

Declaration of the Assembly on Combating International Terrorism*

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, stating that international terrorism constitutes a serious threat to peace and life in the world and by destabilizing the countries causes chain reaction of overall violence and destruction:

- **strongly condemns** the terrorist acts in the New York City and Washington D.C. on 11 September 2001, victims of which are thousands of innocent people and expresses its unanimous support to the UN Security Council Resolution No 1373;
- **calls upon** all the Member States to comply with the UN Conventions and Resolutions related to the anti-terrorist combat and cooperate with the international community by taking all necessary measures in conformity with the international law and the Charter of the United Nations in order to eliminate terrorist activities;
- **stresses** that combating international terrorism requires closer cooperation between the Member States and, to this end, the relevant national authorities should speed up the implementation of the BSEC Agreement on Cooperation in Combating Crime by finalizing as soon as possible the relevant Additional Protocol;
- **supports** the Statement on Joint Measures in Combating International Terrorism adopted by the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs at its Fifth Meeting in Antalya;
- **expresses** readiness to seek the new ways of cooperation on the basis of internationally recognized legal norms in combating terrorism, taking into account the situation, which has been created after the terrorist acts of 11 September 2001.

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