

## Mission Statement

1 As parliamentarians and participants in the First Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum on Global Health, we establish this forum to strengthen our role in promoting and protecting human health and well-being.

2. Parliamentarians will work to strengthen health governance by:

- a. Developing health policy and enacting health legislation;
- b. Improving health service delivery through financing and reform;
- c. Facilitating budget appropriations and mobilizing resources; and
- d. Accelerating progress towards universal health coverage.

3. Parliamentary powers and duties will encompass many health issues, including:

- e. Health systems strengthening;
- f. Health security in management of outbreaks and emergencies;
- g. Prevention and control of communicable diseases;
- h. Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases;
- i. Health promotion through the life-course, including maternal and child health and vulnerabilities, people with disabilities and older people;
- j. Environmental protection and the health impacts of climate change; and
- k. The social determinants of health, such as poverty, violence and ethnicity.

4. Parliamentarians will be increasingly responsible for ensuring that national health policies reinforce global health governance. While countries prioritize health interventions according to national capacities, resources and needs, parliamentarians must also consider the international ramifications of these interventions, especially in the area of governance.

5. parliamentarians recognize that solutions for health will require whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches that address the concerns of all stakeholders, considering the complexity of the global health landscape and the many factors that impact health, such as trade, industry, finance, education, agriculture and population movement.

6. For this mission, we establish this forum as a platform for parliamentarians in the Asia-Pacific region, as well as international partners, to exchange ideas for prioritizing health agendas and promoting sustainable action at the community, national and global levels.