

**APEC Youth Summit (Model)  
Declaration by APEC Leaders  
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We, the Leaders of the Member Economies of the Organization for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, gathered in Vladivostok, Russia, on 7-10 May 2010. We stress that our collaboration on issues of labor migration and unemployment, investment and economic recovery, border transparency and terrorism, and environment safety contributes substantially to the strength of our economies and the significant improvement in the welfare and prosperity of our people.

**Borders transparency and counter-terrorist action**

Recalling the Resolution of United Nations (UN) General Assembly “Institutionalization of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force” A/RES/64/235, adopted on the 14 January 2010, we support the UN in its activities concerning the finishing of institutionalization which implies cooperation between security and law-enforcing organizations at the national, regional and international level.

Recognizing the vital role of information sharing among the government officials who are responsible for national and international security we call for creation of common anti-terrorism network available for APEC Member Economies as follows:

- (a) This database will contain the information collected on the issue of extensive personal data, residence permits and visas, including the type and status of the visa;
- (b) Information will include biometric data with three main options – fingerprints, iris scans and facial recognition;
- (c) We highly encourage intelligence services to share information about terrorist organizations, their action and movements within the country and beyond it;
- (d) We stress our desire to have monthly report from Central Banks of the direction and the personal information about donors whose flows contradict to the standards of legal operations;
- (e) This common anti-terrorism network should be updated in accordance with the new correlated information received.

Realizing the importance of collaboration between government and business structures in different important spheres, such as finance, customs, food defense, transport and transportation, infrastructure, high technology, telecommunications and internet, we agree to establish the workshop in the frames of APEC region with the aim of project presentations on the issue of counter-terrorism as follows:

- (a) The workshop will be organized annually.
- (b) The business representatives, who will present the best projects, will receive the grant on their realization.

We impose the APEC Counter-Terrorism Task Force to conduct special trainings and educational programs as a duty. These trainings will be organized for businessmen, politicians and executive officers with the aim of acquiring special knowledge and practical skills on the issue of counter-terrorism.

We resolve to reduce the loan interests and tax rates for private sector involved in development of innovation connected with combating terrorism.

We call for strengthening the national legislation concerning terrorism.

Being strongly convinced that international drug trafficking is one of the basic financial sources of terrorist actions we agree to conduct the program “The Year of Anti-Drug War”. This action should be a pilot program that is exercised within APEC.

On the governmental level we emphasize the necessity to provide the internal intelligence units with support, especially with financial one for investigation of drugs trafficking. Moreover, we promote cooperation between internal intelligence units of APEC countries in order to provide the effective work on investigation on combating drugs turnout. By implementing “The Year of Anti-Drug War” we expect decrease in production, deliveries and spreading of drugs within the APEC economies.

We consider the providing of uniform system of security in the international transport centers as a measure promoting reduction of the number of terrorist actions and the greater borders transparency simultaneously. This implies protection of public places, aviation, maritime transport, subway, and other kinds of transportation, infrastructure, and security by installing a high-tech inspection equipment and radiation detection equipment for conducting inspection and providing uniform custom procedures in the frames of the Single Window System, which is a facility allowing parties involved in trades, using standardized information and documents with a single entry point to fulfill all import, export, and transits related, regulatory requirements, in order to harmonize customs standards and procedures for trade facilitation. Since counter-terrorist actions should not be harmful for business, we agreed to consider possibility to adopt the Single Window System in APEC Economies.

We recognize these improvements to be a considerable step on the way of Bogor Goals achievement.

### **Labor migration and unemployment in APEC Economies**

We call for investing in Microinsurance Innovation Facility that provides grants and technical assistance to dozens of organizations serving unemployed and low-income people within the Asia Pacific Region.

In order to decrease flow of migrants dissatisfied with labor conditions we encourage business in joining Single Window System in order to improve labor conditions.

We call for new common regional standards of visas in order to distinguish legal labor migrants. Coloring visas for those immigrants with a right to work differently from those without may facilitate prevention of illegal migration.

We emphasize the necessity in simplification of the visa procedures for scientists, engineers, businessmen within APEC region. We encourage member-economies to join the Green Cards system to provide an effective collaboration between the countries of the region.

We acknowledge the importance of labor migration for economic development of the region. However, member-economies should provide migrants with applicable environment for their successful adaptation in the countries in order to prevent any multicultural conflicts. Therefore, we encourage APEC member-economies to establish a Migrants’ Adaptation Center in their countries, which will provide language and assimilation trainings, and informational support for migrants.

Being aware of the problem of employment faced by young people recently graduated from institutes of higher education, we urge entities and organizations to establish quotas of workplace for them. We also encourage APEC Member Economies to implement the dual employment system aimed at raising the qualification of young specialists. This system allows young graduates to work on their specialization as temporary workers in national companies and acquire the experience as well as recommendation letters for next employer.

Bearing in mind that the progress made in the sphere of controlling the flows of illegal migration has not been considerable as it was indicated in the report of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council - APEC Business Advisory Council (PECC-ABAC) Task Force on International Labor Mobility 2009, we decide to establish the annual APEC Labor Forum, which will:

- (a) Facilitate the collective resolving of the problems connected with illegal migration, and will present its decisions in frames of guidelines for every country, that will be presented during the Leaders' Meeting;
- (b) Elaborate the exact strategy to combat with human trafficking, passport and visa fraud, risky transportation, illegal payments, the practice of workers paying placement fees, and over-charging for handling remittances and other normal and legal transactions;
- (c) Collect the statistic of illegal labor forces movements, the governmental capabilities of migration flows management and coordination policies across different agencies that will guarantee the effective communication between employers and migrants in frames of APEC Labor Forum Statistical Centre.

We understand the impact of small and medium-sized enterprisers and emphasize the necessity to enhance governmental help to them through increase of governmental orders and investment flows in labor saving technologies from the budget.

We provide the unemployed with the opportunity to create the small enterprises with the help of credit program with the low. This program is expected to gives additional opportunities for youths.

We promote taxation incentives for business which provides employment opportunities for vulnerable groups of population. Furthermore we offer to make procedural adjustments to help foreign taxpayers and to provide reasonable taxation standards for foreign investors as well as domestic exporters.

We agree to facilitate luring foreign volunteers such as teachers, professors, business trainers to the developing countries of the region, it involves re-skilling, additional education to enhance job opportunities.

We also emphasizes the importance of raising awareness of migrant workers about work safety, human rights and job opportunities including improving their skills and participation in trade unions. Moreover assume that it is necessary to ensure that migrant workers are provided with necessary information about the real costs and benefits of migration, and national labor legislation.

### **Investment as an engine for the post-crisis recovery**

Recognizing the necessity to liberalizing the investment regimes and increasing their transparency by eliminating direct and indirect barriers for investment flows and promoting investment facilitation, we decide to establish the Investment Facilitation Agencies in order to investigate and elaborate the guidelines in form of Projects for eliminating direct and indirect barriers for each particular Member and to work in the following directions:

- (a) Rising the level of governance by imposition of comprehensive system of laws and regulations concerning especially intellectual property rights, banking, property rights and non-expropriating policy;
- (b) Building infrastructure, including transportation, public services, education and health care access;
- (c) Cutting bureaucracy and tackling with corruption;
- (d) Elimination of discriminatory policy;
- (e) Elaboration of investment promotion strategy and image building.

We agree to ensure non-discriminative treatment against foreign investors according to the following principles:

- (a) Taxes on project investors and employees should not be less favorable than those levied on domestic enterprises and their employees;
- (b) The host government will not require more information from an enterprise of a foreign project investor than is required from locally owned enterprises;
- (c) The better of national treatment or most-favored-nation treatment should apply to project investors throughout the life of their investment;
- (d) The project should enjoy equal access to domestic markets and resources, subject to limited and specific exceptions that should be defined before the start of project investment and financing;
- (e) Changes in the terms of project investment agreements should only be made upon mutual agreement between the parties, not by the unilateral act of the host government.

We decide to establish common transparent criteria for the assessment of investment proposals by APEC governments.

We promote the transparency of investment-related policy for foreign investors with providing available information published on e-portals of all APEC member economies with following conditions:

- (a) Publish laws, regulations, Regional Trading Agreements, Free Trade Agreements, judicial decisions, administrative rulings of general application and up-dates it,
- (b) Simplify and reduce the number of forms relating to foreign investment,
- (c) Promote on-line enquiries and on-line information on all foreign investment issues,
- (d) Promote secured information sharing system in frames of Single Window System.

We decide to publish the Investment Guidebook by the APEC Investment Experts' Group annually with having included statistics, analytics of Economies' investments policies and publish the respond of investors regarding Economies' investment-related policy.

Acknowledging the disappointing and undermined experience of establishment of Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific (FTAAP) during the last 15 year, we agree to accelerate regional economic integration and the achievement of the Bogor Goals by setting a timetable for initiating the Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific (FTAAP). We also encourage APEC Members Economies to strengthen Free Trade Zones with specific economic regimes involving taxation benefits for foreign investors within the sub regions in order to approach the FTAAP establishment.

Underlining the importance of free investment flow as a post-crisis engine for recovery within Pacific Rim, we agree to eliminate double taxation in order to attract foreign investors.

We consider the most beneficial areas for investments to be alternative energy, high-technologies, high value-added manufacturing, innovations in agriculture and industry. We definitely support

investments in direction of social sphere development, including basic education, health care organizations, humanitarian help funds, and combating with draughts and other challenges of climate change. Therefore we encourage increase investment flows from state budget to the non-compensated, social infrastructure, and research and development within the country and abroad, since this is crucial for a mutual aid and for an even development of APEC member-economies;

Collaborating within international organizations, such as the World Trade Organization, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, and the Financial Stability Forum, we propose to encourage businesses to meet the international standards of accounting and disclosure of the financial information. Recognizing the lack of adequate and understandable information for all APEC economies we will not spare any efforts to establish legal, accounting and governing frameworks appropriate to the economy but consistent with international standards. Accounting standards should be reviewed, and strong prudential standards should be applied to all significant financial institutions.

Calling attention to existing administrative obstacles and discrimination of foreign investors against local ones, we will ensure the financial institution reforms including removing barriers for foreign investment. The key message is the importance of the liberalization of markets both to attract capital flows and to provide a more efficient way to channel savings and efficiently allocate investment. We will provide economic, political and legal equality in rights and opportunities for both domestic and foreign direct investment facilitation that create more jobs and poses high value-added technology.

Stressing the necessity to create sustainable reinvestment regime, we promote reinvestment through the effective remittance policy and other economic incentives, including no restrictions on reinvestment or repatriation of earnings and capital, no significant restrictions on remittances, foreign exchange transactions and capital movements.

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