 1.3 Developments in the Middle East and in North Africa: potential challenges to global and regional stability
  - 1.4 Parliamentary diplomacy: challenges and perspectives
  
- **2. Economics and Trade in the Asia-Pacific**
  - 2.1 APEC2012 (report of the Russian delegation on the results of the APEC Summit in Vladivostok)
  - 2.2 Parliamentary dimension of trade and economic cooperation and integration processes in the Asia-Pacific Region, taking into account the WTO aspect
  - 2.3 Development of transport infrastructure and modern logistics centres
  - 2.4 Intensive cooperation for ensuring innovative growth
  - 2.5 Strengthening of food security

- **3. Regional cooperation in the Asia-Pacific**

- 3.1 Dialogue of civilizations, promotion of cultural, educational and humanitarian contacts, harmonization of youth policy, migration processes
- 3.2 Problems of poverty eradication, sustainable social security in the context of global financial imbalances
- 3.3 Energy security, energy dialogue and energy efficiency
- 3.4 Cooperation in disaster prevention and disaster management, environmental protection

- **4. Future work of APPF**

- 4.1 The results of the first year of the APPF reform process under the new APPF Rules of Procedure
- 4.2 Date and venue of the 22<sup>nd</sup> APPF Annual Meeting

## Program—including official APPF engagements

### SUNDAY 27 JANUARY 2013

#### 1730 Executive Committee Meeting

Discussion and adoption of:

- The agenda of the session
- The program of events

#### 2000 Welcome reception for the guests on behalf of the Governor of the Primorsky Territory, Mr Valdimir V. Miklushevskiy

### MONDAY, 28 JANUARY 2013

#### 1000 Opening Ceremony

Welcoming address by H.E. Ms Valentina Matvienko, Chairperson of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, President of the APPF

Statement by the Leadership of the Russian Federation

Statement by Yasuhiro Nakasone, Honorary President of the APPF

Statement by the Leader of the Japanese Delegation

Photo session

#### 1130 First Plenary session

Section 1: Political and Security Matters

#### 1300 Lunch

#### 1415 Drafting Committee Meeting

#### 1415 First Plenary session (continued)

Section 1: Political and Security Matters

#### 1615 First Plenary session (continued)

Section 1: Political and Security Matters

#### 1930 Reception hosted by the Delegation of the Russian Federation in honour of the national delegations

### TUESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2013

#### 0900 Second Plenary session

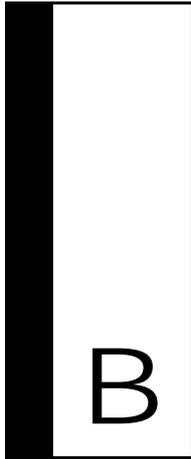
Section II: Economics and Trade Matters

#### 0900 Drafting Committee Meeting

- 1045 Second Plenary session (continued)**  
Section II: Economics and Trade Matters
- 1300 Lunch**
- 1415 Drafting Committee Meeting**
- 1415 Second Plenary session (continued)**  
Section II: Economics and Trade Matters
- 1545 Drafting Committee meeting**
- 1545 Third Plenary Session**  
Section III: Regional Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific
- 1800 Presentation of programs of development and international cooperation of the Russian regions of Siberia and the Far East**  
**Presenting of education and research programmes**
- 1900 Reception** hosted by H.E. Ms Valentina Matvienko, Chairperson of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, President of the APPF

**WEDNESDAY, 30 JANUARY 2013**

- 0900 Third Plenary session (continued)**  
Section III: Regional Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific
- 0900 Drafting Committee meeting**
- 1115 Round Table: Asia-Pacific – Europe: New Horizons of Cooperation** with participation of the members of delegations and special representatives (observers) from the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Inter-Parliamentary Union, Asian Parliamentary Assembly and other international parliamentary organizations.
- 1115 Meeting of Young Parliamentarians from the Asia-Pacific Region**
- 1115 Drafting Committee Meeting** (*completion of work on final documents*)
- 1330 Lunch**
- 1500 Fourth Plenary Session**  
Section IV: Further work of the APPF
- 1700 Fifth Plenary Session**  
- adoption of Resolutions and Joint Statement  
- signature of the Joint Statement by the leaders of the delegations
- 1745 Closing Ceremony**
- 1745 Press Conference**
- 2000 Dinner, concert program**



## Appendix B

### **Delegates to the Twenty-first Annual Meeting<sup>18</sup>**

#### **AUSTRALIA**

Mr John Murphy MP

Delegation Leader

Hon Bruce Scott MP

Deputy Speaker

Hon Warren Entsch MP

Ms Laura Smyth MP

(+ 2 staff members)

#### **CAMBODIA**

HE Mr Chheang Vun

Member of Parliament and  
Leader of delegation

HE Mr Chhit Kimyeat

Senator

HE Mr Men Kuon

Member of Parliament

HE Ms Ker Chanmony

Member of Parliament

HE Ms Em Ponna

Member of Parliament

(+ 4 staff members)

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<sup>18</sup> A full list of participants and observers at APPF annual meetings can usually be obtained at <http://www.appf.org.pe/> at the Annual Meetings page

**CANADA**

Mike Wallace	Senator and Leader of delegation
Hon JoAnne Buth	Senator
Hon Donald Neil Plett	Senator
Hon Joseph A Day	Senator
Peter Braid	Member of Parliament
Pierre Lemieux	Member of Parliament
Alex Atamanenko	Member of Parliament
Alexandrine Latendresse	Member of Parliament
Hon John McCallum	Member of Parliament
(+ 1 staff member)	

**CHILE**

Mr Marcos Antonio Nunez Lozano	Deputy and Leader of delegation
Muñoz Aburto Pedro Héctor	Senator
Mr Pedro Araya Guerrero	Deputy
Mr Mario Bertolino Rendic	Deputy
Mr Sergio Bobadilla Munoz	Deputy
Mr René Rodrigo Gonzalez Torres	Deputy
Mr Fidel Edgardo Espinoza Sandoval	Deputy
Mr Gabriel Moises Silber Romo	Deputy

**CHINA**

HE Mr Wu Bangguo	Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress and Leader of delegation
Zhang Zhijun	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
Wei Liucheng	Member of the National People's Congress
Li Hui	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to the Russian Federation
Zha Peixin	Member of the National People's Congress
Chen Sixi	Member of the National People's Congress
Wu Xiaoling	Member of the National People's Congress
Zhong Shan	Deputy Minister of Commerce
(+ 3 staff members)	

**COSTA RICA**

Hon Mr Jorge Rojas Segura	Deputy, Leader of delegation
Mr Ernesto Jimenez Morales	Member of the National Assembly

**ECUADOR**

Mr Vladimir Vargas	Member of Parliament and Leader of delegation
Ms Gioconda Saltos	Member of Parliament
Mr Jaime Abril	Member of Parliament
Mr Alfredo Ortiz	Member of Parliament

**INDONESIA**

Hon Mr Pramono Anung Wibowo	Delegation leader and Vice Speaker
Hon Dr Surahman Hidayat	Chairman of the Committee for International Parliamentary Cooperation Committee
Hon Mr Sidarto Danusubroto	Vice Chairman of Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation Committee
Hon Mr Andi Anzhar Cakra Wijava	Vice Chairman of Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation Committee
Hon Azam Azman Natawijana	Member of Parliament
Hon Mr Idris Sugeng	Member of Parliament
Hon Mr Dodi Reza Alex Noerdin	Member of Parliament
Hon Hasrul Azwar	Member of Parliament
Hon Mr Muchtar Amma	Member of Parliament
Hon Dr Laode Ida	Member of Parliament
Hon Mr Mudaffar Sjah	Member of Parliament
Hon Muhammad Gazali	Member of Parliament
Hon Hj Emma Yohanna Hariadi	Member of Parliament
Hon Ir Sarah Lery Mboeik	Member of Parliament
Shaleh Muhamad Aldjufri	Member of Parliament
Hon Pardi Bin Arsin Amang	Member of Parliament
Dr Djauhari Oratmangun	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic and Indonesia to the Russian Federation

(+ 19 staff members)

**JAPAN**

Mr Masahiro Imamura	Member and Leader of delegation
Mr Hitoshi Goto	Member
Mr Masato Imai	Member
Mr Wataru Ito	Member
Ms Eri Tokunaga	Member of House of Councillors
Mr Yoshihiko Isozaki	Member of House of Councillors

Mr Takuji Yanagimoto  
(+25 staff members)

Former Member

### **KOREA**

HE Chang Hee Kang

Speaker and Leader of Delegation

Hon Hee Soo Chung

Member of Parliament

Hon Lee Jae Lee

Member of Parliament

Hon Kwan Suk Youn

Member of Parliament

Hon Jin Bok Lee

Member of Parliament

Hon Kwan Young Kim

Member of Parliament

Mr Sung Lac Wi

Ambassador of the ROK to the  
Russian Federation

(+ 49 staff members)

### **LAO PDR**

HE Ms Pany Yathotou

President of the Lao National  
Assembly and Leader of Delegation

Hon Mr Khampheuy

Panemalaythong

Member of Parliament

Hon Ms Bounngong Boupcha

Vice-Chair of Foreign Affairs  
Committee

HE Mr Thieng Boupcha

Ambassador Lao PDR in Moscow

(+ 3 staff members)

### **MALAYSIA**

HE Sri Abu Zahar Ujang

President of the Senate  
and Leader of Delegation

HE Doris Sophia Brodi

Deputy President of the Senate

HE Abdul Rahim Abdul Rahman

Senator

HE Muhammad Olian Abdullah

Senator

HE Noriah Mahat

Senator

HE Khoo Soo Seang

Senator

HE Nallakaruppan Solaimalai

Senator

HE Yunus Kurus

Senator

HE Syed Ibrahim Kader

Senator

(+ 4 staff members)

### **MEXICO**

Sen Teófilo Torres Corzo

Chairman, Asia Pacific Foreign  
Affairs Committee and  
Leader of Delegation

Sen José Ascención Orihuela Bárcenas

Chairman, Economic Promotion  
Committee

Sen Manuel Cavazos Lerma

Chairman, Special Committee for

Sen Daniel Gabriel Ávila Ruiz	Analysis and Monitoring of Public Finances Secretary, Asia Pacific Foreign Affairs Committee
Sen Iris Vianey Mendoza Mendoza	Secretary, Directive Board of Mexican Senate
Sen Martin Orozco Sandoval	Chairman, Federalism Committee
Dep Alfonso Inzunza Montoya	Chairman, Fishing Committee
Dep Maria Carmen López Segura	Secretary, North Border Issues Committee
Dep Ricardo Villarreal Garcia	Secretary, Finance and Public Credit Committee
Mr Ruben Beltran	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mexico to the Russian Federation
Dep Fernando Zárate Salgado (+ 5 staff members)	Secretary Foreign Affairs Committee
<b>MICRONESIA</b>	
Hon Joseph J Urusemal	Chairman of the Committee on Education (former President of Micronesia)
Hon Peter M Christian	Chairman of the Committee on Transport and Communications
Hon Yosirwo P Gearge  (+ 1 staff member)	Vice Chairman of the Committee on Health and Social Affairs
<b>MONGOLIA</b>	
Mr Sangajav Bayartsogt	Vice Chairman of Parliament and Leader of delegation
Mr Nyamaa Enkhbold	Chairman of Minority Caucus
Mr Namdag Battserreg	Chairman of Justice coalition caucus
Mr Gavaa Batkhuu (+ 1 staff member)	Member of Parliament
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	
Mr William Lindsay Tisch	Vice Speaker, House of Representatives and Delegation leader
Ms Denise Maree Roche	Member of Parliament
Mr Iain Lees-Galloway (+ 1 staff member)	Member of Parliament

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

Hon Aide Ganasi

Deputy Speaker of the National  
Parliament of the Independent State  
of Papua New Guinea and  
Leader of delegation

(+ 3 staff members)

**PHILIPPINES**

Hon Rufus B Rodriguez

Member of Parliament and  
Leader of delegation

Hon Giorgidi Aggabao

Member of Parliament

Hon Jun Omar Ebdane

Member of Parliament

(+1 staff member)

**RUSSIA**

Ms Valentina Matvienko

Chairperson of the Council of  
Federation

Mr Ilyas Umakhanov

Vice Chairman of the Council of  
Federation

Ms Svetlana Orlova

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of Federation

Mr Shtyrov Vyacheslav

Vice Chairman of the Council of  
Federation

Mr Zhelenznyak Sergey

Vice Chairman of the State Durma

Mr Ozerov Victor

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Mr Klishas Andrey

Member of the Council of Federation

Mr Gorbunov Gennadiy

Member of the Council of Federation

Ms Dragunkina Zinaida

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Mr Kulakov Vladimir

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Mr Iskuzhin Rudik

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Member of the Council of Federation

Ms Zabolotnaya Tatiana

Member of the Council of Federation

Mr Ponomarev Valeriy

Member of the Council of Federation

Mr Zhambalnimbuev Bato-Zhargal

Member of the Council of Federation

Mr Zhuravlev Nikolai

Member of the Council of Federation

Ms Bokova Ludmila

Member of the Council of Federation

Mr Sudarenkov Valery

Member of the Council of Federation

Mr Zuga Igor

Member of the Council of Federation

Mr Afanasov Mikhail

Member of the Council of Federation

Mr Hasikov Batu	Member of the Council of Federation
Mr Pinskiy Victor	Deputy of the State Duma
Mr Goryacheva Svetlana	Deputy of the State Duma
Mr Goldshtein Rostislav	Deputy of the State Duma
Ms Glubokovskaya Elmira	Deputy of the State Duma
Mr Kalyuzhny Ruslan	Deputy of the State Duma
Mr Kornienko Alexey	Deputy of the State Duma
Mr Krutov Andrey	Deputy of the State Duma
Mr Svintsov Andrey	Deputy of the State Duma
Mr Pehtin Vladimir	Deputy of the State Duma
(+5 staff members)	

### **SINGAPORE**

Ms Ng Phek Hoong Irene	Member of Parliament and Leader of delegation
Mr Gerard Giam Yean Song	Non-Constituency Member of Parliament
Mr Fang Kuo Wei Nicholas (+ 1 staff member)	Nominated Member of Parliament

### **THAILAND**

Hon M R Wutilert Devakul	Member of the Senate and Leader of delegation
Hon Mr Sunai Chulpongsatorn	Member of the House of Representatives
Hon Mr Jatuporn Jaroenchua	Member of the House of Representatives
Hon Mr Samart Ratchapolsitte	Member of the House of Representatives
Hon Mr Apiwat Ngenmune	Member of the House of Representatives
Hon Mrs Narumon Siriwat	Member of the Senate
Hon M L Preeyapun Sridhavat	Member of the Senate
Hon Mr Thira Suwankul	Member of the Senate
Hon Mr Jaruphong Chenaphun	Member of the Senate
Hon Mr Supoj Liadprathom (+ 9 staff members)	Member of the Senate

**VIETNAM**

Hon Mr Uong Chu Luu	Vice-President of the National Assembly and Leader of Delegation
Mr Pham Xuan Son	Ambassador
Mr Tran Dinh Nha	Vice Chairman of National Defense And Security Committee
Mr Tran Van	Vice Chairman of Finance and Budget Committee
Mr Vu Hai Ha	Executive Member of Foreign Affairs Committee
Ms Nguyen Thanh Hai	Executive Member of Culture, Education, Youth and Minors Committee
Mr Ha Minh Hue	Member of Foreign Affairs Committee
Ms Le Thi Huong (+ 6 staff members)	Member of the National Assembly

**Observers of the Twenty-first Annual Meeting****BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

Hon Datin Hajah Salbiah Haji Sulaiman	Member of Legislative Council and Leader of delegation
Hon Haji Ahmad Morshidi Pehin Dato Haji Abdul Rahman (+ 4 staff members)	Member of Legislative Council

**SPECIAL GUESTS****AFGHANISTAN**

HE Mr Ab Raouf Ibrahim	Speaker of the People's House of the National Assembly and Leader of delegation
Hon Mr Mohammad Almas Zahid	Member of Parliament
Hon Mr Mohammad Ali Akhlaqi	Member of Parliament
Hon Mr Kamal Naser Osuli	Member of Parliament
Hon Mr Safiullah Muslim	Member of Parliament
Hon Mrs Razia Sadat Mangal (+ 5 staff members)	Member of Parliament

**KAZAKHSTAN**

Mr Akhmetov Rashit

Chairman of the Committee on  
Finance and Budget of the Senate  
and Leader of delegation

Mr Pepenin Anatoliy

Member of the Mazhilis

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Director General of UNOV in  
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Office on Drugs and Crime**IPA EurAsEC**

Mr Petr Zverev

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Mr Mevlut Cavusoglu

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Member of Turkish delegation in  
PACE

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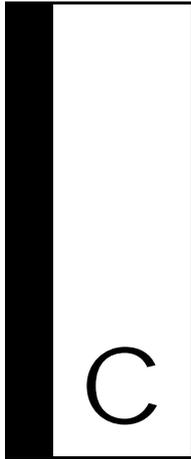
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## Appendix C

### **Resolutions of the Twenty-first Annual Meeting**

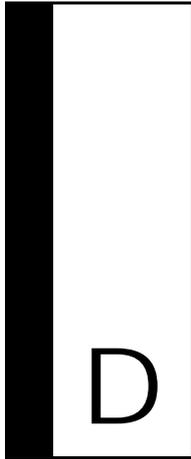
#### List of resolutions<sup>1</sup>

1. Political and Security Matters in the Asia-Pacific
2. Combating terrorism, drug trafficking, human trafficking and organised crime
3. The Middle East peace process
4. Parliamentary diplomacy
5. The situation on the Korean Peninsula
6. Energy cooperation, energy security dialogue and energy efficiency
7. Trade and economic cooperation in the Asia-Pacific
8. Developing transport infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific
9. Intensive cooperation for ensuring innovative growth
10. Food security cooperation in the Asia-Pacific
11. Dialogue among civilizations, cultural promotion, educational and humanitarian contacts, youth policy harmonization, migratory processes
12. Regional cooperation on youth policies in the Asia-Pacific
13. Scientific and educational cooperation in the Asia-Pacific
14. Cooperation on disaster prevention, disaster management and environmental protection

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<sup>1</sup> The text of the resolutions can be viewed at: <http://www.appf21.com/documents/> viewed 8 February 2013. In May after each annual meeting it is customary for the annual meeting website to be closed. Key documents are then available at <http://www.appf.org.pe/> at the Annual Meetings page.





## Appendix D

### **Joint Statement of the Twenty-first Annual Meeting**

1. At the invitation of the Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, the Twenty-First Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF) was held on 27 - 31 January 2013 in Vladivostok, Russia. 328 delegates from 23 APPF Member States and one Observer State attended the Annual Meeting. Representatives of the Parliaments of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, and of UN, PACE, PA OSCE, IPA, CIS, IPA EurAsEC, PABSEC and SCO also attended the meeting as guests. The full list of participants is attached in Appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>
2. The APPF Executive Committee convened on 27 January 2013 to approve the Agenda and Program of Work of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Executive Committee meeting is attached in Appendix 2.
3. On 28 January 2013 the President of APPF and Chairperson of the Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Her Excellency Ms Valentina Matvienko, accorded a warm welcome to all the participants and declared the Annual Meeting open. In her opening address, Her Excellency Ms Valentina Matvienko highlighted that the region is in need of a new system of intergovernmental relationship with a view to strengthen peace and security, intensify nations' development, ease the negative impact

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<sup>1</sup> The joint statement is part of the joint communiqué of the meeting. The full joint communiqué with appendixes 1 to 5 can be viewed at <http://www.appf21.com/documents/> viewed 8 February 2013. In May after each annual meeting it is customary for the annual meeting website to be closed. Key documents are then available at <http://www.appf.org.pe/> at the Annual Meetings page.

of climate change, ensure food and energy security, and enhance regional cooperation.

4. The President of the Russian Federation, His Excellency Mr Vladimir Putin sent a Welcoming Address to all the delegates on the occasion of the inauguration of the APPF 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting. Welcome message was also sent by His Excellency Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations Organization.

5. Special message from His Excellency Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, Honorary President of the APPF was delivered. Honourable Mr Masahiro Imamura addressed the delegates as leader of the delegation of Japan, the country of the preceding APPF Presidency.

6. At the opening plenary session the report of the Executive Committee was adopted and approved by the Annual Meeting. On the agenda topic of political and security matters delegates engaged in wide-ranging discussions on strengthening peace and stability in the Asia Pacific region and prospects of establishing regional collective security system. Their discussions also focussed on combating terrorism, illicit drug trafficking, human trafficking and organized crime. Delegates exchanged views on the challenges and the prospects for further development of parliamentary diplomacy.

7. At the plenary session on economic and trade cooperation in the Asia Pacific, delegates welcomed the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation 2012 Report by the Delegation of the Russian Federation. They discussed the global economic situation, development of transport infrastructure, cooperation for innovative growth, promoting economic partnership and free trade, and food security. Special attention was paid to the parliamentary dimension of trade and economic cooperation and integration processes in the Asia Pacific region.

8. At the plenary session on regional cooperation in the Asia Pacific, delegates discussed and put forward resolutions on dialogue of civilizations, promotion of cultural, educational and humanitarian contacts, harmonization of youth policy, migration processes, energy security, cooperation in disaster management and environmental protection.

9. In the course of the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the APPF the delegates were invited to take part in the round table discussion of the prospects of further cooperation between the Asia Pacific and Europe, including in a parliamentary dimension. Young parliamentarians held their meeting on 30 January 2013 to discuss the matters of youth related politics and their harmonization in the Asia Pacific. Presentations of the international cooperation programs of the Russian Far East and Siberia and of the educational and scientific programs attracted the attention of the delegates.

Those new features of the APPF meeting pattern were accepted as contributive and useful.

10. At the final plenary session the delegations reported on the progress of implementation of the New Rules of Procedure. Delegates discussed the future activities and the results of the reform of the APPF.

11. The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the APPF adopted 14 resolutions based on the topics mentioned in the preceding paragraphs. The full list of resolutions adopted is attached in Appendix 3.

12. Delegates also accepted Mexico's kind proposal to host the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the APPF in Puerto Vallarta from 12 to 16 January 2014. They also acknowledged the proposal of Ecuador to host the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the APPF in 2015.

13. At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting the Delegates thanked the Working Groups and the Drafting Committee for their efforts in developing the Joint Communiqué with related resolutions, which contributed to the successful outcome of the Meeting.

14. The Delegates expressed heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation to the Chairperson of the Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Her Excellency Ms Valentina Matvienko for her presidency of the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the APPF and to the people of the Russian Federation and the citizens of Vladivostok in particular for their hospitality and to the Secretariat and the staff for their hard work and excellent arrangements.