

STATEMENT

of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization Black Sea Economic Cooperation in Support of the Application of the Russian Federation to Host the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in the City of Sochi

We, the parliamentarians of the Member States of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, consider hosting the Winter Olympic Games in the City of Sochi as an important landmark in international sports.

The Parliamentary Assembly of the BSEC is of the opinion that the organization of the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi in 2014 is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate that the Black Sea region represents one of the key centers of the world civilization and supports the relevant application submitted by the Russian Federation.

The Parliamentary Assembly of the BSEC will promote the active and comprehensive support by the national parliaments to the organization of the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi. The parliamentarians of the Black Sea countries are convinced that the positive decision of the International Olympic Committee to give the city of Sochi the right to host the Winter Olympic Games in 2014 will facilitate the development of sports movement, tourism and human contacts in the Black Sea region and beyond meeting the common interests of the states and peoples of the Black Sea region.

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