



**Statement of Commitment  
Arising from the  
Asia-Pacific Parliamentarians' Meeting on Engaging Men in Prevention of  
Violence against Women and Girls  
6-7 September 2009, Bangkok, Thailand**

As male parliamentarians from Asia Pacific we commit ourselves to playing a role in working together for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls in our countries.

We will do this by:

1. Being role models as male leaders who speak up against all forms of gender based violence and promote zero tolerance;
2. Actively participating in public awareness campaigns and raise our voice on what men and boys can do for violence prevention;
3. Advocating for other male parliamentarians to join the network;
4. Enacting and supporting legislation, policies and programmes that bear impact on reducing violence against women and girls;
5. Supporting and working in partnership with NGOs and community initiatives to promote good practices and effective interventions; and
6. Providing and sharing information across the network and throughout our parliaments.

We will support the efforts of the women parliamentarians to address root causes of discrimination and abuse and stand together to do all we can to end violence against women and girls in our own countries.

Signed on September 7 2009.

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