

RESOLUTION
of the Second Black Sea Capitals' Governors
and Mayors Round Table

We, the heads of city administrations of the capitals of the Black Sea nations and the participants of the Second Black Sea Capitals' Governors and Mayors Round Table which was held in the capital of Ukraine - Kyiv on 13-14 September 1995,

stressing the leading role of the capital cities which they can play in the development of mutually beneficial cooperation of the countries of the Black Sea Region and of other regions,

attaching great importance to the problems of the development of urban infrastructure and to the prospects of cooperation as an essential part of the overall progress in the development of the capitals for the benefit of their citizens,

stating that the Round Table gives to its participants an opportunity to conduct a fruitful exchange of opinions and views on a number of important issues concerning the urban facilities in the capitals' integrated complexes and the establishment and evolution of democratic municipal self-government,

expressing confidence that the Black Sea Capitals' Governors and Mayors Round Table as an institutional framework for the exchange of experience fully justifies its purpose and serves towards attaining the overall objectives of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation,

highly appreciating the role of the PABSEC and the BSEC in the development of cooperation in the Black Sea Region,

reaffirming their allegiance to the ideas put forward in the Declaration of the First Black Sea Capitals' Governors and Mayors Round Table which was held in Istanbul on 6-8 September 1995,

have adopted the following Resolution:

1. The capitals are not merely large metropolitan entities, but the cities which represent their whole countries. In the eyes of the world community they are the face of a country. This view on capital cities requires innovative approaches and solutions for their development which are also necessitated by the demands of the coining 21st century.

2. Proceeding from this fact, the capital city authorities should concentrate their efforts on solving a wide range of issues concerning city transportation, housing construction and communal services, water supply and sewerage, facilitating work and recreation for their citizens, developing the scientific and cultural potentials, protecting the environment, safeguarding the historical and cultural heritage, social protection, health care, schools and sports, that is, everything that makes the city a friendly habitat for each citizen irrespective of his or her social status and material wealth.

It is natural that the solution of all the spectrum of capital cities' problems is closely

linked to the overall political and economic progress in each country. However, heads of city administrations should under any circumstances remember that the lifestyle model of the capital exerts a major influence on the development of other cities in the country and that likewise the microclimate prevailing in the capital influences in an essential way the life of the country as a whole.

3. Bearing in mind that today's Black Sea Region is a cradle of the European civilisation and being aware that our regional association of cities is not a closed local formation, the capitals' leaders and authorities will always contribute to the establishment of a lasting peace on the continent and will do everything within their power to solve conflicts by political means and not by force because the logic of force is a logic of political impasse.

4. Steering the course of development of our capitals towards the 21st century, we must do our best for their informational and cultural openness. The capitals of the future should become a kind of informational and cultural crossroads where the green light is on for everybody. This course of action of city authorities is important not only for capital city dwellers, but also for all the citizens of a country.

We, the participants of the Second Black Sea Capitals' Governors and Mayors Round Table, realise that the solution of the problems of the development of city infrastructures of the capitals as well as their overall urban progress will depend to great extent on the cities' mutual cooperation and mutual assistance the readiness and willingness for which have been so vividly demonstrated by our meeting, discussions and exchange of views.

The participants of the Round Table have agreed to consider the possibility of setting up an organisational structure uniting the capitals of the Black Sea countries. The decision on this matter will be passed after drafting all relevant documents and approving them at the next Meeting of the Round Table. This clause shall become effective after it is approved by the relevant authorities of the cities participating in the Round Table.

Therefore, we will not only contribute by all means to the cooperation among our capitals ourselves, but also appeal to the authorities and leaders of other cities of the world to support this Resolution and take part in the materialisation of its ideas on a mutually beneficial and mutually useful basis.

Adopted by the heads of city administrations of the national capitals of the Black Sea Region in Kyiv on 14 September 1995.