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“Resilient Partnerships for Peace, Prosperity, and Sustainability”

DECLARATION OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS

The Young Parliamentarians of the 31st Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum:

Acknowledging the unique capacity and role of young parliamentarians in addressing contemporary challenges such as cybercrime, strengthening democratic governance, and managing to thrive in a volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (VUCA) world,

Noting that the global index of young parliamentarians under the age group of 30 and under is at 2.6%, 40 and under at 17.5%, and 45 and under 30.2%,

Reflecting on global strides to revitalize parliaments and democracy through youth representation and the pivotal role of young parliamentarians in forging dynamic and responsive governments, it is timely to intensify youth leadership into parliamentary decision-making processes, thereby enabling their more substantial contributions, fostering a more inclusive and responsive governance which drives meaningful progress on youth-related issues and priorities, as well as echoing the spirit of youth as future leaders, change makers and influencers of the region,

Recognizing that young parliamentarians' enthusiasm and innovative thinking as significant keys in adapting to evolving political landscape and forging a stronger and more resilient Asia Pacific region and community,

Noting further the initiatives of international organizations, such as the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, in recognizing young leaders as drivers in the economy and legislature,

Reiterating the importance of fostering engagement between young parliamentarians and young people to deepen the understanding and connection of parliaments and their constituents and harness opportunities to better themselves as responsible citizens and future leaders,

Being convinced that partnership amongst young parliamentarians may offer unique perspectives, mitigate the risks, and offer innovative recommendations to build and expand secure critical infrastructure,

Underscoring the role of young parliamentarians to ensure the protection and resilience of critical infrastructure,

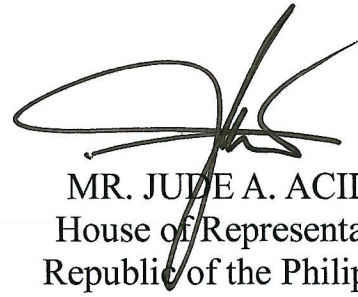
DECLARES TO:

1. **Enjoin** the APPF Member Parliaments to strengthen the institutional capacity of young parliamentarians by providing necessary resources, support, research assistance, and training, as well as fostering stronger collaboration with external partners to support capacity building endeavors thereby enabling them to participate effectively in legislative and governance processes;
2. **Recommend** APPF Member Parliaments to encourage an increased representation of young parliamentarians in all Parliamentary Committees, to ensure that youth perspectives are integrated into key policy discussions and decisions;
3. **Encourage** the APPF Member Parliaments to consider providing opportunities for young parliamentarians to hold key roles, allowing for a more significant presence of youth as decision-makers, taking into account the diversity of parliamentary systems and practices of each country;
4. **Encourage** the establishment of Youth Caucuses or Committees within each APPF Member Parliament, comprising young parliamentarians from diverse political backgrounds, to amplify youth voices and foster active participation in legislative and decision-making processes at both regional and national levels to intensify youth leadership development that echoes the spirit of youth as future leaders, change-makers and influencers of the region;
5. **Support** the APPF Member Parliaments to endorse initiatives that stimulate youth participation in governance, mirror global efforts, and encourage respective Parliaments to regularly review their practices and legislation and dismantle barriers that hinder the involvement of young parliamentarians;

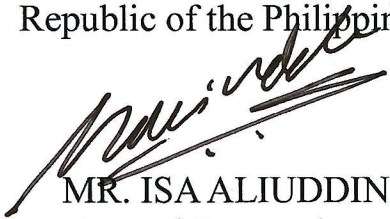
6. **Enjoin** Member Parliaments to proactively engage the youth, particularly through social media and other digital platforms, that offer unique opportunities for public outreach, policy dialogue, and mobilization, including fostering youth-mainstreaming in legislative and governance processes; and
7. **Call upon** the Member Parliaments to support the inaugural Meeting of Young Parliamentarians in the 32nd APPF Annual Meeting.



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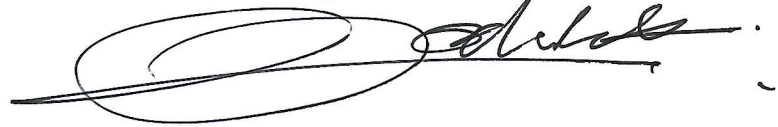
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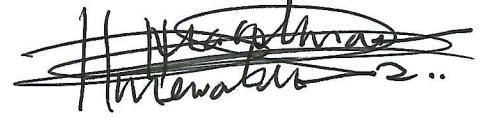
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