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**Report of the APA Standing Committee On
Economic and Sustainable Development**

Bandung, 9 December 2009

The Standing Committee on **Economic and Sustainable Development** held its meeting on 9 December 2009 and adopted its agenda.

1. Honorable, Mr. Georgy Leontiev, representative of State Duma, Russian Federation chaired the meeting. Honorable, Mr. Khalil Ebrahim Al Marzooq from Kingdom of Bahrain was elected as the vice-Chairperson and Mr. Kenzhegaliy Sagadiyev from Kazakhstan was elected as Rapporteur of the Standing Committee.
2. The documents before the Standing Committee were:
 - a. EC.2/Res/2009/01: Draft Resolution on Integrated Energy Market in Asia,
 - b. EC.1/Res/2009/08: Draft Resolution on Alleviating Poverty in Asia
 - c. EC.1/Res/2009/07: Draft Resolution on Environmental Issues, Global Warming, Climate Change and Planting Billions of Trees throughout Asia
 - d. EC.1/Res/2009/02: Draft Resolution on Ramifications of International Financial Crisis for the Economies of the Countries of APA Member Parliaments
3. The Standing Committee first reviewed the background information on the Draft Resolution on Integrated Energy Market in Asia. It was pointed out that the Sub-Committee met in Istanbul, on 3-5 November 2009, considered the report of the Secretary General (SG/Rep/2009/09/rev.1), and developed the Draft Resolution before the Standing Committee. It was also stressed that the Sub-Committee considered it important to hold the next meeting of the Advisory Group on Energy composed of experts from parliaments and governments in the second half of February 2010 in (Bahrain) in order to further study the APA documents on energy, particularly the

issues of stability of energy market, energy efficiency, energy intensity and the concept of Asian Gas Network as reflected in the Secretary-General's Report of 1 November 2009 and to submit a report to the meeting of the Sub-committee on Energy in July 2010 in Russia.

4. The Standing Committee reviewed the background information on the Draft Resolution on Ramifications of International Financial Crisis for the Economies of the Countries of APA Member Parliaments. It was pointed out that the Sub-Committee met twice, in Kuala Lumpur and Amman, in 2009, considered the report of the Secretary General (SG/Rep/2009/01 dated 6 February and SG/Rep/2009/02 dated 27 May 2009), and developed the Draft Resolution before the Standing Committee.
5. The Standing Committee reviewed the background information on the Draft Resolutions on Alleviating Poverty in Asia. It was pointed out that the Sub-Committee met in Siem Reap, Cambodia on 22-23 July 2009 and considered the report of the Secretary General (SG/Rep/2009/08/Rev.1). A number of amendments to the Draft Resolution were proposed and consequently it was adopted as amended.
6. The Standing Committee reviewed the background information on the Draft Resolutions on Environmental Issues, Global Warming, Climate Change and Planting Billions of Trees throughout Asia. It was also pointed out that the Sub-Committee met in Seoul, Republic of Korea on 1-2 July 2009. In the course of discussions, it was decided to set up a working group to discuss the amendments. The working group met and considered different proposals and then finalized the Resolution.
7. The Standing Committee took note with appreciation of the Reports submitted by the APA Secretary-General to each Sub-Committee that constituted the basis of deliberations in the sub-committees leading to the development of the draft resolutions above.
8. Many delegations including the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bahrain, Malaysia, Kazakhstan, Bangladesh, Cambodia and China proposed amendments or made observations that contributed to further enriching the Draft Resolutions.
9. 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
 - e. APA/Economic/Res/2009/01: Draft Resolution on Integrated Energy Market in Asia,
 - f. APA/Economic/Res/2009/02: Draft Resolution on Alleviating Poverty in Asia
 - g. APA/Economic/Res/2009/03: Draft Resolution on Environmental Issues, Global Warming, Climate Change and Planting Billions of Trees throughout Asia

- h. APA/Economic/Res/2009/04: Draft Resolution on Ramifications of International Financial Crisis for the Economies of the Countries of APA Member Parliaments
10. The Honorable Delegate of the Russian Federation expressed his readiness to host the relevant meeting of the Sub-Committee under the Standing-Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development in July 2010.