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**Report of the APA Standing Committee On
Social and Cultural Affairs
Bandung, 8 December 2009**

Rapporteur:

Honorable Mr. Nurul Islam(Bangladesh)

The Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs held its meeting on 8 December 2009.

1. Honorable Mr. Gibson Kanai of Palau chaired the meeting. The meeting adopted its agenda unanimously. Honorable Mr. Chhit Kim Yeat of Cambodia and Honorable Mr. Nurul Islam of Bangladesh were elected as Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur of the Standing Committee respectively.
2. The following documents were before the Standing Committee:
 - a. EC.1/Res/2009/03: Draft Resolution on Combating Corruption
 - b. EC.1/Res/2009/04: Draft Resolution on Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia
 - c. EC.1/Res/2009/05: Draft Resolution on Protecting and Respecting Cultural Diversity in Asia
 - d. EC.1/Res/2009/06: Draft Resolution on Achieving Health equity in Asia

- e. Draft Resolution on Rendering Assistance to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking
3. The Member Parliaments participating in the Standing Committee actively took part in the discussions and exchanged views in a constructive manner and made comments on the Reports of the Secretary-General as well as the relevant draft resolutions adopted by the Executive Council. The participants also emphasized on the importance of continuing the work of the above-mentioned Sub-Committees in 2010.
 4. The Standing Committee adopted Draft Resolutions on Combating Corruptions, Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization in Asia and Protecting and Respecting Cultural Diversity in Asia after introduction of amendments by a number of delegations.
 5. The Committee adopted the Draft Resolution on Achieving Health Equity in Asia without any amendment.
 6. The delegation of the Russian Federation introduced the Draft Resolution on Rendering Assistance to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking. The Committee adopted this Draft Resolution after introduction of an amendment by a number of delegations.
 7. The Chairman informed the Standing Committee that the Palau National Congress will host the Sub-Committee meetings under the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs in the second week of March 2010. The exact date of the meeting will be communicated to all Member Parliaments later.