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**THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN DEVELOPING SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR
COOPERATION WITH A VIEW TO ACCELERATING ACHIEVEMENT
OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

***Amendments to the revised preliminary draft resolution submitted within the
statutory deadline by the delegations of Canada, China, Congo, Cuba, France,
India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Morocco, Republic of Korea,
Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Arab Emirates***

PREAMBLE

New preambular paragraph 1

Add a new paragraph at the start of the preamble part to read as follows:

(1) **Recalling UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/58/220 of 23 December 2003,
proclaiming 19 December United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation,**

(Morocco)

Preambular paragraph 1

Amend to read as follows:

(1) *Deeply concerned* about the adverse impact of the international economic and financial crisis on the ~~most vulnerable~~ **developing** nations and ~~sectors~~ **poor segments** of the global community, and on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2015,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New preambular paragraph 1bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 1 to read as follows:

(1bis) **Recalling MDG 8: "Develop a global partnership for development" and an open, non-discriminatory trading and financial system that includes a commitment to good governance, development and poverty reduction - both nationally and internationally,**

(Morocco)

Preambular paragraph 3

Delete the paragraph.

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(3) ~~Recalling~~ **Noting that** the G20 Summit held on 2 April 2009 in London and its willingness to boost the global economy, in particular by disbursing US\$ 50 billion to developing countries to counteract the economic and social effects of the crisis and thereby strengthen human development in those countries,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New preambular paragraph 4bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 4 to read as follows:

(4bis) Recognizing that remittances play an increasing role in the economies of many countries, contributing to economic growth and representing an important source of family and national income, accounting in some cases for a very significant percentage of the GDP of the receiving countries, and that it is crucial to ensure that remittance services are safe and efficient as misuse remains a serious government concern,

(Sweden)

Preambular paragraph 5

Replace the existing text of the paragraph by the following:

(5) Emphasizing the importance of increased financing for development, including the need to meet the long-standing target of 0.7 per cent of GNP for ODA to developing countries, wider and deeper debt relief to developing countries, as well as ongoing efforts aimed at identifying additional, innovative sources of financing,

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(5) *Noting* that, although official development assistance (ODA) from Organisation for Economic Development and Co-operation-Development Assistance Committee (OECD-DAC) countries rose by 10 per cent in real terms in 2008 (after an 8.5 per cent decline in 2007), ODA ~~will~~ **has** probably declined again in 2009, due to the economic crisis,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New preambular paragraph 5bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 5 to read as follows:

(5bis) Recalling the High-level Conference on South-South Cooperation held in Marrakech, Morocco, from 16 to 19 December 2003,

(Morocco)

Preambular paragraph 7

Delete the paragraph.

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Noting* that according to the UN Secretary-General, important progress towards all eight MDGs has been made, but that the ~~world donor~~ community is not on track to fulfil its commitments, especially in sub-Saharan Africa,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(7) ~~*Noting*~~ ***Recalling*** that, according to the UN Secretary-General, important progress towards all eight MDGs has been made, but that the world community is ~~not on track to~~ **is far from fulfilling** its commitments, ~~especially~~ **notably** in sub-Saharan Africa,

(Morocco)

New preambular paragraph 7bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 7 to read as follows:

(7bis) Welcoming the Yokohama Action Plan, agreed at the TICAD IV (the Fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development) in May 2008, which refers to the importance of promoting South-South cooperation in African countries that lag behind in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs),

(Japan)

Preambular paragraph 12

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Emphasizing* that in a globalized world, South-South cooperation, **as a complement to North-South cooperation**, is more important than ever to achieve sustainable development in developing countries, considering that economic development, social progress and environmental protection are interdependent and mutually reinforcing goals,

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Emphasizing* that in a globalized world, South-South cooperation, **as a supplement to North-South cooperation** is more important than ever to achieve sustainable development in developing countries, considering that economic development, social progress and environmental protection are interdependent and mutually reinforcing goals,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Emphasizing* that in a globalized world, South-South cooperation is more important than ever ~~to achieve sustainable development in developing countries~~, considering that economic development, social progress and environmental protection are interdependent and mutually reinforcing goals,

(Morocco)

New preambular paragraph 12bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 12 to read as follows:

(12bis) *Emphasizing* that ownership by beneficiary countries is the most important factor in enhancing the efficiency of development projects; and *recognizing* that development assistance, including South-South and triangular cooperation, plays an important role in promoting the development of beneficiary countries,

(Japan)

Preambular paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

(13) *Recalling* that the South has a number of success stories, best practices and lessons learned in addressing major development challenges, such as microcredits, which have brought about a profound societal transformation ~~in Bangladesh and in many other~~ countries,

(Morocco)

Amend to read as follows:

(13) *Recalling* that the South has a number of success stories, best practices and lessons learned in addressing major development challenges, such as ~~microcredits~~ **microfinance**, which have brought about a profound societal transformation in Bangladesh and in many other countries,

(Switzerland)

Preambular paragraph 14

Amend to read as follows:

(14) *Aware* that South-South cooperation has a long history (creation of the UNDP South-South **Special** Unit in the late 1970s) and that it has an essential role to play **in the promotion of economic growth and development** in developing countries, as spelled out in the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (1998), in the successive South Summits (2000 and 2005) and in the Marrakech Declaration and Framework of Implementation of South-South Cooperation (2003),

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Preambular paragraph 15

Amend to read as follows:

(15) *Convinced* that organizations **and bodies** within the UN system, due to their universal membership, neutrality and political independence, represent essential vehicles to catalyse, support and strengthen South-South cooperation,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(15) *Convinced* that organizations within the UN system, due to their universal membership, ~~neutrality and political independence,~~ represent essential vehicles to catalyse, support and strengthen South-South cooperation,

(Morocco)

Preambular paragraph 17

Amend to read as follows:

(17) *Recalling* that financing for development, **such as is** set forth in the Monterrey Consensus, is about tapping all available resources, not only development assistance and debt relief, but also financing from domestic resources, fair trade, foreign investment and remittances, that ~~are all~~ **could be** complementary,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New preambular paragraph 17bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 17 to read as follows:

(17bis) *Underscoring* that South-South cooperation offers developing countries and countries in transition real possibilities in their individual and collective quest for sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

(Morocco)

Preambular paragraph 18

Delete the paragraph.

(China, India)

Preambular paragraph 19

Delete the paragraph.

(China, Cuba, India)

Amend to read as follows:

(19) *Considering* that there is a need for ~~standards, rules and regulatory frameworks that could~~ **a conducive environment to** enhance South-South cooperation, as well as for methodologies for gathering information on South-South flows of assistance and other forms of cooperation,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New preambular paragraph 19bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 19 to read as follows:

(19bis) ***Taking note* of the Ministerial Declaration adopted by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 at their Twenty-seventh Annual meeting, held in New York on 25 September 2003, in which they once again underscored the importance and increased relevance of South-South cooperation,**

(Morocco)

Preambular paragraph 20

Amend to read as follows:

(20) ***Encouraging*** ~~Noting that~~ the private sector, civil society actors and individuals ~~are assuming a new and dynamic~~ **to continue to play an active** role in South-South cooperation,

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(20) *Noting* that the private sector, civil society actors and individuals are assuming a new and dynamic role in South-South cooperation, **and that overcoming the crisis is not only the responsibility of States' multilateral efforts in the framework of North-South cooperation, but that steps must be taken towards the development and consolidation of a global legal framework that offers adequate protection to the free enterprise of the private sector, civil society actors and individuals, knowing that peoples' prosperity and welfare is, to a great extent, the fruit of promoting and boosting the private sector and its initiatives,**

(Spain)

Preambular paragraph 21

Amend to read as follows:

(21) *Emphasizing* that achieving the internationally agreed development goals will not be possible without progress on gender ~~equality~~ **balance** and women's empowerment,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Preambular paragraph 22

Delete the paragraph.

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(22) ~~*Emphasizing*~~ **Recalling that the active role of** women ~~are active and successful~~ in building South-South non-governmental networks for improving their status and addressing major economic, social, environmental and political concerns,

(Morocco)

Preambular paragraph 23

Amend to read as follows:

(23) *Noting* that the agenda for South-South cooperation has expanded significantly to include not only economic and technical cooperation, but also ~~good governance, health and disease control, environmental~~ **other important international issues of concern to the developing countries** and transnational security threats,

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(23) *Noting* that the agenda for South-South cooperation has expanded significantly to include not only economic and technical cooperation, but also ~~good governance, health and disease control, environmental~~ issues and transnational security threats,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(23) *Noting* that the agenda for South-South cooperation has expanded significantly to include not only economic and technical cooperation, but also good governance, health and disease control, environmental issues and transnational security threats, **and that good governance is crucial and contingent on respect for the principles of the rule of law, through full enforcement of the law, the division of powers and respect for human rights,**

(Spain)

New preambular paragraph 23bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 23 to read as follows:

(23bis) *Noting* that capacity-building programmes in the framework of South-South cooperation have made a significant contribution to the achievement of the MDGs,

(Indonesia)

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 23 to read as follows:

(23bis) *Strongly concerned* that some donor countries tend to make light of the weakness of democratic governance in beneficiary countries in order to acquire their natural resources,

(Japan)

Preambular paragraph 24

Amend to read as follows:

(24) *Also noting* that OECD donor countries have partnered with middle-income development countries to provide development assistance to the least developed countries, **and recognizing the role played by other countries, including those from the Third World, in providing assistance under South-South cooperation,**

(Cuba)

Preambular paragraph 25

Amend to read as follows:

(25) ***Underlying*** ~~Considering that the rationale underlying~~ **the importance of** triangular development cooperation **that is being fostered especially by developing countries** ~~is that southern contributors, which are still themselves developing, are better placed and have the~~ **with** relevant experience **and capacity** to respond to the needs and problems of other developing countries,

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(25) *Considering* that the rationale underlying triangular development cooperation is that southern ~~contributors~~ **countries**, which are still themselves developing, are better placed and have the relevant experience to respond to the needs and problems of other developing countries,

(India)

Preambular paragraph 26

Delete the paragraph.

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(26) *Underscoring* that ~~such programmes~~ **experts from developing countries** can be more cost effective **than nationals of donor countries** as ~~they~~ **experts from developing countries** are often paid less ~~than nationals in donor countries~~ and training costs (fees, use of facilities, travel, accommodation, etc.) are generally lower than in developed countries,

(Switzerland)

Preambular paragraph 27

Amend to read as follows:

(27) *Considering* that regional integration is an essential process which can overcome, by common accord, political, physical, economic and social barriers that divide countries from their neighbours and foster collaboration, ~~on the~~ **leading to economic growth, expansion of regional trade and investment**, management of shared resources, regional public goods, climate change and the prevention of disasters,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(27) *Considering* that regional integration is an essential process which can overcome, ~~by common accord~~, political, physical, economic and social barriers that divide countries from their neighbours and foster collaboration on the management of shared resources, regional public goods, climate change and the prevention of disasters,

(Morocco)

Preambular paragraph 28

Amend to read as follows:

(28) *Stressing in this respect that regional and subregional ~~organizations~~ **arrangements can** play a ~~prominent~~ **an important** role in conflict prevention, peacekeeping and peace building and are important partners of the United Nations in promoting international peace and security **under the leadership of the United Nations,***

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Preambular paragraph 29

Amend to read as follows:

(29) *Also stressing that South-South cooperation and integration are highly complementary to North-South cooperation, **along** with regional integration among developing countries ~~being the cornerstone of the development cooperation policy of the European Union,~~*

(Cuba)

Preambular paragraph 30

Amend to read as follows:

(30) *Considering that regional initiatives such as the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), ~~or~~ the Pacific Plan **and the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA) programmes** may further enhance regional cooperation ~~with a view to meeting development, good governance and security challenges,~~*

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(30) *Considering that regional initiatives such as **the New Asian-African Strategic Partnership (NAASP)**, the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) or the Pacific Plan may further enhance regional cooperation with a view to meeting development, **democracy and** good governance ~~and as well as~~ security challenges,*

(Indonesia)

New preambular paragraph 30bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 30 to read as follows:

(30bis) Recognizing the strategic role of parliaments in debating and passing the national budget,

(Indonesia)

OPERATIVE PART

Operative paragraph 1

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Calls on* the northern and southern parliaments and governments to support and develop South-South **and triangular** cooperation as an important tool to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Operative paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Invites* southern country parliaments and governments to align their South-South cooperation agenda with the MDGs, **as appropriate, and in consultation with the beneficiary countries;**

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Invites* southern **and northern** country parliaments and governments to align their South-South cooperation agenda with the MDGs;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New operative paragraph 2bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 2 to read as follows:

- 2bis. Requests southern country parliaments to allocate sufficient funds to MDG-related programmes and sectors; and urges them, in addition, to ensure that the funds released are effectively used for the targeted projects;**

(Congo)

New operative paragraph 5bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 5 to read as follows:

- 5bis. Requests financial development institutions to foster and facilitate, through various forms of support, implementation of South-South development programmes and plans aimed at achieving the MDGs;**

(Congo)

Operative paragraph 7

Delete the paragraph.

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

7. *Calls on* the United Nations, working with other global institutions, to establish an effective mechanism to monitor the progress and delivery of the commitments made by the ~~international~~ **donor** community in support of South-South and triangular cooperation for development, while ensuring they are oriented towards achieving the MDGs;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New operative paragraph 7bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 7 to read as follows:

- 7bis. Urges southern country parliaments to develop standards and establish mechanisms enabling them to participate in the identification of development programmes and in international negotiations; and in addition invites parliaments to play a role in approving South-South development projects and programmes;**

(Congo)

Operative paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Invites* the UN system and its specialized agencies, such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), to ~~enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of South-South cooperation by better~~ **coordinate** ~~coordinating and streamlining the various institutions and~~ initiatives dealing with it, especially within the UN system;

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Invites* the UN system and its specialized agencies, such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of South-South cooperation by better coordinating and streamlining the various institutions, ~~and~~ initiatives **and guidelines** dealing with it, especially within the UN system;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Invites* the UN system and its specialized agencies, such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of South-South cooperation by better coordinating and streamlining the various institutions and initiatives dealing with it, especially within the UN system, **and to implement South-South and triangular cooperation policies and programmes;**

(Morocco)

Operative paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:

10. *Recommends* that northern country parliaments require their governments to allocate a substantial part of their official development assistance (ODA) to triangular cooperation mechanisms ~~which, besides being more cost-effective, allow successful southern donor countries to share their experiences and best practices;~~

(Cuba)

Operative paragraph 11

Delete the paragraph.

(China, Cuba, India)

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Urges* southern donor country parliaments and governments to develop, in the framework of the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), a code of good practices concerning South-South ODA and cooperation, ~~in line with the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and the Accra Agenda for Action;~~

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Urges* southern donor country parliaments and governments to develop, ~~in the framework of the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF),~~ a code of good practices concerning South-South ODA and cooperation, in line with the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and the Accra Agenda for Action;

(Switzerland)

New operative paragraph 11bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 11 to read as follows:

- 11bis. Urges countries to ensure that South-South projects and initiatives guarantee the involvement and influence of the receiving partner countries in a democratic manner and that focus is placed on the best interest of the receiving country;**

(Sweden)

New operative paragraphs 11bis and 11ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 11 to read as follows:

- 11bis. Welcomes the progress made in discussions on mutual accountability and South-South cooperation within the framework of the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) and expresses the wish that DCF will help inspire the adoption of good practices by emerging donors, in particular with regard to aid effectiveness and transparency;**

- 11ter. Invites southern donor governments to renounce tied aid in favour of other forms of support that fully take into account the needs of the recipient countries and are in line with their national development strategies;**

(Switzerland)

Operative paragraph 12

Delete the paragraph.

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Invites* donor and beneficiary country parliaments and governments to put in place consistent and transparent accounting of both North-South and South-South ~~ODA~~ **cooperation** flows, as well as of other forms of cooperation, including in-kind contributions and shared natural and knowledge resources;

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Invites* donor and beneficiary country parliaments and governments to put in place consistent and transparent accounting of ~~both North-South and South-South ODA flows,~~ as well as of other forms of cooperation, including in-kind contributions and shared natural and knowledge resources;

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Invites* donor and beneficiary country parliaments and governments to put in place consistent and transparent accounting of both North-South and South-South ODA flows, as well as of other forms of cooperation, including in-kind contributions and shared ~~natural and~~ knowledge resources;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Operative paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

13. *Recommends* that northern and southern country parliaments increase oversight of their South-South and triangular cooperation activities, **including through field visits by members of parliament and the establishment of committees to deal with ODA issues;**

(Japan)

New operative paragraph 13bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 13 to read as follows:

- 13bis. Requests southern country parliaments to strengthen mechanisms to oversee government implementation of development plans and programmes and regional and subregional agreements that focus specifically on the MDGs;**

(Congo)

Operative paragraph 14

Amend to read as follows:

14. *Invites* southern country parliaments and governments to analyse how South-South approaches can be applied to development issues and how policies and projects that have succeeded in reducing poverty in some developing countries could be ~~adopted~~ **replicated** elsewhere to accelerate achievement of the MDGs;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Operative paragraph 15

Amend to read as follows:

15. *Invites* southern country parliaments and governments to conclude the São Paulo Round of negotiations of the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP), which has the potential to generate significant additional trade flows **among developing countries**;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Operative paragraph 16

Amend to read as follows:

16. ~~Requests~~ **Recommends that** northern **countries** and southern countries ~~y parliaments and governments that are~~ in a position to, ~~do so to provide~~ **comply, give** duty-free and quota-free market access to all ~~products~~ exports from ~~all~~ least developed countries, **including the 3 per cent of tariff lines that are currently covered by the tariff line exclusion (with the exception of arms)**;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

16. ~~Requests~~ **Calls upon** northern and southern country parliaments and governments in a position to do so to provide duty-free and quota-free market access to all products from ~~all~~ **the** least developed countries;

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

16. *Requests* northern and southern country parliaments and governments ~~in a position to do so to provide~~ **gradually expand** duty-free and quota-free market access to ~~all~~ products from all least developed countries;

(Republic of Korea)

Operative paragraph 17

Amend to read as follows:

17. *Invites* southern country parliaments and governments to ~~create~~ **improve the** a platform for exchanging views among developing countries on South-South cooperation, flows of trade and direct investments in order to coordinate their actions in these areas;

(Cuba)

New operative paragraph 18bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 18 to read as follows:

- 18bis. Recommends that southern country parliaments request information from their respective governments on the budget allocations for trade and ODA with a view to enhancing oversight and follow-up of related development programme implementation;**

(Congo)

Operative paragraph 19

Amend to read as follows:

19. *Invites* northern country parliaments to encourage their governments to urge multilateral ~~organizations~~ **institutions**, such as the Bretton Woods institutions and regional development banks, to develop and foster the implementation of programmes that promote trade and investment between countries of the South;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New operative paragraph 19bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 19 to read as follows:

- 19bis. Calls on northern and southern country parliaments and governments to ensure that the contribution to development made by southern donor countries is fully taken into account in the reforms to enhance global economic governance, notably with regard to a review of the scale of contributions at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank;**

(France)

Operative paragraph 20

Amend to read as follows:

20. *Invites* **both northern and** southern country parliaments and governments to promote actively South-South **and North-South** investments and technology transfers by ensuring a secure and stable investment environment so as to reduce transactions costs and enhance legal security;

(Cuba)

Operative paragraph 21

Delete the paragraph.

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New operative paragraphs 21bis and 21ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 21 to read as follows:

21bis. Invites donor country parliaments and governments to pay close attention to the maintenance and consolidation of good governance in beneficiary countries when implementing development assistance in such countries;

21ter. Invites governments and parliaments to take appropriate diplomatic measures in response to any acts that endanger the democratic governance and environment of beneficiary countries during implementation of South-South and triangular cooperation;

(Japan)

Operative paragraph 23

Amend to read as follows:

23. *Invites ~~southern-country~~ parliaments and governments to re-capitalize regional development banks in order to help establish or develop regional development funds;*

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Operative paragraph 24

Amend to read as follows:

24. *Invites southern parliaments and governments to develop South-South regional cooperation in order to manage more efficiently regional **issues public goods,** ~~including water resources, ecological assets such as cross-border forest basins or natural reserves, cross-border energy resources as well as disease control;~~*

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

24. *Invites southern parliaments and governments to develop South-South regional cooperation in order to manage more efficiently regional public goods, ~~including water resources,~~ ecological assets such as cross-border forest basins or natural reserves, cross-border energy resources as well as disease control;*

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New operative paragraph 24bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 24 to read as follows:

24bis. *Invites governments to strike a balance between development and environmental protection in order to achieve sustainable development by reaching an agreement based on the "common but differentiated responsibility" principle with regard to a post-2012 international framework for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;*

(Japan)

New operative paragraph 25bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 25 to read as follows:

25bis. *Invites those parliaments that are not often involved in regional and international negotiations to request information from their respective governments about progress in and the outcome of negotiations, in particular on questions related to South-South cooperation;*

(Congo)

New operative paragraphs 26bis and 26ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 26 to read as follows:

26bis. *Reaffirms the commitment of northern donor countries to assisting least developed countries in realizing their MDGs through triangular cooperation;*

26ter. *Urges northern donor parliaments to ensure that their governments honour ODA commitments, despite the economic crisis, noting the importance of predictable aid flows in realizing the MDGs.*

(Canada)

New operative paragraphs 26bis through 26octies

Add seven new paragraphs after operative paragraph 26 to read as follows:

26bis. *Endeavours to hold an international parliamentary conference on achievement of the MDGs, with a focus on South-South cooperation, provided that such a conference is held before the UN Summit to assess the MDGs, scheduled for September 2010, and that its purpose is to develop a common parliamentary vision on how to achieve the MDGs and that it undertakes to issue a parliamentary declaration thereof, which will be presented to the UN Summit;*

26ter. *Acknowledges the merits of the reports and studies of the United Nations High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation; and urges parliamentarians to play their role, especially their role of overseeing government action vis-à-vis implementation of the Committee's recommendations in their respective States;*

- 26quater. *Underscores* the importance for the international financial institutions to develop economic reform programmes in southern States tailored to the social, political and economic contexts of each State and to link such programmes to regional South-South cooperation programmes;
- 26quinquies. *Invites* the IPU to study the results of the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review of the operational activities of the UN System for Development, in particular regarding South-South cooperation and development of southern States' national capacities and to submit an annual report thereof to the Governing Council;
- 26sexies. *Calls on* parliamentarians to ensure that their respective governments include in their annual budgets the financial appropriations required for MDG-related programmes and projects;
- 26septies. *Calls for* enhanced aid effectiveness regarding development aid to the southern States by rationing the disbursement thereof in order to confirm the transparency and expenditure control principle, and by specifying the areas in which development assistance should be spent in accordance with priorities;
- 26octies. *Underscores* the importance for the northern States to promote national industries in the southern States by providing them with the necessary requirements and materials without exploiting the raw materials available in those countries, especially within the nationalization of industries framework.

(United Arab Emirates)