COMMUNIQUE

The African Parliamentarians’ Network Against Corruption, at its Biennial General Meeting of March 17-18, 2018 in Accra, Ghana; hosted by APNAC-Ghana and financed by Ghana, under the theme: “The role of the Parliamentarians in the fight against Corruption, in achieving the SDGs in Africa, and paving the way for the sustainability and the future of APNAC;”

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Activity Report (April 2015 - March 2018) and the Financial Statements (July 2014 – March 2018) of the APNAC Secretariat, **COMMENDS** its efforts, and **RECOGNISES** the challenge of resourcing the activities of the Network.

2. **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the report of the APNAC Board Meeting of September 2016 in Nairobi and **ENDORSES** its recommendation to raise the APNAC subscription fee to USD 1,000 per national chapter per year to support the work of the Secretariat.

3. **AGREES** to reenergize the Network and re-strategize to effectively combat corruption.

4. **STRONGLY URGES** that each National Chapter engages the Speaker of that parliament on the proposal for budgetary allocation from Parliament to support APNAC national level activities.
5. **STRESSES** that a parliament is as strong as its committees and **CALLS UPON** all Parliaments in Africa to strengthen their parliamentary committees to enhance the execution of Parliament oversight.

6. **EXPRESSES GRAVE CONCERN** about reports and perceptions of increasing corruption in Africa including parliaments and **CALLS UPON** all relevant institutions and stakeholders to work towards reducing the cost of getting elected into African Parliaments, in order to reduce the risk of corruption in African Parliaments.

7. **WELCOMES AND ENDORSES** the decision of the African Union of adopting the theme for 2018 as “**Winning the Fight against Corruption: A Sustainable Path to Africa’s Transformation,**” and urges the Secretariat to continue and deepen its collaboration with the work of the AU 2018 project.

8. **RECOGNISES** the urgent need to work in partnership in the fight against corruption and **URGES** the Secretariat to network further and formalise all relevant partnerships.

9. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the support that APNAC-Ghana has offered to sustain the Secretariat since 2014.


*The Participants at the 2018 BGM*

*Accra, 18 March 2018*

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