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**L A P O R A N**  
**DELEGASI DEWAN PERWAKILAN RAKYAT REPUBLIK INDONESIA**  
**KE SIDANG PLENO KE-15 ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY (APA)**

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**I. PENDAHULUAN**

**A. LATAR BELAKANG**

Sidang Pleno *Asian Parliamentary Assembly* (APA) ke-13 kembali digelar secara luring di Baku, Azerbaijan pada 17-21 Februari 2025. Pleno tersebut dihadiri oleh perwakilan delegasi dari 26 Parlemen Anggota APA dan perwakilan dari 7 organisasi parlemen.

Tema utama yang menjadi puncak pertemuan insan parlemen Asia tersebut adalah *Role of Parliamentary Diplomacy in Strengthening Multilatera Cooperation in Asia*. Partisipan menyampaikan pandangan terkait peran diplomasi parlemen sebagai suara rakyat dalam kerangka menyikapi pelbagai tantangan atau ancaman kawasan dan global terutama terkait perdamaian dan keamanan.

Untuk diketahui, APA merupakan organisasi kerja sama antarpارlemen di Asia dengan 43 negara anggota. APA sendiri merupakan kelanjutan dari *Association of Asian Parliamentarian for Peace* (AAPP). Pada sidang ke-7 AAPP, di Tehran, Iran AAPP resmi bertransformasi menjadi APA.

Pembentukan APA diharapkan dapat memainkan peran strategis yaitu antara lain: (i) mempromosikan perdamaian, keadilan sosial, dan kebersamaan; (ii) *sharing* akses iptek di semua bidang; (iii) kerja sama pengelolaan SDM dan SDA; (iv) kerja sama kesehatan dan gizi; (v) berkontribusi terhadap integrasi di antara negara Asia dalam kerangka mendayagunakan potensi di Asia.

Fokus pembahasan APA juga dikembangkan mencakup aspek ekonomi, sosial dan nilai-nilai budaya di Asia. Pembahasan isu-isu penting di APA tersebut telah memberikan kontribusi positif dalam mendukung pelaksanaan tugas Pemerintah terutama dalam mendukung pelaksanaan politik luar negeri.

Misi partisipasi Delegasi DPR RI ke Pleno APA ke-15 ini adalah untuk terus menyuarakan sikap DPR RI, dalam rangka mendukung posisi kebijakan Politik Luar Negeri Pemerintah, terhadap sejumlah isu krusial kawasan dan global antara lain perubahan iklim, ekonomi, politik keamanan, sosial dan budaya,

perempuan, kemiskinan, Agenda Pembangunan Berkelanjutan, dan secara spesifik terkait krisis di Jalur Gaza.

## B. DASAR PENGIRIMAN DELEGASI

Partisipasi Delegasi DPR RI menghadiri Sidang Pleno ke-15 *Asian Parliamentary Assembly* (APA) pada tanggal 17-21 Februari 2025 di Baku, Azerbaijan berdasarkan:

1. Surat dari Ketua *Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan* kepada Ketua DPR RI tertanggal 10 Januari 2025 perihal undangan untuk menghadiri Sidang Pleno ke-15 APA di Baku, Azerbaijan;
2. Surat Disposisi Ketua DPR RI Nomor 015/INTERNAL/KORPOLKAM/DPR RI/XII/2025 tertanggal 21 Januari 2025 perihal Permohonan Izin untuk menghadiri Sidang Pleno ke-15 APA di Baku, Azerbaijan;
3. Surat Tugas Nomor 003/S/ST-PD.LN/AP.02/01/2025 tentang Perjalanan Dinas dalam rangka menghadiri Sidang Pleno ke-15 APA.

## C. SUSUNAN DELEGASI DPR RI

Susunan Delegasi DPR RI pada Sidang Pleno ke-15 *Asian Parliamentary Assembly* (APA) pada tanggal 17-21 Februari 2025 di Baku, Azerbaijan terdiri dari:

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| 1. |  | Dr. H. Mardani Ali Sera, M.Eng.<br>Ketua BKSAP / Anggota Delegasi<br>F-PKS (A-447) / Komisi II     |
| 2. |  | Robert Joppy Kardinal, S.A.B.<br>Anggota BKSAP / Anggota Delegasi<br>F-PGolkar (A-365) / Komisi IV |



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| 3. |    | Dr. H. Musa Rajekshah, M. Hum.<br>Anggota BKSAP / Anggota Delegasi<br>F-PGolkar (A-267) / Komisi V            |
| 4. |    | Gulam Mohamad Sharon<br>Anggota BKSAP / Anggota Delegasi<br>F-PNasDem (A-414) / Komisi XII                    |
| 5. |   | Dr. Hj. Arzeti Bilbina Setyawan, S.E., M.A.P<br>Anggota BKSAP / Anggota Delegasi<br>F-PKB (A-039) / Komisi IX |
| 6. |  | Dr. Syahrul Aidi Maazat, L.c., M.A.<br>Anggota BKSAP / Anggota Delegasi<br>F-PKS (A-442) / Komisi V           |

#### D. MAKSUD DAN TUJUAN PENGIRIMAN DELEGASI

Maksud pengiriman Delegasi DPR RI ke Sidang Pleno ke-15 *Asian Parliamentary Assembly* (APA) pada tanggal 17-21 Februari 2025 di Baku, Azerbaijan yaitu:

- 1) Berpartisipasi dalam seluruh rangkaian Sidang APA untuk bertukar pandangan dan pengalaman terkait isu-isu kawasan yaitu politik, keamanan, ekonomi, dan sosial budaya.
- 2) Menyampaikan berbagai masukan dan perubahan terhadap rancangan resolusi sesuai dengan posisi dan kepentingan kebijakan luar negeri Indonesia, termasuk terkait krisis di Jalur Gaza.
- 3) Menghasilkan laporan dan rekomendasi untuk kemudian dibahas dan diputuskan dalam Sidang Pleno APA.

Adapun tujuan pengiriman Delegasi DPR RI ke Sidang Pleno ke-15 *Asian Parliamentary Assembly* (APA) pada tanggal 17-21 Februari 2025 di Baku, Azerbaijan yaitu:

- 1) Memanfaatkan Sidang Pleno ke-15 APA untuk mempertahankan hubungan multilateral DPR RI dengan parlemen negara-negara Asia.
- 2) Memperkuat eksistensi dan kontribusi Parlemen Indonesia dalam berbagai pengambilan keputusan regional melalui APA.
- 3) Menegaskan komitmen Parlemen Indonesia terhadap upaya-upaya untuk menentukan arah perkembangan organisasi APA dan mendorong peran aktif APA di kawasan Asia di masa-masa mendatang.
- 4) Melaksanakan peran diplomasi parlemen sebagai salah satu unsur penting *total diplomacy* dalam kerangka mendukung pendekatan multilateral dalam mengatasi berbagai permasalahan kawasan sejalan dengan kebijakan luar negeri dan kepentingan nasional RI.

#### **E. MISI DELEGASI**

Misi Delegasi DPR RI menghadiri Sidang Pleno ke-15 *Asian Parliamentary Assembly* (APA) pada tanggal 17-21 Februari 2025 di Baku, Azerbaijan adalah memperjuangkan kepentingan nasional Indonesia agar terakomodir dalam rancangan-rancangan resolusi yang dibahas, meliputi isu-isu pencapaian tujuan pembangunan berkelanjutan, pertumbuhan ekonomi, perubahan iklim, energi, kerja sama sosial budaya dan perempuan.

Misi lainnya adalah memperjuangkan isu kemanusiaan di Gaza dan pada saat yang sama mengukuhkan komitmen dan kepemimpinan Indonesia di kawasan Asia dalam mewujudkan perdamaian abadi dan stabilitas kawasan dan dunia.

#### **F. PERSIAPAN PELAKSANAAN TUGAS**

Serangkaian kegiatan dilakukan pada masa persiapan partisipasi Delegasi DPR RI ke Sidang Pleno ke-15 APA pada tanggal 17-21 Februari 2025 di Baku, Azerbaijan, baik dari segi teknis maupun dari sisi substansi.

Dalam kerangka kelancaran tugas Delegasi dari segi teknis, Sekretariat BKSAP DPR RI menyiapkan sarana dan prasarana yang mendukung bagi keikutsertaan Delegasi dalam Sidang Pleno ke-15 APA. Sementara dari sisi substansi, Sekretariat bersama Tenaga Ahli BKSAP DPR RI telah menyusun usulan amandemen rancangan-rancangan resolusi, posisi, dan *statement* delegasi, dengan mempertimbangkan masukan dari sejumlah stakeholder terutama Kementerian Luar Negeri RI.

## G. ANGGARAN

Kegiatan partisipasi Delegasi DPR RI pada Sidang Pleno ke-15 APA pada tanggal 17-21 Februari 2025 di Baku, Azerbaijan ini menggunakan anggaran APBN dari anggaran perjalanan dinas yang telah dialokasikan pada DIPA Satuan Kerja Dewan Tahun Anggaran 2025 sebesar Rp. 1.636.880.000,00 (Satu Milyar Enam Ratus Tiga Puluh Enam Juta Delapan Ratus Delapan Puluh Ribu Rupiah).

## II. ISI LAPORAN

### A. AGENDA SIDANG

Sidang Pleno ke-15 *Asian Parliamentary Assembly* di Baku, Azerbaijan dilaksanakan selama 5 (empat) hari pada tanggal 17-21 Februari 2025 yang dihadiri oleh 26 (dua puluh enam) negara anggota APA.

Adapun agenda yang dibahas pada Sidang Sidang Pleno ke-15 APA pada tanggal 17-21 Februari 2025 di Baku, Azerbaijan adalah sebagai berikut:

1. *APA Executive Council Meeting*
2. *Inaugural Ceremony*
3. *Plenary Session*
4. *Standing Committee Meeting on Economic and Sustainable Development Goal*
5. *Standing Committee Meeting on Budget and Planning*
6. *Standing Committee Meeting on Social and Cultural Affairs*
7. *Standing Committee Meeting on Political Affairs*
8. *Meeting of the Drafting on Baku Declaration*
9. *Closing Ceremony*

### B. SITUASI UMUM PERSIDANGAN DAN PARTISIPASI DELEGASI DPR RI

#### *APA Executive Council Meeting*

Rangkaian kegiatan Sidang Pleno ke-15 APA diawali dengan Sidang Dewan Eksekutif (*the Executive Council Meeting*) yang berlangsung di hari pertama yaitu pada 18 Februari 2025. Sidang dipimpin oleh Rizvan Nabiyeu (Parlemen Azerbaijan). Delegasi DPR RI yang menghadiri sidang ini adalah **Bapak Dr. Syahrul Aidi Maazat** didampingi oleh Staf Sekretariat dan Tenaga Ahli BKSAP DPR RI.

Secara umum Sidang Dewan Eksekutif berjalan lancar dan dinamis. Para peserta menyampaikan hal-hal yang berkaitan dengan korganisasian APA, terutama terkait gagasan untuk menyederhanakan draf-draf resolusi agar draf-draf lama yang sudah diadopsi tidak diajukan kembali di pertemuan selanjutnya sebagai draf-draf resolusi. Namun gagasan ini belum dapat disepakati. Pasalnya, draf-draf yang sudah diadopsi dapat diamandemen sesuai dengan perkembangan terbaru.



Isu krisis di Jalur Gaza juga mendapat perhatian luas selama sidang termasuk dari Delegasi Indonesia. Dalam kaitan tersebut, Bapak Syahrul menyampaikan bahwa perjuangan bangsa Palestina adalah salah satu masalah yang paling penting karena berkaitan erat dengan isu kemanusiaan, kebebasan, dan keadilan.

Lebih lanjut disampaikan bahwa keadaan mengerikan yang terjadi di Palestina berakar dari penjajahan atau pendudukan Israel, yang telah berlangsung selama lebih dari tujuh dekade. Oleh karena itu, berdasarkan konstitusi Indonesia, Parlemen dan Pemerintah Indonesia tidak akan pernah memiliki hubungan dan ikatan diplomatik dengan Israel sang penjajah.

Ia juga menegaskan bahwa Jalur Gaza dewasa ini tengah pada situasi lebih kritis karena kesepakatan gencatan senjata saat ini menjadi lebih rapuh terutama disebabkan oleh tindakan provokatif Donald Trump yang akan mengambil alih Jalur Gaza dan akan mengusir warga Gaza dari Jalur Gaza. Oleh sebab itu, APA harus memperkuat posisinya agar lebih terpadu dan bersatu, baik di tingkat regional maupun global, untuk menyelamatkan kesepakatan gencatan senjata yang sampai taraf tertentu telah membantu menyediakan situasi yang lebih kondusif bagi rakyat Palestina di Jalur Gaza, terutama dalam kerangka penyaluran akses bantuan kemanusiaan global.

Isu krusial lain yang menyeruak di persidangan adalah pembahasan posisi presidensi APA untuk masa jabatan berikutnya. Parlemen Islam Iran dan Parlemen Bahrain mengajukan diri untuk posisi tersebut.

Melalui konsultasi dan diskusi yang konstruktif, sidang berhasil menyepakati Parlemen Bahrain sebagai Presiden APA untuk periode tahun 2026 dan Parlemen Islam Iran sebagai Presiden APA untuk periode tahun 2027.

Sidang juga berhasil menyepakati posisi empat Wakil Presiden APA untuk tahun 2025 yaitu Rusia, Qatar, dan Bahrain.

Sidang juga meliputi beberapa hal penting yaitu: (1) penyampaian laporan Sekretaris Jenderal APA terkait kegiatan APA selama tahun 2024/2025; (2) menyetujui permohonan Kesultanan Oman untuk keanggotaan penuh APA dan permohonan Republik Belarus untuk status pengamat APA untuk diajukan ke Pleno APA untuk mendapatkan persetujuan; (3) mempertimbangkan berbagai rancangan resolusi dari empat komisi APA yang berhasil diadopsi untuk persetujuan akhir di Pleno APA; (4) mempertimbangkan laporan Kelompok Kerja Dokumen Hukum di Bahrain dan Irak terkait Pasal 5 dan 8 Piagam APA dan Aturan 15 dan 34.1 Aturan Tata Tertib APA untuk ditinjau di mana sidang mempertimbangkan dan menyetujui amandemen yang diusulkan dan merekomendasikannya kepada Sidang Paripurna ke-15 untuk persetujuan akhir. Secara prinsip, Sidang Eksekutif menyambut baik keputusan penting mengenai pembayaran yang setara dan hak suara yang setara, mengakui bahwa anggaran APA sangat penting untuk fungsinya yang efektif, dan meminta semua Negara Anggota untuk mengambil langkah-langkah yang diperlukan guna mengalokasikan dana yang dibutuhkan; (5) merekomendasikan Komite Palestina untuk melanjutkan tugasnya sebagai subkomite dari Komite Tetap Politik.





### **Inaugural Ceremony**

Sidang Pembukaan Sidang Pleno APA ke-15 dihelat pada tanggal 19 Februari 2025, di Baku, Republik Azerbaijan. Parlemen Anggota APA yang menghadiri pembukaan tersebut adalah: Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bhutan, Kamboja, Tiongkok, Siprus, **Indonesia**, India, Iran, Irak, Yordania, Kazakhstan, Kirgistan, Laos, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Palestina, Qatar, Rusia, Arab Saudi, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turki, UEA, dan Uzbekistan. Pembukaan juga dihadiri oleh observer yaitu IPC, IPACIS, Liga Anggota Parlemen untuk Al Quds, TURKPA, PABSEC, PUIC dan satu undangan yaitu CICA.



Pertemuan tersebut dibuka dengan pidato oleh Sahiba Gafarova, Ketua Milli Mejlis Azerbaijan yang menyampaikan sejumlah bidang prioritas yang ditetapkan sebagai bagian dari tanggung jawab Presiden APA, termasuk mengembangkan kapasitas kelembagaan APA, memperluas keanggotaannya, dan merevitalisasi lembaga yang ada, serta meningkatkan efisiensi kapasitas organisasi.

Pidato kedua di sesi pembukaan tersebut disampaikan oleh Sekretaris Jenderal APA, Mohammad Reza Majidi, yang menegaskan komitmennya untuk mempercepat kemajuan program-programnya APA di tahun-tahun mendatang. Ia juga menggarisbawahi peran penting diplomasi parlemen di tengah situasi krusial saat ini ketika seluruh dunia menghadapi tantangan yang beraneka ragam. Ia juga mengecam kebijakan sepihak yang dilakukan secara global yang melanggar semua aturan dan norma internasional dengan

tujuan merusak perdamaian dan keamanan termasuk krisis kemanusiaan yang sedang berlangsung di Jalur Gaza setelah 15 bulan kejahatan perang Entitas Zionis.

### **Plenary Session**

Sidang Pleno diselenggarakan setelah Sesi Pembukaan. Agenda utama sesi pleno tersebut adalah *General Debate* di mana representasi Delegasi APA menyampaikan pandangannya terkait tema utama Sidang APA ke-15 yaitu *Role of Parliamentary Diplomacy in Strengthening Multilatera Cooperation in Asia*.

Delegasi DPR RI merupakan satu-satunya anggota APA yang diberikan kesempatan dua kali untuk menyampaikan pandangannya di *General Debate* yaitu oleh **Ketua DPR RI Dr. (HC) Puan Maharani** dan **Ketua BKSAP DPR RI Dr. Mardani Ali Sera**.



Ketua DPR RI pada sesi tersebut menekankan bahwa diplomasi parlemen harus secara aktif berkontribusi untuk menciptakan perdamaian yang adil dan langgeng. Hal tersebut penting untuk menyelesaikan masalah global karena masalah tersebut secara langsung memengaruhi konstituen anggota parlemen di lapangan.

Lebih lanjut ditegaskan urgensi penyelesaian damai atas perang dan konflik di Gaza, Ukraina, dan bagian lain dunia. Ia secara lebih khusus mengajak seluruh parlemen Asia memastikan gencatan senjata di Gaza dilaksanakan,

menjamin akses bantuan kemanusiaan bagi rakyat Palestina, dan menolak gagasan untuk merelokasi penduduk Gaza dari tanah air mereka.

Di sisi lain, Ketua DPR mendorong semua yang hadir pada KTT APA ke-15 untuk mengambil tindakan berani dan mengesampingkan perbedaan, terlebih lagi saat ini dunia berada dalam era ketidakpastian yang besar. Terakhir, ia pun menyinggung soal isu kesetaraan semua negara hingga pentingnya tercipta perdamaian global, termasuk bagi Palestina.



Sementara itu, Ketua BKSAP DPR menyampaikan sejumlah hal strategis yaitu: (1) mengingatkan ihwal kebijakan Donald Trump yang dapat menyulut krisis multilateralisme di mana Trump mempromosikan unilateralisme dan proteksionisme; (2) menyoroti Survei Persepsi Risiko Global 2024-2025 terbaru yang diluncurkan oleh Forum Ekonomi Dunia. Survei tersebut mengungkap lanskap risiko terkini yang mencakup konflik bersenjata berbasis negara, peristiwa cuaca ekstrem, konfrontasi geoekonomi, misinformasi dan disinformasi, polarisasi masyarakat, kemerosotan ekonomi, perubahan kritis pada sistem bumi, kurangnya peluang ekonomi atau pengangguran, erosi hak asasi manusia dan/atau kebebasan sipil, dan ketidaksetaraan. Survei tersebut telah memberikan gambaran yang sangat jelas bahwa dunia saat ini dilumpuhkan oleh banyak tantangan besar yang mendesak, yang membahayakan perdamaian, keamanan, dan kehidupan manusia secara umum; (3) mengingatkan bahwa dewasa ini di sebagian besar belahan dunia masih dipenuhi oleh permusuhan dan kebencian yang terwujud dalam bentuk unilateralisme, pendudukan, apartheid, eksploitasi, dan diskriminasi sebagai cara berinteraksi antarbangsa di dunia; (4) menyampaikan keprihatinan sangat mendalam terkait masih terus



berlanjutnya penderitaan rakyat Palestina sejak lebih dari tujuh dekade akibat pendudukan brutal Israel; (5) menegaskan APA sebagai satu-satunya platform parlemen yang menghimpun parlemen di kawasan Asia harus mampu memanfaatkan komponen-komponen potensinya untuk menjadikan dunia lebih baik, menghadirkan keadilan dan kewajaran bagi semua dengan tidak ada satu negara pun di dunia kebal dari hukum.

### **Sidang *Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development*** **APA**



*Meeting of Standing on Economic and Sustainable Development* dilaksanakan pada 20 Februari 2025 dan membahas 7 (tujuh) Rancangan Resolusi mengenai isu energi, lingkungan, pertumbuhan ekonomi, pengentasan kemiskinan, pengimplementasian agenda pembangunan berkelanjutan, air dan sanitasi, serta perubahan iklim.

Sidang dipimpin oleh Ahmed Alsalloom (Parlemen Bahrain) di mana forum menyepakati agenda draf agenda pertemuan. Dalam pengantarnya, Alsalloom menyambut para peserta dan menyatakan bahwa semua 7 rancangan resolusi yang akan dipertimbangkan telah dibahas secara ekstensif di Manama dan ditinjau selama Dewan Eksekutif di Baku, oleh karena itu forum berada pada posisi yang tepat untuk meminta Sidang Paripurna untuk pengesahannya.

Namun demikian, forum kemudian mengusulkan agar tujuh rancangan resolusi tersebut dilihat lagi secara cepat untuk diadopsi satu per satu. Para peserta menyambut baik usulan tersebut. Forum berhasil menyampaikan beberapa editorial/koreksi kecil yang dimasukkan ke dalam rancangan resolusi-resolusi tersebut.

### **Sidang Standing Committee on Budget and Planning**



*Meeting of Standing on Budget and Planning* membahas 1 (satu) Rancangan Resolusi mengenai rencana anggaran organisasi APA. Sidang tersebut dihelat pada 19 Februari 2025 dan dipimpin oleh Ahmad bin Hitmi Al-Hitmi dalam kapasitasnya sebagai Wakil Presiden APA.

Dalam pengantarnya, Al-Hitmi menegaskan bahwa saat rapat Komite Tetap Anggaran dan Perencanaan diadakan pada bulan November 2024 di Doha, Qatar telah diadopsi resolusi Anggaran & Perencanaan tersebut. Disebutkan bahwa diperkirakan anggaran sejumlah satu juta USD per tahun bagi APA.

Forum menyepakati jumlah tersebut dibagi secara rata di antara 44 anggota APA sehingga masing-masing anggota APA dikenakan kewajiban membayar 22.000 USD. Namun juga kontribusi sukarela oleh anggota tertentu yang lebih kaya juga dapat dipertimbangkan. Demikian juga harus mempertimbangkan formula untuk menghukum anggota APA yang menahan atau menunda pembayaran iuran wajibnya.

Sementara itu pihak Sekretariat APA menyampaikan harapan bahwa parlemen anggota APA dapat mulai membayar iuran wajibnya setelah Sidang Paripurna APA ke-15 mengadopsi resolusi terkait iuran ini.



### Sidang *Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs*



*Meeting of Standing on Social and Cultural Affairs* membahas 13 (tiga belas) Rancangan Resolusi yang meliputi tentang isu-isu kerja sama budaya, integrasi Asia melalui pemanfaatan Teknologi Komunikasi dan Informasi, kesehatan, pemberantasan korupsi, keberempuanan, perdamaian kawasan, pemberantasan perdagangan narkoba dan obat-obatan terlarang, kepemudaan dan anak-anak, kesejahteraan masyarakat pengembangan Sumber Daya Manusia di Asia, turisme serta Komisi tentang Perempuan.

Sidang dihelat pada tanggal 19 Februari 2024, dan diketuai oleh Gennady Ordenov (Parlemen Rusia) yang dalam pengantarnya mengingatkan rapat Komite Tetap Urusan Sosial dan Budaya yang telah diselenggarakan pada bulan September 2024 di Moskow. Ketika di Rusia, 3 rancangan resolusi diperbarui dan diadopsi secara konsensus. Rancangan resolusi baru tentang dukungan tatanan dunia multipolar yang lebih adil diperkenalkan sebagai rancangan resolusi baru oleh Rusia dan diadopsi secara konsensus. Rancangan resolusi tentang “Komisi Perempuan” dibahas secara menyeluruh pada sesi Komite ini dan ditunda ke rapat berikutnya untuk dibahas lebih lanjut.

Namun demikian, forum kemudian mengusulkan agar tujuh rancangan resolusi tersebut dilihat lagi secara cepat untuk diadopsi satu per satu. Para peserta menyambut baik usulan tersebut. Forum berhasil menyampaikan beberapa editorial/koreksi kecil yang dimasukkan ke dalam rancangan resolusi-resolusi tersebut. Akhirnya, 13 rancangan resolusi berhasil diperbaharui untuk diajukan ke Pleno APA ke-15 untuk mendapatkan persetujuan akhir.

### **Sidang Standing Committee on Political Affairs**



*Meeting of Standing on Political Affairs* diselenggarakan pada tanggal 20 Februari 2025 yang dipimpin oleh Jabbar Frayyeh Abbas Al Kinani (Parlemen Irak).

Dalam pengantarnya, Al Kinani mengingatkan kembali bahwa Komite Tetap Urusan Politik pada tanggal 11-12 Januari 2025 di Baghdad, Republik Irak. Komite Tetap mengesahkan semua 8 rancangan resolusi dan menyerahkannya kepada Dewan Eksekutif. Delapan resolusi tersebut kembali dibahas satu per satu dan berhasil disepakati untuk mendapatkan persetujuan akhir dari Pleno APA ke-15. Penting dicatat bahwa selama pembahasan resolusi-resolusi tersebut, semua delegasi yang berpartisipasi menyatakan dukungan penuh dan solidaritas mereka terhadap rakyat Palestina.

### **Pertemuan Bilateral**

Sebagai tambahan, Delegasi DPR RI di sela-sela persidangan, juga melakukan pertemuan bilateral yaitu:

- Ketua DPR pada tanggal 19 Februari 2025 melakukan pertemuan dengan Ilham Aliyev, Presiden Azerbaijan. di Baku, Azerbaijan, Rabu (19/2/2025) waktu setempat. Dalam pertemuan tersebut disampaikan urgensi peningkatan kerja sama karena saat ini sudah ada pemberlakuan Visa on Arrival (VoA) resiprokal antarkedua negara untuk wisata dan untuk mempererat hubungan antarmasyarakat. Ia juga mendorong agar lebih

banyak pihak swasta kedua negara untuk melakukan promosi peningkatan perdagangan dan investasi. Ia menegaskan bahwa Azerbaijan merupakan salah satu mitra strategis bagi Indonesia di kawasan Eurasia. Hal lain yang disinggung yaitu urgensi peningkatan kerja sama dagang dan investasi khususnya di bidang industri pertahanan, energi baru dan terbarukan, dan konstruksi, pendidikan dan latihan bersama, pertukaran informasi dan teknologi. Disampaikan juga bahwa Aliyev mengundang perusahaan Indonesia untuk turut berpartisipasi dalam proyek-proyek rekonstruksi di wilayah Karabakh.

- Pada 18 Februari 2025, Ketua DPR bertemu dengan Ketua Majelis Nasional Azerbaijan, Sahiba Gafarova. Keduanya juga membahas berbagai isu antara lain terkait hubungan bilateral Indonesia dan Azerbaijan yang akan memasuki usia 33 tahun. Disampaikan bahwa DPR RI periode 2024-2029 telah membentuk Grup Kerja Sama Bilateral (GKSB) Indonesia-Azerbaijan pada 30 Januari 2025 lalu untuk memperkuat hubungan antarpemerintah. Lebih lanjut ditegaskan bahwa Azerbaijan merupakan salah satu mitra strategis bagi Indonesia di kawasan Eurasia. Beberapa isu disinggung antara lain: urgensi menurunkan hambatan perdagangan antara kedua negara, kerja sama energi, hubungan antar masyarakat (people-to-people contact) terutama yang melibatkan generasi muda, kerja sama sosial-budaya seperti pembukaan jurusan Bahasa Indonesia pada Azerbaijan University of Language, sektor pendidikan dan riset, situasi di Ukraina dan Gaza.

### III. HASIL-HASIL YANG DICAPAI

Sidang Pleno ke-15 APA dengan tema *“Role of Parliamentary Diplomacy in Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in Asia”* yang diselenggarakan pada tanggal 17 – 21 Februari 2025 di Baku-Azerbaijan secara luring ini menghasilkan 6 (enam) Report yaitu *Final Report 15<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary Session, Report of the Second Executive Council Meeting, Report of the Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development, Report of Standing Committee on Budget and Planning, Report of the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs* dan *Report of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs*, serta berhasil mengadopsi 21 (dua puluh satu) Rancangan Resolusi dari 4 (empat) Sidang Standing Committee yaitu *Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development, Standing Committee on Budget and Planning, Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs*, dan *Standing Committee on Political Affairs*.

Sidang *Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development* berhasil mengadopsi 7 (tujuh) Rancangan Resolusi dari 7 (tujuh) Rancangan Resolusi yang disiapkan. dengan rincian sebagai berikut: 1) *The Establishment of an Asian Energy Market*; 2) *Environmental Issues*; 3) *Financial Affairs: Ensuring Efforts for Economic Growth*; 4) *Poverty Eradication*; 5) *The Role of APA Parliaments in*

*Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals; 6) Water and Sanitation in Asia for All; 7) Asian Climate Financial Initiative.*

Sidang *Standing Committee on Budget and Planning* berhasil mengadopsi 1 (satu) Rancangan Resolusi dari 1 (satu) Rancangan Resolusi, yaitu *Draft Resolution on Planning APA Budget*.

Sidang *Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs* berhasil mengadopsi 12 (dua belas) dari 13 (tiga belas) Rancangan Resolusi sebagai berikut: 1) *Measures to Promote Cultural Diversity and Protect Cultural Heritage in Asia*; 2) *Asian Integration through Information and Communication Technology*; 3) *Collaboration on Health Equity in Asia*; 4) *Asian Parliamentarians against Corruption*; 5) *APA Women Parliamentarians*; 6) *Promoting Dialogue and Harmony among Followers of World Religions*; 7) *Legal and Legislative Cooperation in Combating the Smuggling of Cultural Items in Asia*; 8) *Effective Cooperation in Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking in Asia*; 9) *the Promotion of Quality Child and Youth Development for Sustainable Society in Asia*; 10) *Ageing Society in Asia*; 11) *Human Development in Asia*; 12) *Tourism Cooperation in Asia*; 13) *the Commission on Women*.

Selain itu, Sidang Pleno ke-15 APA juga telah mengadopsi Baku *Declaration* yang berisi berisi sejumlah poin penting antara lain, yaitu: menegaskan komitmen terhadap Piagam Perserikatan Bangsa-Bangsa, norma dan prinsip hukum internasional yang diakui secara universal, dan Piagam APA; mendukung penguatan multilateralisme dan mengadvokasi tata kelola global yang lebih efisien, inklusif, dan transparan serta tatanan yang berdasarkan hukum internasional; menolak segala tekanan politik dan ekonomi yang melanggar hukum terhadap Negara Anggota mana pun; menggerakkan semua upaya untuk mendorong perdamaian di Asia melalui penyelesaian sengketa secara damai, dengan memberikan bantuan kepada penduduk yang terkena dampak konflik, dan dengan mendorong pemulangan orang-orang terlantar secara aman dan bermartabat; meminta PBB dan masyarakat internasional untuk secara substansial meningkatkan pengiriman bantuan kemanusiaan ke Gaza, membangun kembali infrastruktur dan merehabilitasi masyarakat Gaza; menolak dengan tegas rencana/inisiatif asing apa pun terkait masa depan Palestina dan Gaza pascaperang, yang merupakan hak mutlak rakyat Palestina.



#### IV. PERTEMUAN LAIN

Selain kegiatan Sidang, Delegasi juga berkesempatan bertemu dengan Kuasa Usaha Ad Interim (KUAL) KBRI Baku di Azerbaijan, Ibu Merita Yenni dan jajarannya. Pertemuan dengan KBRI tersebut dilakukan dalam jamuan makan siang di sela-sela sidang APA.

KBRI menyampaikan bahwa jajaran KBRI selalu siap dalam mendukung kegiatan diplomasi yang dilakukan oleh DPR RI termasuk dalam menghadiri Sidang APA ini.



## V. KESIMPULAN DAN REKOMENDASI

### A. KESIMPULAN

- a. Sidang Pleno ke-15 APA pada tanggal 17-21 Februari 2025 di Baku–Azerbaijan berjalan dengan lancar, sukses, dan sesuai rencana. Delegasi DPR RI berpartisipasi aktif dalam beragam agenda persidangan dari awal hingga akhir.
- b. Pada Pleno APA 2025 ini, tema yang diangkat adalah: *“Role of Parliamentary Diplomacy in Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in Asia”*. Melalui tema tersebut, beberapa hal yang menjadi pokok pembicaraan antara lain: peran parlemen dalam upaya memajukan kerja sama multilateralisme untuk menghadapi berbagai tantangan Bersama terutama krisis kemanusiaan yang terjadi di Gaza, isu stabilitas dan keamanan kawasan, lingkungan, penguatan peran parlemen perempuan, pertumbuhan ekonomi kawasan serta kerja sama sosial dan budaya.

### B. REKOMENDASI

- a. DPR RI sebaiknya rutin mengirimkan delegasi untuk menghadiri Sidang Pleno APA dikarenakan Indonesia memiliki posisi strategis di Kawasan Asia.
- b. Aspek pendanaan APA menjadi isu penting di mana sudah diputuskan kewajiban kontribusi bagi anggota APA. Dalam kaitan tersebut, DPR RI diharapkan segera berkordinasi dengan instansi terkait di dalam negeri perihal kewajiban kontribusi keuangan tahunan bagi APA mengingat penundaan atau penolakan pembayaran tersebut dapat memberikan dampak citra negatif Indonesia di kawasan Asia dan dapat mengurangi peran aktif DPR di APA.
- c. Agar dapat mendistribusikan resolusi-resolusi yang diputuskan dalam APA kepada seluruh pimpinan dan anggota BKSAP, serta komisi terkait di DPR RI, sehingga seluruh pihak tetap mendapatkan *update* mengenai proses dan hasil yang sudah dicapai APA selama ini, serta dapat membantu mengimplementasikannya.

## VI. PENUTUP

### A. UCAPAN TERIMA KASIH

Delegasi DPR RI menyampaikan ucapan terima kasih kepada semua pihak yang telah membantu kelancaran tugas Delegasi sehingga misi Delegasi pada Sidang Pleno ke-15 *Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA)* dapat tercapai dengan baik.

Ucapan terima kasih disampaikan khususnya kepada KUALI Kedutaan Besar RI di Baku, Azerbaijan beserta jajaran atas bantuan dan dukungan serta fasilitas yang diberikan kepada Delegasi DPR RI dan Sekretariat sehingga kegiatan dapat berjalan dengan lancar.

Ucapan terima kasih juga disampaikan kepada Direktorat Kerja Sama Intra Kawasan Asia Pasifik Kementerian Luar Negeri Republik Indonesia atas dukungan substansi dan pendampingan selama persidangan. Delegasi DPR RI mengharapkan kerja sama ini akan semakin erat pada Sidang-Sidang APA selanjutnya.

Semoga laporan ini dapat bermanfaat sebagai pustaka sejarah partisipasi DPR RI dalam kegiatan diplomasi parlemen melalui keikutsertaan dalam forum-forum antar parlemen. Laporan ini juga dapat menjadi rujukan bagi keikutsertaan DPR RI dalam forum-forum antar parlemen lainnya di masa mendatang.

## **B. KETERANGAN LAMPIRAN**

Laporan ini dilengkapi oleh lampiran hasil-hasil persidangan sebagai berikut:

- *Final Report the 15<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary Session*
- *Report of the Second Executive Council Meeting*
- *Report of Standing Committee on Budget and Planning*
- *Report of the Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development*
- *Report of the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs*
- *Report of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs*
- *List of Participants*
- *Baku Declaration*
- *Press Release*
- Kliping Berita

Demikian Laporan Delegasi ini disusun sebagai bentuk pertanggungjawaban Delegasi DPR RI atas kegiatan yang telah dilaksanakan.

Jakarta, 7 Maret 2025

a.n. Delegasi  
Ketua Delegasi,

**Dr. Mardani Ali Sera.**  
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# The 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session

Baku, Azerbaijan  
19-20 February 2025

## Final Report

*“The Role of Parliamentary Diplomacy in Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in Asia”*

### Inaugural Session

The Inaugural Session of the 15<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary was held on 19 February 2025, in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan.

Parliamentary delegations from following member countries participated in the meeting:

Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Thailand, Türkiye, UAE, and Uzbekistan.

Observer Parliaments:

National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus,

Observer Organizations:

IPC, IPACIS, League of Parliamentarians for Al Quds, TURKPA, PABSEC, PUIC,

Special guest:

CICA



[\(Attachment I\)](#)

The following dignitaries presented their statements at the inaugural ceremony:

- H.E. Ms. Sahiba GAFAROVA, Speaker of the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, APA President
- H.E. Mohammad Reza MAJIDI, the APA Secretary-General
- H.E. Speaker of Shura Council of the Kingdom of Bahrain
- H.E. Speaker of the National Assembly of Bhutan
- H.E. Speaker of the House of Rep. of Indonesia
- H.E. Speaker of the Islamic Parliament of Iran
- H.E. Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan
- H.E. Chairman of the Parliament of Tajikistan
- H.E. Chairperson of the Senate of Uzbekistan
- H.E. Chairman of the Shura Council of Oman
- H.E. Chairman of the Council of Rep. of Belarus
- H.E. First Deputy Speaker of Fed. National Council of UAE
- H.E. Vice President of Palestine National Council
- H.E. Second Deputy Speaker of Parliament of Jordan
- H.E. Second Deputy Speaker of House of Rep. of Thailand
- H.E. MP/ Grand National Assembly of Türkiye

[\(Attachment II\)](#)

At the end of the Inaugural Session the Speaker of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan announced that H.E. Rizvan Nabiyeu the Head of the delegation of Azerbaijan to APA, will be her representative at the 15<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary.

# **The 15<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary Session**

## **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda of the 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly was adopted unanimously. ([Attachment III](#))

## **2. Election of the Bureau**

The Bureau of the 15<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary is consisted of the following member states:

Chairperson : Azerbaijan

Vice- Chair : Lao

Rapporteur : Iraq

Members of the Bureau of the 15<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary were elected by acclamation.

## **3. Report of the Chairperson of the Executive Council**

H.E. Rizvan Nabiyeu the Head of the delegation of Azerbaijan and the chair of the Executive Council presented the report of the Executive Council for adoption. ([Attachment IV](#))

## **4. Report of the Secretary General on the work of the Organization**

The APA Secretary General in his report to the Plenary covered the activities and the achievements of four Standing Committees as well as other important programs of the APA between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session. ([Attachment V](#))

## **5. Adoption of the full membership of the Sultanate of Oman**

The Plenary endorsed the APA full membership of the Sultanate of Oman recommended by Executive Council.

## **6. Adoption of the Observer status of Republic of Belarus**

The Plenary endorsed APA Observer status of the Republic of Belarus

recommended by Executive Council.

## **7. General Debate: Statements by Head of Delegations on “*Role of Parliamentary Diplomacy in Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in Asia*”**

Head of Delegations addressed the theme of the 15<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary as well as other topics of their interests under this Agenda item.

The Head of Delegations of the following member Parliaments, Observer Parliaments and Organizations addressed the 15<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary:

Cambodia, China, Cyprus, India, Kazakhstan, Russia, Iraq, Lebanon, Indonesia, Qatar, Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, CICA, Laos, IA CIS, League of Parliaments of Al Quds, IPC

([Attachment VI](#))

## **8. Meeting of the Standing Committees**

Parallel to the general debates in the Plenary Hall, the meeting of four Standing Committees were held to consider and approve the relevant documents on their agenda.

## **9. Meeting of the Drafting Committee on Declaration**

An open-ended drafting committee on Baku Declaration was held. The interested delegations participated and reviewed the draft text offered by host country Azerbaijan. After an extensive exchange of views, the Baku Declaration was adopted. ([Attachment VII](#)).

1. The delegation of Parliament of the Islamic Republic of Iran, registered its reservation by stating that: “Documents adopted by the current meeting on Palestine should not explicitly or implicitly be construed in any way as recognition of the Israeli Zionist Regime.” The delegation of the Parliament of the Islamic Republic of Iran expressed its reservation regarding paragraph 9 of the Baku Declaration and emphasized that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) should be

achieved in accordance with the national laws of the Member Parliaments.

2. The following statement was received by the APA Secretariat from Parliamentary delegation of Russian Federation: *"During the discussions at the Drafting Committee the delegation of the Russian Federation has requested to amend one of the paragraphs of the Baku Declaration with a view to exclude bilateral contentious issues from the text in accordance with the Rule 21 of the APA Rules of Procedure. This request was disregarded by the Chair. The Russian delegation has stressed that points which don't enjoy consensus should be amended or deleted.*

*Although the meeting of the Drafting Committee on Declaration was concluded, debates over the specific paragraph of the declaration between concerned delegations continued on the initiative of the Chair. Despite the arguments of the Russian delegation the text remained unchanged.*

*Due to the lack of consensus, the delegation of the Russian Federation informed the APA Secretary General in a written form of its views and requested the Secretariat to draw the APA Parliaments' attention to this matter". ([Attachment VIII](#))*

3. Secretariat received an official letter from Parliament of India expressing her reservations on Operative Paragraph 5 of the Baku Declaration. ([Attachment XV](#)).

## **10. Reports of the Standing Committees on:**

- Social and Cultural Affairs ([Attachment IX](#))
- Budget and Planning ([Attachment X](#))
- Economic and Sustainable Development ([Attachment XI](#))
- Political Affairs ([Attachment XII](#))



## **11. Approval of the APA Vice-Presidents for 2025**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary considered and endorsed its Vice Presidents and the Chair of four Standing Committees as follows:

- Iran: Standing Committee on Political Affairs
- Russian Federation: Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs
- Qatar: Standing Committee on Budget and Planning
- Bahrain: Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development

## **12. Nomination of APA President for 2026-8**

Based on the recommendation of the Executive Council for the future APA Presidency, the 15<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary endorsed the Kingdom of Bahrain for the position of the APA Presidency for 2026 and the Islamic Republic of Iran for the position of APA Presidency for 2027-2028. Chairman presented the attached “Decision” which was unanimously adopted by the 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary. ([Attachment XIII](#))

## **13. Adoption of the amendments to the APA Charter and Rules of Procedure recommended by the Executive Council**

The Plenary approved the amendments to the Article 5 and 8 of APA Charter and Rules 15 and 34.1 of the APA Rules of Procedure recommended by the Executive Council. ([Attachment XIV](#))

## **15. Any other matter**

No issues were raised.

## Attachment I



### Asian Parliamentary Assembly The 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session

#### List of Participants

*February 17-21, 2025*

*Baku, Azerbaijan*

#### **Azerbaijan**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Ms. Sahiba Gafarova    | Speaker of the Milli Majlis |
| 2. Mr. Rizvan Nabiyeu     | Head of the Delegation to   |
| the APA                   |                             |
| 3. Mr. Ilham Mammadov     | Member of the               |
| Delegation to the APA     |                             |
| 4. Mr. Aydin Huseynov     | Member of the               |
| Delegation to the APA     |                             |
| 5. Ms. Gunay Aghamali     | Member of the               |
| Delegation to the APA     |                             |
| 6. Mr. Nagif Hamzayev     | Member of the               |
| Delegation to the APA     |                             |
| 7. Mr. Farid Hajiyeu      | Chief of Staff              |
| 8. Mr. Teymur Taghiyeu    | Head of the Secretariat     |
| 9. Mr. Ilkin Mammadov     | Head of the International   |
| relations department      |                             |
| 10. Ms. Aynur Nurahmadova | Assistant to the Speaker    |
| 11. Mr. Elmar Huseynov    | Assistant to the Speaker    |
| 12. Ms. Nafila Rahimova   | Secretary of the            |
| Delegation                |                             |

#### **Bahrain**

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| 13. Mr. Ali Saleh Abdulla Alsaleh | Chairman of the Shura |
| Council                           |                       |
| 14. Mr. Ahmed Alsallloom          | Member of Parliament  |
| 15. Mr. Abdulaziz Abul            | Member of Parliament  |
| 16. Ms. Jameela Alsalman          | Member of Parliament  |
| 17. Mr. Abdulhakeem Alshanoo      | Member of Parliament  |
| 18. Mr. Hani Alsaati              | Member of Parliament  |

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| 19. Mr. Husain Alhusaini                                 | Staff                                       |
| 20. Mr. Mohamed Bindaina                                 | Staff                                       |
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| <b>Belarus</b>                                           |                                             |
| 22. Ms. Natallia Kachanova<br>Council of Republic of the | Chairperson of the                          |
| 23. Mr. Vadzim Ipatau<br>House of<br>Representatives     | National Assembly<br>Deputy Chairman of the |
| 24. Mr. Sergei Aleinik                                   | Member of Parliament                        |
| 25. Mr. Uladzislau Tatarynovich                          | Member of Parliament                        |
| 26. Ms. Maryna Ilyina                                    | Member of Parliament                        |
| 27. Mr. Mikhail Rusy                                     | Member of Parliament                        |
| 28. Mr. Dzmitry Pinevich                                 | Ambassador                                  |
| 29. Ms. Katsiaryna Zhaneuskaya                           | Staff                                       |
| 30. Mr. Andrei Taranda                                   | Staff                                       |
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| 34. Ms. Alesya Vysotskaya                                | Media                                       |
| 35. Mr. Aliaksandr Mahuchy                               | Media                                       |
| 36. Mr. Andrei Lukashin                                  | Security                                    |
| 37. Mr. Aliaksandr Piatrovich                            | Security                                    |
| <b>Bhutan</b>                                            |                                             |
| 38. Mr. Lungten Dorji<br>Assembly                        | Speaker of the National                     |
| 39. Mr. Kinzang Wangchuk                                 | Member of Parliament                        |
| 40. Ms. Sonam Dema                                       | Staff                                       |
| <b>Cambodia</b>                                          |                                             |
| 41. Mr. Chanphal Ngy                                     | Head of the Delegation                      |
| 42. Mr. Pe A Cheam                                       | Member of Parliament                        |
| 43. Mr. Sokhem Pech                                      | Staff                                       |
| 44. Mr. Meng Huoth Penh                                  | Staff                                       |
| <b>China</b>                                             |                                             |
| 45. Mr. Xiaoyu Gu                                        | Head of the Delegation                      |
| 46. Mr. Xingmin Zhang                                    | Member of Parliament                        |
| 47. Ms. Dong Hou                                         | Staff                                       |
| 48. Ms. Mengyuan Qi                                      | Staff                                       |
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| 52. Mr. Kun Shen                                          | Interpreter             |
| <b>Cyprus</b>                                             |                         |
| 53. Mr. Nicolaos Tornaritis                               | Head of the Delegation  |
| 54. Ms. Loukia Mouyi                                      | Staff                   |
| <b>India</b>                                              |                         |
| 55. Mr. Kamakhya Prasad Tasa                              | Head of Delegation      |
| 56. Ms. Kiran Choudhry                                    | Member of Parliament    |
| 57. Ms. Aradhita Singh                                    | Staff                   |
| 58. Mr. Yogendra Singh                                    | Staff                   |
| 59. Mr. Sanjay Jain                                       | Counsellor              |
| 60. Mr. Amar Nath Sharma                                  | Staff of embassy        |
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| <b>Indonesia</b>                                          |                         |
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| 63. Mr. Mardani Ali Serah                                 | Member of Parliament    |
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| 65. Ms. Arzeti Bilbina Setyawan                           | Member of Parliament    |
| 66. Mr. Robert Joppy Kardinal                             | Member of Parliament    |
| 67. Mr. Syahrul Aidi Maazat                               | Member of Parliament    |
| 68. Mr. Gilang Dhielafararez                              | Member of Parliament    |
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| 87. Mr. Mohsen Zanganeh                                   | Member of Parliament    |
| 88. Mr. Ali Reza Salimi                                   | Member of Parliament    |

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| 89. Mr. Abbas Papizadeh Balangan           | Member of Parliament |
| 90. Ms. Shahin Jahangiri                   | Member of Parliament |
| 91. Ms. Fatemeh Jarareh                    | Member of Parliament |
| 92. Mr. Sodeif Badri                       | Member of Parliament |
| 93. Mr. Amir Hossein Hosseini              | Staff                |
| 94. Mr. Mohammad Ali Noudesh               | Staff                |
| 95. Ms. Leila Taati                        | Staff                |
| 96. Mr. Hasan Ashtari                      | Staff                |
| 97. Mr. Ali Haji Mohammadi                 | Staff                |
| 98. Mr. Jalal Aboulhassani Chimeh          | Staff                |
| 99. Mr. Alireza Soltani Mohammadi          | Staff                |
| 100. Mr. Naser Ghahremani Jangloo          | Staff                |
| 101. Mr. Emad Afkhami                      | Staff                |
| 102. Mr. Akbar Khorrami Mashkani           | Interpreter          |
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| 104. Mr. Mahmoud Fadaei                    | Security             |
| 105. Mr. Masoud Elahi                      | Security             |
| 106. Mr. Mahmoud Moradi                    | Security             |
| 107. Mr. Abolfazl Amouei                   | Staff                |
| 108. Mr. Kazem Shafei                      | Staff                |
| 109. Mr. Kazem Gharib Abadi                | Staff                |
| 110. Mr. Mohammad Saeed Ahadian            | Staff                |
| 111. Mr. Mojtaba Damirchiloo               | Staff                |
| 112. Mr. Seyed Mohammad Yasrebi            | Staff                |
| 113. Mr. Seyyed Abbas Hasannia Moghaddam   | Staff                |
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| 117. Mr. Amin Aeini                        | Staff                |
| 118. Mr. Ali Reza Farazi                   | Interpreter          |
| 119. Mr. Adel Abdullahy                    | Interpreter          |
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| 122. Mr. Peyman Yarahmadi                  | Security             |
| 123. Mr. Mohammad Nemati                   | Security             |
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| 125. Mr. Mohammad Reza Sadeghi             | Security             |
| 126. Mr. Amir Hossein Yazdanpanah Shourabi | Media                |
| 127. Mr. Hamed Malek Pour                  | Media                |
| 128. Mr. Shahram Namvar Zahra              | Media                |
| 129. Mr. Ali Mari                          | Media                |
| 130. Ms. Fatemeh Alikhani                  | Media                |
| 131. Mr. Alireza Salehi                    | Media                |
| 132. Mr. Mohsen Khazaei                    | Media                |
| 133. Ms. Sara Mohseni Niyagarh             | Media                |
| 134. Mr. Hadi Soltani                      | Media                |
| 135. Mr. Seyed Jafar Aghaei Maryan         | Charge d'Affaires    |



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| 136. Mr. Mohammad Javad Emamian           | Staff of embassy       |
| <b>Iraq</b>                               |                        |
| 137. Mr. Jabbar Frayyeh Abbas Al-Kinani   | Head of the Delegation |
| 138. Ms. Vian Sabri Abdulhaleq Al-Qadi    | Member of Parliament   |
| 139. Mr. Haider Habeeb Majeed Al-Selami   | Member of Parliament   |
| 140. Mr. Bashar Hammoodi Khalaf Al-Janabi | Staff                  |
| 141. Mr. Alaa Naser Atiyah Atiyah         | Staff                  |
| 142. Mr. Mustafa Saleh Lateef Lateef      | Staff                  |
| 143. Ms. Ban Ali Kadhim Al-Hakeem         | Charge d'Affaires      |
| 144. Ms. Zainab Abdulkareem Abdulrasool   | Staff of embassy       |
| <b>Jordan</b>                             |                        |
| 145. Mr. Ahmad Hamisat                    | Head of the Delegation |
| 146. Mr. Hakam Al Muadat                  | Member of Parliament   |
| 147. Ms. Arwa Alzboon                     | Member of Parliament   |
| 148. Mr. Mohammad Albustanji              | Member of Parliament   |
| 149. Mr. Tareq Bani-Hani                  | Member of Parliament   |
| 150. Mr. Abdel Ra'Oof Rbeihat             | Member of Parliament   |
| 151. Mr. Saleh Abu-Tayeh                  | Member of Parliament   |
| 152. Ms. Mai Ali Alyazadneh               | Member of Parliament   |
| 153. Mr. Salah Alhemadi                   | Staff                  |
| 154. Mr. Mohammad Alzfeifi                | Staff                  |
| <b>Kazakhstan</b>                         |                        |
| 155. Mr. Altynbek Nukhuly<br>(Senate)     | Head of the Delegation |
| 156. Mr. Islam Sungkar<br>(Mazhilis)      | Head of the Delegation |
| <b>Kyrgyzstan</b>                         |                        |
| 157. Mr. Aibek Matkerimov                 | Head of the Delegation |
| 158. Mr. Maksat Mamytkanov                | Ambassador             |
| 159. Mr. Maksat Madalbekov                | Consul                 |
| <b>Lebanon</b>                            |                        |
| 160. Mr. Hachem Kassem                    | Head of the Delegation |
| <b>Laos</b>                               |                        |
| 161. Mr. Phonesane Vilaymeng              | Head of the Delegation |
| 162. Mr. Chanthone Louangphane            | Staff                  |
| <b>Oman</b>                               |                        |

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| 163. Mr. Khalid Hilal Nasser Al Maawali<br>Council | Chairman of the Shura |
| 164. Mr. Younis Ali Azan Al Mandhari               | Member of Parliament  |
| 165. Mr. Salim Ali Ahmed Kalshat Al Mahri          | Member of Parliament  |
| 166. Mr. Hamdoon Hamood Ghaneem Hamid Al Fazari    | Member of Parliament  |
| 167. Mr. Hamdoon 'Abdullah Hamdoon Al Harthy       | Staff                 |
| 168. Mr. Jalal Juma Al-Mur Al-Hamrashdi            | Staff                 |
| 169. Mr. Sulaiman Said Salim Al Rawahi             | Staff                 |

### **Pakistan**

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| 170. Mr. Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani | Chairman of the Senate |
| 171. Mr. Muhammad Tallal Badar  | Member of Parliament   |
| 172. Mr. Poonjo Bheel           | Member of Parliament   |
| 173. Mr. Ifran Ali Laghari      | Member of Parliament   |
| 174. Mr. Farhan Chishti         | Member of Parliament   |
| 175. Mr. Anjum Aqeel Khan       | Member of Parliament   |
| 176. Mr. Khurram Shahzad Virk   | Member of Parliament   |
| 177. Mr. Aizaz Khan             | Staff                  |
| 178. Mr. Hammad Khan Marri      | Staff                  |
| 179. Mr. Hassan Farooq Dar      | Staff                  |
| 180. Mr. Zeshan Qamar Sheikh    | Staff                  |

### **Palestine**

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| 181. Mr. Ali Faysal        | Head of the Delegation |
| 182. Mr. Nasser Abdalwahab | Ambassador             |
| 183. Ms. Miar Rantisi      | Staff of embassy       |

### **Qatar**

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| 184. Mr. Ahmad Hitmi Al-Hitmi       | Head of the Delegation |
| 185. Mr. Nasser Metrif Al-Hemaidi   | Member of Parliament   |
| 186. Mr. Saoud Jassim Al-Buainain   | Member of Parliament   |
| 187. Mr. Mohamed Hamad Al-Hajri     | Ambassador             |
| 188. Mr. Hamad Issa Al-Hamadi       | Staff                  |
| 189. Mr. Nasser Mohammed Al-Maadeed | Staff                  |
| 190. Ms. Muneera Khalifa Al-Sowaidi | Staff                  |
| 191. Ms. Alya Mohammed Al-Bader     | Staff                  |

### **Russia**

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| 192. Mr. Gennady Ordenov           | Head of the Delegation |
| 193. Mr. Bair Zhamsuev             | Member of Parliament   |
| 194. Mr. Mikhail Evdokimov         | Ambassador             |
| 195. Ms. Olga Folomeeva            | Staff                  |
| 196. Mr. Yury Saplin-Silanovitskiy | Staff                  |
| 197. Mr. Nikita Baraz              | Staff of embassy       |

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| 198. Ms. Veronika Belousova | Interpreter |
| 199. Ms. Daria Skvortsova   | Interpreter |

### **Saudi Arabia**

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| 200. Mr. Ali Saad Alali                 | Member of Parliament |
| 201. Mr. Fares Abdullah Alosaimi        | Member of Parliament |
| 202. Ms. Sarah Soliman Gasem            | Member of Parliament |
| 203. Mr. Essam Saleh Algetale           | Ambassador           |
| 204. Mr. Khalid Mohammed Almansour      | Staff                |
| 205. Mr. Khalid Abdulkarim Alturki      | Staff                |
| 206. Mr. Abdulaziz Mohammed Alajaleen   | Staff                |
| 207. Ms. Lamyaa Mohammed Bin Suwaydan   | Staff                |
| 208. Mr. Fahad Abdulrahman Aldughaither | Staff                |
| 209. Ms. Malak Asgarova                 | Interpreter          |

### **Tajikistan**

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| 210. Mr. Mahmadoir Zokirzoda<br>namoyandagon of the<br>Majlisi Oli | Chairman of the Majlisi |
| 211. Mr. Jamshed Murtazozoda                                       | Member of Parliament    |
| 212. Mr. Muhamadullo Sheralizoda                                   | Member of Parliament    |
| 213. Mr. Zainudin Safarzoda                                        | Member of Parliament    |
| 214. Mr. Ilhom Abdurahmon                                          | Ambassador              |
| 215. Mr. Abdujabor Sattorzoda                                      | Chief of Staff          |
| 216. Mr. Qadriddin Gadozoda                                        | Staff                   |
| 217. Mr. Abdusamad Esankulov                                       | Staff                   |
| 218. Mr. Parviz Sunatulloev                                        | Interpreter             |
| 219. Mr. Mahmadjon Zohirov                                         | Security                |

### **Thailand**

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| 220. Mr. Paradorn Prissananantakul  | Head of Delegation   |
| 221. Mr. Worawit Baru               | Member of Parliament |
| 222. Mr. Romtham Khumnurak          | Member of Parliament |
| 223. Mr. Lae Dilokvidhyarat         | Member of Parliament |
| 224. Ms. Chayanant Tiyaatrakarnchai | Member of Parliament |
| 225. Mr. Apirat Sugondhabhirom      | Ambassador           |
| 226. Ms. Kanjanaporn Lueangkajonvit | Staff                |
| 227. Ms. Alisa Kosup                | Staff                |
| 228. Ms. Steejit Taipiboonsuk       | Staff                |
| 229. Ms. Krisanee Masrichan         | Staff                |
| 230. Ms. Kanteera Leelanond         | Staff                |
| 231. Mr. Panya Kotthen              | Staff                |
| 232. Mr. Russdy Khantanit           | Staff                |
| 233. Ms. Kannikar Phonphat          | Staff                |
| 234. Mr. Pattrapong Issariyapruet   | Staff                |
| 235. Ms. Pathomporn Raksapolmuang   | Staff                |

236. Mr. Pipat Charoensuk

Staff of embassy

### **Türkiye**

237. Mr. Abdulkadir Emin Önen

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238. Mr. Ömer Özmen

Member of Parliament

239. Mr. Vecdi Gündoğdu

Member of Parliament

240. Mr. Osman Cengiz Çandar

Member of Parliament

241. Mr. Birol Akgun

Ambassador

242. Mr. Murat Hastürk

Staff

243. Mr. Mehmet Yahya Çiçekli

Staff

244. Mr. Harun Ipek

Staff

245. Mr. Okan Erkan

Staff

246. Mr. Tefik Yavuzek

Staff of embassy

247. Ms. Mine Tepe

Interpreter

248. Ms. Nazli Mutlu

Interpreter

### **United Arab Emirates**

249. Mr. Tariq Humaid Matar Mohd Altayer

Head of the Delegation

250. Ms. Fatima Ali Humaid Saeed Almheiri

Member of Parliament

251. Mr. Mohamed Essa Obaid Alkashef Al Ali

Member of Parliament

252. Mr. Khaled Omar Rashid Alkharji

Member of Parliament

253. Ms. Nedal Mohammed Alteneiji

Member of Parliament

254. Mr. Mohammed Al Blooshi

Ambassador

255. Ms. Afra Rashed Eid Albasti

Staff

256. Ms. Hamda Ali Alblooshi

Staff

257. Mr. Abdulla Ali Obaid Almadhani Alaleeli

Staff

258. Mr. Saeed Khamis Abdulla Almheiri

Staff

259. Mr. Abdelrahman Alhammadi

Staff

260. Ms. Hind Ahmed Rashid Alhosan Alshamsi

Staff

261. Mr. Yusif Hajiyeve

Staff of embassy

262. Mr. Nasir Maharramov

Media

263. Mr. Boyukagha Naghiyev

Media

### **Uzbekistan**

264. Ms. Tanzila Narbaeva

Chairperson of the

Senate of the Oliy Majlis

265. Mr. Kutbidin Burkhanov

Member of Parliament

266. Mr. Ilkhom Abdullaev

Member of Parliament

267. Mr. Bakhrom Ashrafkhanov

Ambassador

268. Mr. Azamjon Mansurov

Staff

269. Mr. Jamshid Gapparov

Staff

270. Mr. Akhmed Mansurov

Staff of embassy

271. Mr. Jurabek Mardaev

Media

272. Ms. Shakhreizod Gulyamova

Interpreter

### **APA Secretariat**

273. Mr. Mohammad Reza Majidi

Secretary General

|                                    |                  |
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| 274. Mr. Kia Tabatabaee<br>General | Deputy Secretary |
| 275. Mr. Mehdi Ghashghavi          | Staff            |
| 276. Mr. Mehdi Mollahosseini       | Staff            |

**Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA)**  
– *Special Guest*

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| 277. Mr. Kairat Sarybay   | Secretary General |
| 278. Ms. Tomiris Batayeva | Staff             |

**International Parliamentarians Congress (IPC) – (observer)**

|                                               |                        |
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| 279. Mr. Abdelrahim Falah Obeidallah Al-Maaia | President              |
| 280. Mr. Mohammad Suleiman Mufleh Alshawabkeh | Member of Organisation |

**Interparliamentary Assembly of member nations of the CIS (IPA CIS) – (observer)**

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| 281. Mr. Dmitrii Kobitskii                                                                                                                        | Secretary General       |
| 282. Mr. Nizami Safarov<br>on Social Policy and<br>Human Rights of the IPA CIS                                                                    | Chair of the Commission |
| 283. Mr. Aydin Jafarov<br>General of the IPA CIS<br>Council – Plenipotentiary Representative of<br>the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan | Deputy Secretary        |
| 284. Mr. Ramin Rzayev<br>Branch of IIMDD of the<br>IPA CIS                                                                                        | Director of the Baku    |

**League of Parliamentarians for Al Quds – (observer)**

|                                            |           |
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| 285. Mr. Hamid Abdullah Hussein Al-Ahmar   | President |
| 286. Mr. Mohammad Makram Omar Moh'd Balawi | Staff     |

**Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) – (observer)**

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| 287. Mr. Asaf Hajiyeu | Secretary General |
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**Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic States (TURKPA) – (observer)**

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| 288. Mr. Fuad Alakbarov<br>General | Deputy Secretary |
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**Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC) – (observer)**

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| 289. Mr. Osama Mahmoud Abdellfattah Mohamed<br>General | Advisor to the Secretary |
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## **Asian Parliamentary Assembly**

Inaugural Session of the APA 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary

19 February 2025

Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan

### **Opening Remarks by Secretary General**

**Madam President,**

**Honorable speakers,**

**Esteemed Delegates,**

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

I am delighted and deeply honored to address this distinguished gathering of the 15th Plenary Session of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly, hosted in the historical city of Baku.

This gathering is a cherished opportunity to extend my warmest welcome to all esteemed participants, who have graciously accepted the kind invitation of **H.E. Sahiba Gafarova, Hon. Speaker of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan**, and the APA Secretary General, to participate in this prestigious session.

I would like to express, on behalf of myself, the APA's Permanent Secretariat team, and all delegations present, our deepest gratitude to the Speaker of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan and the distinguished officials

of the Government and Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Their exemplary planning and warm hospitality have greatly enriched our experience and provided an excellent foundation for our discussions.

Today, we find ourselves at a crucial crossroads, where significant challenges coexist with unprecedented opportunities. I am filled with confidence and optimism that, under the wise and dynamic leadership of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan, the APA will continue to achieve substantial progress in the months ahead, as it has over the past year.

**Madam President,**

**Honorable speakers,**

**Esteemed Delegates,**

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

Since Azerbaijan assumed the APA Presidency in 2024 with strong collaboration and steadfast commitment, **APA has successfully held regular meetings** of its standing committees, the Bureau, and the sessions of Working Group on Statutory Documents alongside the Standing Committee meetings. We have been able to effectively tackle our programs altogether, and I am pleased to acknowledge that our organization continues to grow and flourish.

The credibility and success of our organization depend on robust cooperation and synergistic efforts among all APA members. In this spirit, I wish to extend my appreciation to the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan for selecting the central theme of this session: “*The Role of Parliamentary Diplomacy in Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in Asia.*” I am convinced that **parliamentary diplomacy**, as a complementary tool to traditional diplomatic efforts, is instrumental in addressing complex challenges through a cooperative and strategic approach.

Asian countries are considered to share an important part underscoring their significant influence in the regional and global affairs. In this context, Asian parliaments, as the voices of their people, are well-

positioned to play a transformative role in achieving common goals, leveraging parliamentary diplomacy as an essential tool in both bilateral and multilateral engagements. It is crucial that APA maintains its focus on strengthening multilateralism, making it a central tenet of our future agenda.

As APA Secretary General, I find it essential to emphasize that in today's world, where nations face multifaceted challenges, parliamentary diplomacy must be reinforced more than ever as a powerful tool to prevent the further erosion of international peace and security.

To this end, we, as parliamentarian should spare no effort to invigorate parliamentary diplomacy to defuse every effort currently made to spread **unilateralism** as a bastion intended to extensively and forcefully impose its expansionist policies and dominance over other countries.

I must also draw your attention to **the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe in the Gaza Strip**. Over the past 15 months, Israel's war crimes and the destruction of infrastructure have reduced the enclave to rubble. During this period, the apartheid regime has killed thousands of Palestinians, particularly women and children. Regarding the current ceasefire, I must underscore that there is little hope for its continuation after 15 months of genocidal acts committed by the Zionist entity.

Under these dire circumstances, the APA, as a significant parliamentary platform with a broad membership, has adopted policies in support of the Palestinian people, making the issue of Palestine a central focus of its agenda.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my heartfelt **thanks to all Speakers, Presidents, Vice Presidents, Deputies, and Heads of Delegations from APA member parliaments** who have consistently supported our efforts to promote parliamentary democracy. Your dedication and unwavering support have enabled us to pursue our shared objectives with renewed confidence, ensuring the advancement of our organization.

As we look ahead, let us embrace this opportunity to work hand in hand, fostering cooperation across all levels of our organization. Together, we

can drive parliamentary diplomacy forward, strengthening our bonds and building a brighter future for all member nations of the APA.

Last but not the least, I would like to **welcome the Sultanate of Oman** as the new full member and the **Republic of Belarus** as the new observer among us.

Also, it is a pleasure for all of us to **welcome the Kingdom of Bahrain as the next APA President for 2026 and the Islamic republic of Iran as APA President for 2027-2028.**

Thank you for your kind attention.

# Asian Parliamentary Assembly



## The 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session

Baku, Azerbaijan  
19-20 February 2025



### Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Election of the Bureau
3. Remarks by APA President, H.E. Speaker of Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan
4. Report of the Chairperson of the Executive Council
5. Report of the Secretary General on the work of the Organization
6. Adoption of the full membership of the Sultanate of Oman
7. Adoption of the Observer status of Republic of Belarus
8. General Debate: Statements by Head of Delegations on "*Role of Parliamentary Diplomacy in Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in Asia*"
9. Meeting of the Standing Committees
10. Meeting of the Drafting Committee on Baku Declaration
11. Presentation and adoption of Reports of:
  - Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs
  - Standing Committee on Budget and Planning
  - Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development

- Standing Committee on Political Affairs

12. Approval of the APA Vice- Presidents for 2025

13. Nomination of APA President for 2026-7

14. Adoption of the amendments to the APA Charter and Rule of  
Procedure recommended by the Executive Council

15. Any other matter



## Attachment IV



### Asian Parliamentary Assembly

#### 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session

**Baku, Azerbaijan, 19-20 February 2025**

### **Report of the Chairperson of the Executive Council to the Plenary**

**Madam President,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Dear Colleagues,**

*It is a great pleasure for me, as chairperson of the Executive Council and Representative of the APA President **H.E. Sahiba Gafarova**, the esteemed Speaker of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan, to welcome you all to the 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly in Baku, the capital city of the Republic of Azerbaijan.*

**It is also an honor for me to present to the 15<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary the Report of the Executive Council meeting of 18 February 2025 in Baku:**

1. Following adoption of the agenda of the Executive Council, the meeting elected members of the Bureau by acclamation as follows:

- Chairman: Azerbaijan
- Vice Chair : Jordan
- Rapporteur : Bhutan

2. In my opening remarks as Chairperson of the Executive council I made the following points:

- *Azerbaijan views the Asian Parliamentary Assembly as a unique platform for promoting Asian solidarity and cooperation across various fields and supports strengthening its organizational capacities.*
- *We are concerned about the situation in the Middle East and therefore we support efforts to reduce tensions in region and find a political solution.*
- *For the first time since decades, de facto peace has been established between Armenia and Azerbaijan, stability has been achieved on the ground.*
- *Despite the various challenges, around 300,000 Azerbaijani refugees displaced from Armenia are still waiting to return to their ancestral homes.*
- *We will continue to support efforts to achieve a just, lasting, and peaceful resolution to all outstanding issues in the greater Asian region in accordance with the fundamental norms and principles of international law.*

3. The APA Secretary General, Dr. Majidi also presented his Report on the APA activities during the 2024/2025. Secretary General in his Report outlined the work of the four Standing Committees and other major events of the APA.

4. I am delighted to report to you that at yesterday's meeting, the Executive Council unanimously approved the application of the Sultanate of Oman for the full membership and the application of the Republic of Belarus for the APA observer status and sought the Plenary endorsement.

5. It is also my honor to report that the Executive Council, noting that the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Kingdom of Bahrain

had generously offered their candidacy for APA Presidency of 2026-2027, approved the following arrangements which have been agreed among them through good offices of APA Secretary General and under the chairmanship of the representative of the APA President:

1. Kingdom of Bahrain will hold the position of APA Presidency for 2026.
2. Islamic Republic of Iran will hold the position of APA Presidency for 2027-2028.
3. Iran as the APA vice-president will host the Standing Committee on Political Affairs in 2025.
4. Iran as the APA vice-president will host the Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development in 2026.
6. The Executive Council at yesterday's meeting, also reconfirmed the nomination of the Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Qatar and Russia Federation for the three post of APA Vice – Presidency and hosting of the Standing Committees for the 2025 and recommended them to the Plenary for endorsement.

**Disguised Delegates,**

**Dear Colleagues,**

7. As its main task, the Executive Council considered the draft resolutions adopted by Standing Committees on Social and Cultural Affairs, Budget, and Planning, Economic and Sustainable Development and Political Affairs. After debating several minor changes, all draft resolutions were approved by the Executive Council and recommended to the Plenary for the final approval.
8. The Executive Council considered the report on Working Group on Statutory Documents in Bahrain and Iraq. At these two meetings

Article 5 and 8 of the APA Charter and Rules 15 and 34.1 of the APA Rules of Procedure were reviewed. The text of the reviewed Articles of the APA Charter and Rules of the APA Rules of Procedure were presented by the APA Secretariat to the meeting. The Executive Council considered and approved the proposed amendments and recommended it to the 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary for the final approval.

*8a. The Executive Council welcomed the crucial decision regarding equal payment and equal voting rights, recognize that the APA budget is essential for its effective functioning, and called on all Member States to take the necessary measures to allocate the required funds.*

*8b. The Executive Council endorsed the Recommendation of the Standing Committee that the Committee on Palestine continue its work as a subcommittee of the Political Standing Committee.*

9. The report on the two meetings of the Committee on Palestine in Tehran and Baghdad were presented to the meeting.

10. APA Secretariat also reported on the four sessions of the APA Bureau on the sidelines of the Standing Committee meetings in Moscow, Doha, Manama, and Baghdad.

11. The Executive Council considered and adopt the draft Agenda of the 15<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary.

Thank you very much for your kind attention

## Attachment V



### **Asian Parliamentary Assembly**

#### **15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session**

**Baku, Azerbaijan**

**19-20 February 2025**

### **Report by the Secretary General on the work of the Organization**

**Mr. Chairman,  
Esteemed Delegates,  
Distinguished Colleagues,**

It is with great pleasure and profound honor that I, as Secretary-General, extend my warmest welcome to all esteemed attendees of the 15th Plenary Session of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) here in Baku, the magnificent capital of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

I am delighted that this landmark session is being convened under the esteemed leadership of **H.E. Sahiba Gafarova**, the highly respected Speaker of the **Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan**.

Under Azerbaijan's guidance, and with the dedicated efforts of the four APA Vice-Presidents Bahrain, Iraq, Qatar, and Russia, we have successfully conducted our Standing Committee meetings, fulfilling the objectives outlined in the 14<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary Session.

Throughout 2024, the APA has remained steadfast in addressing key regional and global issues. Our first gathering of the year took place in Moscow in September, under the framework of the **Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs**. This meeting facilitated in-depth discussions on a range of vital topics, including cultural diversity, heritage preservation, health equity, anti-corruption measures, the fight against the smuggling of cultural artifacts, drug trafficking, youth and human development, tourism, and interfaith dialogue. A significant contribution from the Russian Federation introduced a timely draft resolution on the pursuit of a "More Just Multipolar World Order Reflecting Cultural and Civilizational Diversity." In light of the increasing impact of social media and artificial intelligence, (AI) I firmly believe we must adopt a proactive approach to addressing these emerging social and cultural challenges.

In addition to our work on social and cultural affairs, 2024 marked significant progress in APA's financial planning. **The Standing Committee on Budget and Planning**, convened in November in Qatar, achieved a major milestone by unanimously adopting the principle of equal assessed contributions, setting the amount at \$22,000 USD. This draft resolution underscores the importance of equitable financial participation by all Member Parliaments, ensuring the sustainable operation of the APA and its Secretariat. I am confident that with the endorsement of this model by the 15th Plenary Session, the APA will take a substantial step toward achieving its noble goals with renewed confidence and shared commitment. On this occasion, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Islamic Parliament of Iran for its continued financial and logistical support to the APA Secretariat since 2007.

In the area of **economic and sustainable development**, the APA remained deeply engaged throughout 2024. Our December meeting in Manama, Bahrain, provided a platform for rich discussions on energy markets, environmental policies, economic growth, poverty eradication, sustainable development goals (SDGs), and water and sanitation issues. Given the significance of these topics, I strongly encourage Member Parliaments to actively contribute proposals in the



form of draft resolutions for consideration at the next Standing Committee meeting.

On the **political front**, while the APA has consistently emphasized critical issues such as good governance, the rule of law, regional cooperation, and multilateralism, the dominant focus of 2024 has been the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. In response to the catastrophic conditions faced by the Palestinian people, the APA established the "**Committee on Palestine**," which convened twice: first in January 2024 in Tehran, Iran, and then in January 2025 in Baghdad, Iraq, alongside the APA Standing Committee on Political Affairs. During these sessions, the Committee reaffirmed the APA's unwavering support for the Palestinian cause and strongly condemned the massacre of civilians and acts of ethnic cleansing in Gaza perpetrated by the Zionist regime.

Between the 14th and 15th Plenary Sessions, we also made significant progress in reviewing and updating the APA's statutory documents. The APA **Working Group on Statutory Documents** convened in Manama, Bahrain, in December 2024, and in Baghdad, Iraq, in January 2025, where it conducted a comprehensive review of Article 5 and Article 8 of the APA Charter, as well as Rule 15 of the APA Rules of Procedure. The Executive Council has since approved these amendments and recommended them for formal endorsement by the Plenary. With their adoption, the mandate of the Working Group on Statutory Documents will have been successfully fulfilled.

**Mr. Chairman,  
Esteemed Delegates,  
Distinguished Colleagues**

As I conclude my report, I am pleased to announce that the Executive Council has approved **the Sultanate of Oman's** application for full APA membership and **the Republic of Belarus'** application for Observer Status. The unanimous support for these applications in the Plenary will further reinforce APA's role as a growing platform for parliamentary diplomacy and regional cooperation.

Furthermore, I would like to extend my deep appreciation to the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan for selecting **the theme** "*The Role of Parliamentary Diplomacy in Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in Asia*" for this 15th APA Plenary Session. This theme reflects our collective commitment to harnessing parliamentary diplomacy as an instrument for fostering multilateral cooperation and addressing common regional and global challenges.

Another significant agenda item at this Plenary Session is the nomination of the **APA President for 2026–2028**. I am pleased to report that at yesterday's Executive Council meeting, the Council reached a consensus on the nomination of Kingdom of Bahrain for the APA Presidency for 2026 and Islamic Republic of Iran for 2027-2028. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Bahrain and Iran and I am confident that the two parliaments will receive the full support of the Plenary for this prestigious leadership role.

Moreover, I am delighted that the Executive Council has confirmed the candidacies of Bahrain, Qatar, Iran, and Russia as the **four Vice-Presidents**, along with their commitment to hosting the Standing Committee meetings. I congratulate them on their dedication and commend their leadership and professionalism in successfully organizing these critical meetings over the years. Looking ahead to 2025, I am confident that the **Bureau of the Assembly**, with its distinguished composition, will make crucial decisions to further advance the implementation of the APA's annual program of work.

They can be assured of the full support of all APA members and the Secretariat as they carry out their significant responsibilities.

Thank you very much for your kind attention

## Attachment VII

### Asian Parliamentary Assembly, 15th Plenary Session BAKU DECLARATION, 20 February 2025.

We, Members of Parliaments of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) who attended the 15th Plenary Session of APA in Baku from 17 February to 21 February 2025, upon the invitation of H.E. Sahiba GAFAROVA, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Azerbaijan and President of APA:

**Representing** the Asian nations, which are bound by deeply-rooted ties of history, geography, culture, economy, politics and civilization;

**Commending** the amity and the friendly relations among the Asian Nations, while recognizing the need to reinforce all kind of international cooperation that is indispensable for realizing the objectives of the APA, i.e., the promotion of freedom, justice, strengthening progress and prosperity of its members and making better use of the region's vast human and natural resources in the interests of the member countries;

**Recalling** the principles of the Charter of the United Nations in their entirety and interconnection with each other, including those of sovereign equality, political independence and territorial integrity of all States, refraining from use of force or the threat of use of force in international relations and non-interference in the internal affairs of States;

**Underlining** the absolute value of multilateralism in fostering a more prosperous, peaceful and sustainable world and expressing their determination to promote multilateral cooperation;

**Emphasizing** the importance of parliamentary diplomacy in maintaining peace, security and stability in the world and in enhancing trust, cooperation and solidarity among nations;

**Concerned over** the ongoing conflicts, security challenges and the threats of terrorism in parts of Asia and the suffering of people affected by these conflicts, especially displaced people;

**Welcoming** the announcement of a deal to secure a ceasefire and the release of prisoners and hostages in Gaza and **stressing** the importance of full implementation of the deal, firstly, to ease sufferings caused by the conflict and expand the delivery of sustained humanitarian relief;

**Stressing** the centrality of promoting the rule of law, justice and good governance for realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms and **underscoring** in this regard the legislative authority of Parliaments;

**Promoting** tolerance, mutual understanding and respect for core human values by rejecting any form of discrimination, racism, xenophobia or Islamophobia;

**Encouraging** the importance of the effective inclusion of women and youth in social, cultural, economic and political affairs and decision-making in Asia as appropriate;

**Expressing** our will to boost regional cooperation in political, economic, commercial, social, environmental, healthcare, cultural and educational fields, including by strengthening inter-parliamentary dialogue in Asia;

**Reiterating** the significance of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in the areas of health, education, housing, food security, nutrition, poverty eradication and environmental sustainability;

**Noting** that a healthy environment is a prerequisite and key enabler for sustainable development and social welfare, and that the adverse impacts of climate change affect vulnerable countries the most, **highlighting** the need for enhancing the individual and collective capacity of Asian countries to address climate risks;

**Noting** the successful outcomes of the 29<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of Parties (COP29) to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Baku, Azerbaijan on 11-22 November 2024 that will contribute significantly to addressing environmental and climate related global challenges;

**Commending** role of parliamentary diplomacy in strengthening multilateral cooperation in Asia and underscoring commitment of the APA Member States to address all aspects of the critical issue of multilateral cooperation.

**Acknowledging** that effective parliamentary cooperation is essential for providing legislative support to enhance economic collaboration and interconnectivity in Asia;

Hereby:

**Reaffirm** our commitment to the Charter of the United Nations, the universally recognized norms and principles of international law and to the Charter of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly;

**Support** the strengthening of multilateralism and **advocate** for more efficient, inclusive and transparent global governance and an order based on international law;

**Reject** any unlawful political and economic pressure against any Member State, particularly those, whose nations are suffering from the negative consequences of unilateral coercive measures at political, economic and social levels;

**Mobilize** all efforts to promote peace in Asia through the peaceful resolution of disputes, by providing assistance to conflict affected populations and by encouraging the safe and dignified return of displaced persons;

**Recognize** the repeated appeals by the Western Azerbaijani Community to engage in dialogue for the return to their ancestral homes in Armenia, as enshrined in various international human rights instruments, and mobilize all efforts to ensure the safe and dignified return of these displaced Azerbaijanis.

**Urge** all parties to fully comply with international law, including international humanitarian law, and call for withdrawal of Israeli forces from the occupied Palestinian territory;

**Request** the UN and the international community to substantially scale up the delivery of humanitarian relief to Gaza, to rebuild infrastructure and to rehabilitate the people of Gaza;

**Reject** categorically any foreign plans/initiatives regarding the future of Palestine and post-war Gaza, which are the absolute rights of the Palestinian people.

**Reiterate** strong support for the establishment of an independent and sovereign State of Palestine with its capital Al Quds and the right to return as mentioned in the UN General Assembly Resolution 194.

**Unite** efforts and **enhance** cooperation in a collective fight against terrorism, extremism, separatism, xenophobia, islamophobia, racism, crime in the sphere of ICT, transnational organised crime, trafficking in human being and illicit drug trafficking illicit trafficking in weapons, cultural property and other goods, illegal exploitation and trafficking of natural resources and money-laundering;

**Exhort** APA Member Parliaments to collaborate and take necessary measures to promote the development of ICT infrastructure through enabling policies, capacity building and building confidence and security in the use of ICTs;

**Call upon** APA Member Parliaments to promote strong inter-parliamentary cooperation and meaningful engagement of women and youth in their working;

**Encourage** targeted activities to foster intercultural and interfaith dialogue and exchange in Asia, including through active engagement in Baku Process and Peace4culture Global Campaign;

**Encourage** enhanced dialogue and cooperation in the areas of culture, sport and tourism among the APA Member Countries;

**Underline** the importance of fostering economic relations and trade channels to strengthen regional interconnectivity and support regional transport and digital connectivity projects;

**Urge** Asian governments to improve the implementation of SDG's and to adopt policy approaches to develop a comprehensive and innovative growth strategies needed to sustain a resilient, balanced, sustainable and inclusive economic growth;

**Further urge** APA Member Parliaments to redouble efforts in supporting activities to eradicate poverty, reduce inequality, ensure food security, access to healthcare and education, including by developing and implementing effective policies;

**Invite** APA member Parliaments to develop cross-sectoral collaboration for the advancement of health equity in Asia and adopt policies and measures to improve health care services and social protection systems;

**Call** for improving alternative energy resources, emphasizing the importance of renewable and low-emission energy and energy efficiency in achieving sustainable development and protecting the environment, including through involving investments in infrastructure and the use of environment-friendly, innovative technology;

**Invite** APA Member Parliaments to proceed with legislation and other legal actions deemed relevant for integrating climate policies into broader development policies and urge their respective governments to implement projects in line with the measures outlined their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the Paris Agreement as appropriate;

**Note** the adoption of the Baku Climate Unity Pact at the 29th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC in November 2024 and **commend** the COP29 Presidency's global initiatives aimed at enabling impactful climate action;

**Acclaim** with great satisfaction the expansion of the ranks of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly and welcome the full membership of the Sultanate of Oman, as well as the granting of Observer status to the Republic of Belarus.

**Support** the crucial decision by the Plenary of the APA regarding equal payment and equal voting rights, recognize that the APA budget is essential for its effective functioning and a critical concern for all Member States, and call on all Member States to take the necessary measures to allocate the required funds.

**Welcome** the unanimous endorsement of the Kingdom of Bahrain for the 2026 term and the Islamic Republic of Iran for the 2027-2028 term as the APA President, and **emphasize** the significance of this momentous occasion in the historic city of Baku, reflecting confidence in their ability to advance the noble objectives of the APA through effective parliamentary diplomacy.

**Express** gratitude to Azerbaijan for its warm, gracious and efficient hospitality in hosting the Fifteenth Plenary session of the APA in Baku.



## Attachment IX



Asian  
Parliamentary  
Assembly

SC- Social and Cultural Affairs/Rep/2025/3

20 February 2025

Azerbaijan

### Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs

Baku, Azerbaijan  
19-20 February 2025

## Final Report

The Meeting of the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs was held on February 19, 2024, and chaired by H.E. **Gennady Ordenov**, Head of the delegation of Russian Federation.

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Member Parliaments unanimously adopted the Agenda. ([Attachment I](#))

### 2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson

H.E. **Gennady Ordenov** the Chairperson of the meeting, welcomed the participants and expressed hope that this meeting would constructively address the important topics under its consideration. He stated that the meeting of the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs, was held on September 2024 in Moscow. During the course of two sessions, 13 draft resolutions were updated and adopted by consensus. A new draft resolution on support of a more just multipolar world order was introduced as new draft resolution by the Russia and adopted by consensus. The draft resolution on the “Commission on Women” was thoroughly debated at this session of the Committee and deferred to the next meeting for further debate. All 13 Draft resolutions was approved by the EC and recommended to the Plenary. He also indicated that the next meeting of the Standing Committee will be held in July 2025 in Moscow. (Attachment II)

### **3. Report of the Secretariat:**

The Representative of the Secretariat referred to the general perspective pertaining to the context of the draft resolutions under consideration by this committee.

### **4. Consideration of Draft Resolutions recommended by the Executive Council**

The Representative of the Secretariat indicated that during the Executive Council of yesterday all minor, editorial comments of participants have been taken note of thus there is no need to reintroduce them again. The committee adopted draft resolutions one by one. All 13 draft resolutions recommended by EC, were considered, and approved by the Committee.

### **5. Any other matters.**

No issue was raised.

Attachment I

# Asian Parliamentary Assembly

## Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs



Baku, Azerbaijan  
19-20 February 2025

## Agenda

- 1- Adoption of the Agenda
- 2- Opening Remarks by Chairperson
- 3- Report of the Secretariat
- 4- Consideration of the situation of Women Parliamentarians in Asia
- 5- Consideration of Draft Resolutions recommended by the Executive Council
- 6- Any other matters.



## Standing Committee on Budget & Planning

Baku, Azerbaijan  
19-20 February 2025

### Final Report

The Meeting of the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning was held on 19 February 2025, and chaired by H.E. Mr. Ahmad bin Hitmi AL-Hitmi in the capacity of APA Vice-President.

#### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Member Parliaments unanimously adopted the Agenda. ([Attachment I](#))

#### 2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson:

The chairperson stated that the meeting of the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning was held on November 2024 in Doha, Qatar. At this meeting the draft resolution on Budget & Planning was debated with all proposed amendments and adopted by consensus. Considering that the Secretariat had estimated a budget of one million USD and the fact that there are 44 APA member, the meeting finally agreed on an equal amount of 22,000 USD as annual contribution. It was emphasized that the sum of 22,000 USD is a fair amount with no pressure on any member country, and voluntary contributions by certain wealthier members can also be taken into consideration. We should soon open a bank account which will facilitate the financial affairs of the Secretariat. We should consider a formula to penalize those who refrain or postponed the payment of their assessed contributions.

#### 3. Report of the Secretariat:

The Representative of Secretariat expressed hope that member parliaments start paying their assessed contributions once the Plenary adopt this only draft resolution of the Committee.

#### **4. Consideration of the Draft Resolution recommended by the Executive Council:**

Several member parliaments expressed their full support for the agreed amount of assessed contribution of 22000 and emphasized on the urgency of addressing this issue.

#### **5. Any other matters:**

No issue was raised.

Attachment I

# Asian Parliamentary Assembly



## Standing Committee on Budget & Planning

**Baku, Azerbaijan  
19-20 February 2025**



## Agenda

- 1- Adoption of the Agenda
- 2- Opening Remarks by Chairperson
- 3- Report of the Secretariat
- 4- Consideration of Draft Resolution recommended by Executive Council
- 5- Any other matters.



## **Standing Committee on Economic & Sustainable Development**

Baku, Azerbaijan  
19-20 February 2025

## **Final Report**

The Meeting of the Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development was held on February 20, 2025 and chaired by the Head of delegation of the Council of Representatives of the Kingdom of Bahrain H.E. Mr. Ahmed Alsalloom.

### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

The participants adopted the Agenda. ([Attachment I](#))

### **2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson:**

H.E Mr. Ahmed Alsalloom, welcomed participants and stated that all 7 draft resolutions under consideration were extensively debated in Manama and reviewed during Executive Council in Baku , therefore we are well positioned to request Plenary for their adoption.

### **3. Report of the Secretariat:**

The Representative of Secretariat based on what was mentioned by the chairman propose that draft resolutions be considered and adopted one by one. Participants welcomed the proposal.

### **4. Consideration of the Draft Resolution recommended by the Executive Council:**

Under this agenda item 7 draft resolutions were considered. The participants presented few minor editorials/corrections which were incorporated into relevant draft resolutions and adopted.

**5. Any other matters:**

No issue was raised



## Attachment I

# Asian Parliamentary Assembly



## Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development

Baku, Azerbaijan  
19-20 February 2025



## Agenda

- 1- Adoption of the Agenda
- 2- Opening Remarks by Chairperson
- 3- Report of the Secretariat
- 4- Consideration of Draft Resolutions recommended by the Executive Council
- 5- Any other matters.

## Attachment XII



Asian  
Parliamentary  
Assembly

SC- Political Affairs /Rep/2025/6

20 February 2025

Azerbaijan

### Standing Committee on Political Affairs

Baku, Azerbaijan  
19-20 February 2025

## Final Report

The Meeting of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs was held on February 20, 2024, and chaired by H.E. Mr. Jabbar Frayyeh Abbas Al Kinani, MP of the Council of Representatives of Iraq.

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Member Parliaments unanimously adopted the Agenda. ([Attachment I](#))

### 2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson:

H.E. Mr. Al Kinani stated that the Standing Committee on Political Affairs was held on 11-12 January 2025 in Baghdad, Republic of Iraq. The Standing Committee adopted all 8 *draft resolutions* and presented them to the EC. In the sidelines of the Standing Committee the second session of the Committee on Palestine took place and all participating delegations expressing their full support for and solidarity with the Palestinian people.

### 3. Report of the Secretariat:

The representative of APA Secretariat presented the 8 draft resolutions one by one and requested their adoption.

### 4. Consideration of the Draft Resolution recommended by the Executive Council:

The Standing Committee considered 8 draft resolutions recommended by the Executive Council and adopted them with minor corrections.

Russian delegation on draft resolution “Asian Parliament’s unwavering support for Palestinian People”, expressed a Special Opinion as attached. ([Attachment II](#))

**5. Any other matters:**

No issue was raised.

Attachment I

# Asian Parliamentary Assembly



## **Standing Committee on Political Affairs Baku, Azerbaijan**

**19-20 February 2025**



## **Agenda**

- 1- Adoption of the Agenda
- 2- Opening Remarks by Chairperson
- 3- Report of the Secretariat
- 4- Consideration of Draft Resolution recommended by Executive Council
- 5- Any other matters.

## Attachment XIII

### **Decision**

The 15<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary on 20 February 2025 endorsed the outcome of the consultation of the Executive Council on the future APA Presidency.

Noting that the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Kingdom of Bahrain had generously offered their candidacy for APA Presidency of 2026-2027.

The Assembly, in accordance with the agreement reached under the chairmanship of the representative of the APA president, decides to adopt the following arrangements as agreed:

1. Kingdom of Bahrain will hold the position of APA Presidency for 2026.
2. Islamic Republic of Iran will hold the position of APA Presidency for 2027-2028.
3. Iran as the APA vice-president will host the Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development in 2026.

## Attachment XIV

### Asian Parliamentary Assembly



#### The 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session

Baku, Azerbaijan  
17-21 February 2025



### Amendments to the APA Charter

#### Article 8: Number of Votes

In the Plenary, each member parliament shall have one vote and has two delegates plus additional delegates determined as follows:

- Countries with population between 1 million up to 50 million will have two additional delegates,
- Countries with population between 50 and 200 million will have three additional delegates,
- Countries with population between 200 and 500 million will have four additional delegates, and
- Countries with population over 500 million will have five additional delegates,

#### Article 5: Basic Organs and Structures:

##### A: Basic APA Organs:

The APA shall be composed of the Plenary, the Executive Council, the Bureau of Assembly, the Standing Committees and the Secretariat.

Activities of the APA Organs and establishment of subsidiary bodies shall be regulated by the APA Rules of Procedure.

##### B: Organizational Structure of the APA:

The organization of the hierarchy structure shall be arranged in a democratic manner indicating clearly the specific composition, function, powers and Rules of Procedure to reach balance, harmony and effectiveness of the APA work, as an institution, all, shall be subject to the approval of the Plenary.

# Asian Parliamentary Assembly



## The 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session

Baku, Azerbaijan  
17-21 February 2025



## Amendments to the APA Rules of Procedure

### **IV: Standing Committees and Sub-Committees:**

#### **Rule 15:**

1. The Plenary may set up Standing Committees and Sub-Committees as it deems necessary to deal with any subject of interest and to examine the issues on its agenda. These bodies shall submit as appropriate their draft resolutions, reports and recommendations to the Plenary for its consideration and decision.
2. The APA shall have four Standing Committees on: Political Affairs, Economic and Sustainable Development, Social and Cultural Affairs, Budget and Planning. Decisions of the Standing Committees shall be taken by consensus. Any other issues of interest are to be considered within the scope of sub-committees under direct supervision of the relevant Standing Committee
3. Upon suggestion of the Bureau or at least ten Member Parliaments, establishment of Sub-Committees, shall be put on the agenda of the Executive Council for its approval. The recommendation of the Executive Council on this issue shall be approved by the majority votes of the delegates present and voting in the Plenary.

#### **Rule 34:**

Each member parliament shall have one vote.



## Executive Council Meeting

Baku, Azerbaijan  
18 February 2025

## Final Report

At the invitation of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan, the Executive Council (EC) meeting of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) was held on 18 February 2025 in Baku, Azerbaijan, with the participation of the following member countries:

Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Thailand, Türkiye, UAE, and Uzbekistan.

Special guest:

Republic of Belarus

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted unanimously. ([Attachment I](#))

### 2. Election of the Bureau

The following delegations were elected as members of the Bureau by acclamation:

- Chairman : Azerbaijan
- Vice Chair : Jordan



- Rapporteur : Bhutan

### **3. Remarks by Chairperson**

H.E. Mr. Rizvan Nabiyeu, Chairman of the Executive Council and Head of Azerbaijan delegation presented his opening remarks. ([Attachment II](#))

### **4. Report by APA Secretary General**

The Secretary General presented his Report on the APA activities in 2024/2025. ([Attachment III](#))

### **5. Nomination of APA President for 2026-7**

Bahrain and Iran were the candidates for the post of APA Presidency for 2026-7. After cordial consolation, the following arrangements have been agreed among them, through good offices of APA Secretary General and under the chairmanship of the representative of the APA President:

1. Kingdom of Bahrain will hold the position of APA Presidency for 2026.
2. Islamic Republic of Iran will hold the position of APA Presidency for 2027-2028.
3. Iran as the APA vice-president will host the Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development in 2026.

### **6. Nomination of Vice Presidents for 2025**

The nomination of the Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Qatar, and the Russia Federation were endorsed by the EC for the post of APA vice - Presidency for the year 2025 and recommended to the 15<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary.

**7. Request of Sultanate of Oman for APA full membership** Sultanate of Oman on 12 September 2024 officially requested for APA full membership. The Executive Council unanimously approved the Application of the Sultanate of Oman for full membership and recommended to the 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary. The delegation of Oman expressed its appreciation and offered its

full solidarity and support towards promotion of APA objective.  
([Attachment IV](#))

## **8. Request of the Republic of Belarus for APA observer status**

The Republic of Belarus on 10 October 2024 officially requested for APA observer status. The Executive Council unanimously approved the application of the Republic of Belarus for APA observer status and recommended it to the Plenary. The delegation of Belarus in a cordial statement, appreciated the status being granted to its parliament.  
([Attachment V](#))

## **9. Consideration of Draft Resolutions of Standing Committees on:**

- **Social and Cultural Affairs**

The Executive Council considered minor amendments and corrected several typographical errors and approved the 13 draft resolutions presented by the Standing Committee and sought the endorsement of the 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary. The draft resolution on the "Commission on Women" has been forwarded to the next meeting of the Standing Committee for further consideration.

- **Budget and Planning**

The Executive Council considered minor amendments and corrected several typographical errors and approved the draft resolution on Budget & Planning presented by the Standing Committee with equal assessed contributions of 22000 USD and recommended to the 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary.

- **Economic and Sustainable Development**

The Executive Council Meeting considered minor amendments and corrected several typographical errors and approved the 7 draft resolutions presented by the Standing Committee and sought the endorsement of the 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary.

- **Political Affairs**

The Executive Council considered minor amendments and corrected several typographical errors and approved 8 draft resolutions presented by the Standing Committee and sought the endorsement of the 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary.

## **10. Report of the Committee on Palestine**

The APA Secretary General presented a brief report to EC and stated that the Executive Council in its meeting in November 2023 in Antalya, Türkiye, decided to establish the “Committee on Palestine” and called-on 14<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary to approve it. The first meeting of the Committee was held on January 10, 2024 in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran. The Second meeting of the Committee was held on the sidelines of the APA Standing Committee on Political Affairs in Baghdad on January 12, 2025. ([Attachment VI](#))

## **11. Report on activities of Working Group on Statutory Documents**

The chairperson of the Executive Committee presented the report of the WG on Statutory Documents. He stated that at the meeting of the APA Working Group on Statutory Documents which was held on December 2024 in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain the proposed amendments to the Article 8 of the APA Charter were considered and adopted. Subsequently, at the WG meeting in January 2025 in Baghdad the proposed amendments to the Article 5 of the APA Charter and Rule 15 and Rule 34.1 of the APA Rules of Procedure were considered and adopted. The adopted texts of the reviewed Articles 5 and 8 and Rule 15 and 34.1 of the Rules of Procedure by WG, were presented by the APA Secretariat to the meeting. The EC considered and adopted the proposed text and recommended it to the 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary for the final approval.

By adoption of these amendments to the APA Charter and Rules of procedure, the Working Group on Statutory Documents has fulfilled its mandate. ([Attachment VII](#))

## **12. Report on the Bureau Sessions**

The representative of the Secretariat presented the Report. He stated that during the year 2024/2025, the APA Bureau had four sessions on the sidelines of the Standing Committee meetings in Moscow, Doha, Manama, and Baghdad. The reports of Bureau meetings were presented by APA Secretariat to the Executive Council for its consideration and approval. The EC approved the Reports of the Bureau. ([Attachment VIII](#))

## **13. Draft Agenda of 15th APA Plenary**

The Executive Council considered and adopt the draft Agenda of the 15<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary. ([Attachment IX](#))

## **14. Any other matters**

No issue was raised.

## Attachment I

# Asian Parliamentary Assembly

## The 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session

### Executive Council Meeting



Baku, Azerbaijan  
18 February 2025



## Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Election of the Bureau
3. Remarks by Chairperson
4. Report by APA Secretary General
5. Nomination of APA President for 2026-7
6. Nomination of Vice Presidents for 2025
7. Request of Sultanate of Oman for APA full membership
8. Request of the Republic of Belarus for APA observer status
9. Consideration of Draft Resolutions of Standing Committees on:
  - Social and Cultural Affairs
  - Budget and Planning
  - Economic and Sustainable Development
  - Political Affairs
10. Report on the Committee on Palestine
11. Report on activities of Working Group on Statutory Documents
12. Report on the Bureau Sessions
13. Draft Agenda of 15th APA Plenary
14. Any other matters

## Attachment III



### **Asian Parliamentary Assembly**

#### **The Executive Council Meeting**

**18 February 2025**

**Baku, Azerbaijan**

#### **Report by the APA Secretary General**

**Mr. Chairman,**

**Distinguished Delegates,**

**Dear colleagues,**

It is a great honor for me, as Secretary General, to address the APA Executive Council Meeting and present my report on the latest APA activities and the outcomes of the APA Standing Committees.

Before starting my report, let me congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, and the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan for presiding over this important meeting. I am confident that, we will accomplish the objectives set for this meeting under your prudent and tactful leadership. Allow me once again to take this opportunity to express, on behalf of my colleagues in the APA Permanent Secretariat and myself, our deepest appreciation to the state officials and the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan, for their gracious hospitality and excellent organization of the meeting in the magnificent city of Baku.

**Mr. Chairman,**

**Distinguished Delegates,**

Following successful holding of the 14<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary in Baku in February 2024 I am glad to report that, under the leadership of the APA President and the capable management of the APA Vice-Presidents and the Chairs-of the four Standing Committees, we were able to successfully hold the four Standing Committee meetings according to the schedule for the year 2024/2025.

### **Standing Committee Meetings:**

- The meeting of the Standing Committee on **Social and Cultural Affairs**, hosted by the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, was held on 25-28 September 2024 in Moscow. Sixteen parliamentary delegations from member countries participated in this meeting. H.E. Boris Chernyshov, deputy chairman of the State Duma, chaired the meeting, and during the course of two sessions, *13 draft resolutions* were updated and adopted by consensus. A new draft resolution on “*Asian Parliamentarians in Support of a More Just Multipolar World Order Reflecting Its Cultural and Civilizational Diversity*” was introduced as new draft resolution by the Russian delegation and adopted by consensus. The draft resolution on the “*Commission on Women*” was thoroughly debated at this session of the Committee and deferred to the next meeting for further debate. Under the item of “*Situation of Women Parliamentarians in Asia*,” the Deputy Chair of the Federation Council Committee on Science, Education, and Culture of Russian Federation, reported on the results of the IV Eurasian Women’s Forum in St. Petersburg, Russia (18-20 September 2024). The Chair of the State Duma Committee on Family Protection also presented her statement on the defense of traditional values.

- The second event was the meeting of the Standing Committee on **Budget and Planning**, which was held on 4-7 November 2024 in Doha, at the invitation of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, and chaired by H.E. Mr. Ahmad bin Hitmi AL-Hitmi in the capacity of APA Vice-President. Parliamentary delegations from 15 member countries participated in this meeting. The *draft resolution on Budget & Planning* was extensively debated with all proposed amendments and adopted by consensus. The meeting finally agreed on an equal amount of 22,000 USD as annual contribution. It was emphasized that the sum of 22,000 USD is a fair amount with no pressure on any member country, and voluntary contributions by certain wealthier members can also be taken into consideration.

- The meeting of the Standing Committee on **Economic and Sustainable Development**, as the third Standing Committee meeting, was held on 8-9 December 2024 in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain. The meeting was hosted by the Council of Representatives of the Kingdom of Bahrain and chaired by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Alsloom in his capacity as APA Vice-President. Parliamentary delegations from 18 member countries participated in this meeting and presented

their remarks on regional and global developments, as well as on the content of draft resolutions. There were 7 *draft resolutions* on the agenda of the meeting. These draft resolutions were considered and adopted after incorporating several amendments.

- Finally, at the invitation of the Iraqi Council of Representatives, the Standing Committee on **Political Affairs** was held on 11-12 January 2025 in Baghdad, Republic of Iraq, as the last Standing Committee meeting. Fourteen parliamentary delegations from APA member countries participated in this meeting, and H.E. Mr. Al-Kinani, head of the Iraqi delegation, presided over the meeting. The Standing Committee had before it 8 *draft resolutions* for consideration. After interactive discussions on proposed amendments to the draft resolutions, the meeting adopted all draft resolutions. Under the agenda item “General Debate,” *many delegations addressed the unfolding disastrous situation in the Gaza Strip, expressing their full support for and solidarity with the Palestinian people.*

**Mr. Chairman,**

**Distinguished Delegates,**

In addition to the Standing Committee meetings during the year 2024-2025, the APA had four more major events:

## **1. Committee on Palestine**

The APA Executive Council, in its meeting in November 2023 in Antalya, Türkiye, decided to establish the “*Committee on Palestine*” and called on the 14<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary to approve it. The first meeting of the Committee was held on January 10, 2024, in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran. The “*Final Communique on the Current Situation in Palestine*” was considered and adopted by consensus at this meeting. The second meeting of this Committee was held on the sidelines of the APA Standing Committee on Political Affairs in Baghdad on January 12, 2025. The meeting was opened by the Chair of the Committee, H.E. Ali Faysal, head of the delegation of Palestine, and participants made their remarks on the catastrophic situation of the Palestinian people in Gaza, expressing hope that a lasting and sustained ceasefire would be established in the region. The draft resolution on “*Asian Parliament’s Unwavering Support for the Palestinian People*” was considered and adopted at this meeting.

## **2. Working Group on Statutory Documents**

The APA Bureau, at its meeting in September 2024 in Moscow, decided that the WG would hold meetings in parallel with Standing Committee meetings. The first meeting of the WG took place on December 8, 2024, on the sidelines of the



Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain. The meeting was chaired by the Council of Representatives of the Kingdom of Bahrain and considered and agreed on proposed amendments to Articles 8 of the APA Charter. The issue of equal payment and equal voting rights was addressed and agreed upon by all participants.

The second meeting of the WG was held on January 11, 2025, on the sidelines of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs in Baghdad, Republic of Iraq. The WG, chaired by the Council of Representatives of Iraq, reviewed Article 5 of the Charter as well as Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure. It was agreed that there should only be four Standing Committees and that any other issues should be considered within the scope of sub-committees.

### **3. Bureau Meetings**

During the year 2024-2025, the APA Bureau, composed of the APA President, the four Vice-Presidents, and the APA Secretary General, had four sessions on the sidelines of the Standing Committee meetings in Moscow, Doha, Manama, and Baghdad. At these meetings, a wide range of issues related to APA activities were discussed, and several important decisions were made to facilitate the implementation of the APA annual program of work.

### **4. APA Coordination Meeting on the Sidelines of the IPU Assembly**

As you are aware, the APA Coordination Meeting on the sidelines of the IPU Assemblies has been held since 2009 as a usual practice mandated under the APA Resolution adopted on November 2008. The resolution calls on the APA Secretariat to do its best to benefit from the IPU potential as a big parliamentary platform in favor of strengthening parliamentary diplomacy and as part of the initiative to deepen cooperation and coordination on important international issues of common interest. During the year 2024, the Coordination Meeting of the APA was held on the sidelines of the 148<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly in March and the 149<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly on October in Geneva, Switzerland, with participation of good number of lawmakers representing APA member parliaments. These two events were chaired by the Republic of Azerbaijan in its capacity as APA President.

**Mr. Chairman,**

**Distinguished Delegates,**

**Dear colleagues,**

One key task of the Executive Council Meetings is **endorsing nomination of the new APA President**. Additionally, we must finalize nominations for APA Vice-Presidents to chair the four Standing Committees in 2025. I expect that, in the course of this Executive Committee meeting, we will be able to fulfill our obligation to finalize candidacies for the Presidency of 2026-2027 and the chairmanship of the four Standing Committees for 2025.

At this meeting of the Executive Council, we are pleased to address the **Application of the Sultanate of Oman full membership and the Republic of Belarus for Observer Status**. I warmly welcome them both and I am confident of their full support from APA member parliaments.

Before concluding, I once again express my heartfelt thanks to H.E. Ms. Sahiba GAFAROVA, Speaker of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan, and H.E. Mr. Rizvan Nabiyeu, Representative of the APA President, and head of Azerbaijan delegation for their exemplary leadership as APA President.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

## Attachment VI



### **Asian Parliamentary Assembly**

#### **Executive Council Meeting**

Baku, Azerbaijan

18 February 2025

#### **Report on the Committee on Palestine**

The APA Executive Council in its meeting in November 2023 in Antalya, Türkiye, decided to establish the “Committee on Palestine” and 14<sup>th</sup> APA Plenary to approve it. The first meeting of the Committee was held on January 10, 2024 in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran. Parliamentary delegations from 17 member countries participated in the meeting.

The main topics underlined in the statements of the majority of the countries was the condemnation of the Israeli regime’s aggression against the Palestinian people resulting in massacre of thousand civilians among them several thousand women and children, war crimes, Genocide, and crimes against humanity against the Gaza Strip. They also expressing concerns that the flames of evil actions of the Israeli regime will go beyond the borders of the occupied territories and the entire West Asian region faces a very serious challenge with dangerous consequences for world peace and security. The "Final Communique on the Current Situation in Palestine" was adopted by unanimity at this meeting.

The Second meeting of the Committee was held on the sidelines of the APA Standing Committee on Political Affairs in Baghdad on January 12, 2024. This meeting was opened by the Chair, H.E Mr. Ali Faysal, Head of Delegation of Palestine, who welcomed the participants and

asked them to observe one minute silence in memory of the martyrdom of the Palestinian People. The APA Secretary General also made an address on the tragic and painful situation of the people of Gaza and Lebanon. Participants also made their remarks on the catastrophic situation of the Palestinian people in Gaza and expressed that a lasting and sustained ceasefire would be established in the region. The draft resolution on “Asian Parliament’s unwavering support for Palestinian People” was extensively addressed and adopted by participants.

## Attachment VII



### **Asian Parliamentary Assembly**

### **Executive Council Meeting 18 February 2028 Baku-Republic of Azerbaijan**

### **Report on: APA Working Group on Statutory Documents**

To accelerate the reform process, the APA Executive Council decided to establish a working group on Statutory documents in October 2019 in Rize, Türkiye.

As an initial step, parliament of Kuwait invited WG members in February 2020 to hold the first session of the WG. Unfortunately, the planned meeting in Kuwait was canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Two years later, in October 2021, the First Session of the WG was convened in Ürgüp, Türkiye. During the First Session, the participants could only address amendments of 5 Articles of the APA Charter.

It took nearly two years, from October 2021 to July 2023, for the Secretariat and the APA's term presidency to arrange the Second Session of the WG in July 2023 in Tehran.

Finally in an attempt to maintain momentum, the APA Bureau, at its meeting in September 2024 in Moscow, decided to hold WG sessions alongside the Standing Committee meetings.

Under the new approach, the first meeting of the WG took place on December 8, 2024, on the sidelines of the Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development in Manama. The meeting considered and agreed on proposed amendments to Articles 8 of the APA Charter.

The second meeting of such WG was held on January 11, 2025, on the sidelines of the Standing Committee on Political Affairs in Baghdad. The WG reviewed Article 5 of the Charter as well as Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure.

The Executive Council is to consider the revised texts of Articles 5 and 8 of the Charter and Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure as proposed by the WG.

Once the 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary approves the final texts, the mandate of the WG on Statutory Documents will be exhausted.

# Asian Parliamentary Assembly



## The 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session

Baku, Azerbaijan  
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## Amendments to the APA Charter

### Article 8: Number of Votes

In the Plenary, each member parliament shall have one vote and has two delegates plus additional delegates determined as follows:

- Countries with population between 1 million up to 50 million will have two additional delegates,
- Countries with population between 50 and 200 million will have three additional delegates,
- Countries with population between 200 and 500 million will have four additional delegates, and
- Countries with population over 500 million will have five additional delegates,

### Article 5: Basic Organs and Structures:

#### A: Basic APA Organs:

The APA shall be composed of the Plenary, the Executive Council, the Bureau of Assembly, the Standing Committees and the Secretariat.

Activities of the APA Organs and establishment of subsidiary bodies shall be regulated by the APA Rules of Procedure.

#### B: Organizational Structure of the APA:

The organization of the hierarchy structure shall be arranged in a democratic manner indicating clearly the specific composition, function, powers and Rules of Procedure to reach balance, harmony and effectiveness of the APA work, as an institution, all, shall be subject to the approval of the Plenary.

# Asian Parliamentary Assembly



## The 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session

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## Amendments to the APA Rules of Procedure

### IV: Standing Committees and Sub-Committees:

#### Rule 15:

1. The Plenary may set up Standing Committees and Sub-Committees as it deems necessary to deal with any subject of interest and to examine the issues on its agenda. These bodies shall submit as appropriate their draft resolutions, reports and recommendations to the Plenary for its consideration and decision.
2. The APA shall have four Standing Committees on: Political Affairs, Economic and Sustainable Development, Social and Cultural Affairs, Budget and Planning. Decisions of the Standing Committees shall be taken by consensus. Any other issues of interest are to be considered within the scope of sub-committees under direct supervision of the relevant Standing Committee
3. Upon suggestion of the Bureau or at least ten Member Parliaments, establishment of Sub-Committees, shall be put on the agenda of the Executive Council for its approval. The recommendation of the Executive Council on this issue shall be approved by the majority votes of the delegates present and voting in the Plenary.

#### Rule 34:

Each member parliament shall have one vote.



## Attachment VIII



### Executive Council Meeting

18 February 2025 – Baku

### **Report of APA Bureau meetings**

During the past few years as we proceeded to tackle our efforts for addressing the important topics of interests to all the APA members, it was strongly felt that there was an urgent need for a higher supervisory mechanism ever than before in order be able to streamline our decision-making process within the APA hierarchical structure.

There were issues and topics that by nature needed certain coordination or recommendation beforehand in order to be able to streamline the concerned activities, but could not be place in the Agenda of Standing Committees or that of other basic organs of APA.

In the course of its consultations, the APA Secretariat came up with this common understanding to benefit from the capacity of the Bureau Meetings. To this end, the first meeting of APA Bureau was held on the sidelines of the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs in Moscow, Russian Federation with participation of Heads of delegations of Azerbaijan (as Representative of the APA President), Bahrain, Iraq, and Russian Federation in their capacity as APA Vice-Presidents as well as Secretary General.

Since then, APA Bureau has succeeded to hold 4 meetings on the sidelines of Committee Meetings and exchanged views on several valuable information and decisions of significance for smooth

operation and acceleration of the APA activities. Reports of the four Bureau meetings are hereto attached for your consideration.

## Attachment IX

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### Asian Parliamentary Assembly



#### The 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session

Baku, Azerbaijan  
19-20 February 2025



#### Draft Agenda

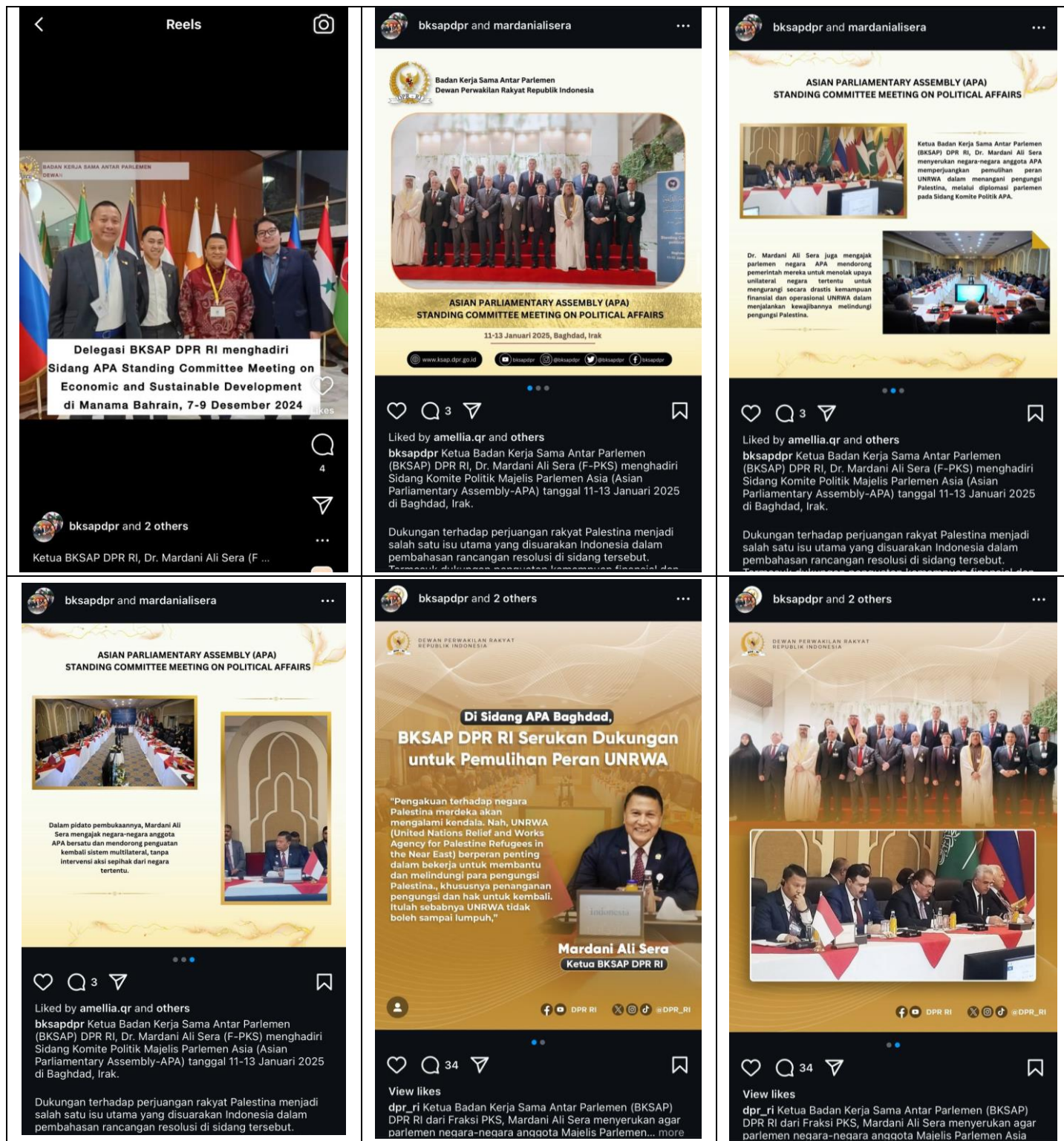
1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Election of the Bureau
3. Remarks by APA President, H.E. Speaker of Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan
4. Report of the Chairperson of the Executive Council
5. Report of the Secretary General on the work of the Organization
6. Adoption of the full membership of the Sultanate of Oman
7. Adoption of the Observer status of Republic of Belarus
8. General Debate: Statements by Head of Delegations on *"Role of Parliamentary Diplomacy in Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in Asia"*
9. Meeting of the Standing Committees
10. Meeting of the Drafting Committee on Baku Declaration
11. Presentation and adoption of Reports of:
  - Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs
  - Standing Committee on Budget and Planning
  - Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development
  - Standing Committee on Political Affairs
12. Approval of the APA Vice- Presidents for 2025

13. Nomination of APA President for 2026-7
14. Adoption of the amendments to the APA Charter and Rule of Procedure recommended by the Executive Council
15. Any other matter

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## Rapatkan Barisan, BKSAP Serukan Agar Parlemen Negara-Negara Asia Perkuat Multilateralisme

Baku, Azerbaijan (19/02/2025) – Ketua BKSAP DPR RI, Dr. Mardani Ali Sera, menyerukan agar parlemen negara-negara Asia untuk memperkuat hubungan baik dan kolaborasi bersama dalam menghadapi turbulensi geopolitik global. Hal ini disampaikan dalam Sidang Umum Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) ke-15 di Baku, Azerbaijan pada tanggal 19 Februari 2025.

Mardani menyoroti fenomena unilateralisme (mengambil tindakan sepihak) yang semakin meningkat dalam politik internasional. Sebagai contoh, sederetan kebijakan luar negeri yang dikeluarkan Amerika Serikat seperti menarik diri dari kesepakatan perubahan iklim Paris Agreement, keluar dari organisasi kesehatan dunia (WHO), usulan relokasi masyarakat Gaza secara sepihak, dan dikeluarkannya Eropa dan Ukraina dalam pembicaraan penyelesaian perang Russia-Ukraina.

“Ini menjadi catatan penting bagi kita, bahwa kita boleh saja mendahulukan kepentingan nasional kita, asalkan tidak mengorbankan dan merugikan negara lain. Selain itu kerja sama multilateral yang kuat sangat dibutuhkan terutama untuk menghadapi ketidakpastian politik global”, imbuh politisi PKS ini.

Ia menambahkan bahwa negara-negara Asia memiliki potensi yang besar dari segi demografi, perkembangan ekonomi, dan keragaman budaya. Sudah selayaknya hal ini menjadi modalitas bagi negara-negara Asia untuk memperkuat kerja sama antar kawasan untuk mewujudkan perdamaian dan keamanan, kesejahteraan sosial, dan solidaritas bersama. Melalui Asian Parliamentary Assembly ini, diplomasi parlemen dapat memainkan peran yang krusial dalam memperkuat multilateralisme, dan mengajak agar negara menahan diri dari tindakan-tindakan unilateral, ultra-nasionalis, isolasi, dan bertindak melanggar hukum internasional.

Turut hadir dalam Sidang ini Ketua DPR RI, Puan Maharani, Gilang Dhielafararez (F-PDIP), Charles Honoris (F-PDIP), Robert Joppy Kardinal (F-P.Golkar), Musa Rajekshah (F-P.Golkar), Gulam Mohamad Sharon (F-P.NasDem), Arzeti Bilbina (F-PKB), Syahrul Aidi Maazat (F-PKS). (BKSAP)

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