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Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum

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Appendix D – APPF-30, Bangkok Thailand

In-person APPF Annual Meetings resumed after the COVID-19 pandemic with APPF-30, hosted by the National Assembly of Thailand from 26 to 29 October 2022. The theme for APPF-30 was ‘Parliaments and Post-COVID-19 Sustainable Development’.

With the preparations for APPF-30 and related deadlines coinciding with the 2022 federal election and the opening of the 47th Parliament, Australia was unfortunately unable to sponsor draft resolutions and advocate for them at the Drafting Committee in accordance with its usual practice.

Australia was, however, able to assemble an observer delegation immediately before APPF-30, comprising Senator Jess Walsh (Delegation Leader), Mrs Bridget Archer MP and Senator David Van.

Notwithstanding Australia’s inability to lodge and speak to draft resolutions the delegation otherwise participated fully in the Annual Meeting. Delegation members variously spoke in the Working Groups, the meeting of women parliamentarians and the three plenary sessions, on strengthening cyber-security in the Asia-Pacific region, promoting biodiversity and a green economy for inclusive development, and regional co-operation in the Asia-Pacific.

The delegation met on the sidelines with like-minded delegations from other countries, including those of New Zealand, Japan, Canada, South Korea and host nation Thailand, to discuss negotiations at the Working Groups and issues of mutual concern. The day before the opening of APPF-30 the delegation also had the opportunity to meet with representatives of civil society groups in Thailand and members of the National Assembly, in a program organised by Australia’s Embassy in Bangkok.

The program for the Annual Meeting, draft resolutions lodged by other member countries, and the merged resolutions and joint communique adopted by the Drafting Committee are all available at the APPF-30 website.⁶

⁶ <https://web.parliament.go.th/view/63/APPF30/EN-US> (accessed September 2024).