

## **The 15th Asian Parliamentarians Meeting on Population and Development Statement**

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Seoul, Korea

We, the Parliamentarians of Asia concerned with population and development issues, met in Seoul. We discussed and reconfirmed The Hague Declaration adopted by Parliamentarians from all over the world in February 1999 in The Hague, Netherlands, and discussed further action for implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action.

We, the participants of the 15th Asian Parliamentarians Meeting on Population and Development, having the mandate of the people to make responsible judgements for the future, present the following statement.

- 1) We reaffirm our commitment to work for achieving the aims and goals of the ICPD Programme of Action.
- 2) We endorse and fully support The Hague Declaration of Parliamentarians on ICPD Review.
- 3) We reaffirm that without achieving an interrelationship between population, sustainable development and environment, we will not be able to solve population problems.
- 4) For achieving sustainable development, it is essential that long term perspectives in this direction are reflected in international conventions and agreements, including international trade agreements.

We, the Parliamentarians committed to population and development issues, urge that international agreements be fully consistent with long-term perspectives on population issues.

We, being the representatives of the people, urge the august gathering of the world at this UN Special Session to reflect our Hague Declaration in the Resolution of the United Nations Special Session of the General Assembly containing proposals for key actions for further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, to be held at 30 June to 2 July.

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All Participants of

The 15th Asian Parliamentarians Meeting on Population and Development