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TWENTY FIFTH PLENARY SESSION OF THE PABSEC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDATION 81/2005*
**“Economic aspects of resolving environmental problems in the
Black Sea countries”**

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation:

1. **Noting** the fact that the regional and global environmental problems increasingly affect the perspective of sustainable development in the BSEC member states becoming the matter of urgent coordinated address by the governments, parliaments, local authorities, business circles, science and technology, non-governmental organisations and the public at large;
2. **Reaffirming** its commitment to the Bucharest Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution, which places particular attention to the integrated cooperation and interaction with the international structures in order to protect and preserve the marine environment of the Black Sea; the Odessa Ministerial Declaration on the Protection of the Black Sea adopted on 7 April 1993 and the Strategic Action Plan for the Rehabilitation and Protection of the Black Sea adopted in Istanbul on 30-31 October 1996;
3. **Recalling** the Report and the Recommendation 5/1994 on “Black Sea Environmental Health”; the Report and the Recommendation 49/2001 on “The

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The Assembly debate on 8 June 2005 (see Doc.: GA25/EC24/REP/05, Report of the Economic, Commercial Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee “Economic aspects of resolving environmental problems in the Black Sea Countries” discussed in Donetsk, on 16 March 2005; Rapporteur: Mr. Fillipos Tsalidis - Hellenic Republic)

Text adopted by the Assembly in Kyiv on 8 June 2005.

Black Sea Environmental Health: New Challenges” and the Final Declaration of the First Inter-Parliamentary Conference on the Environmental Protection of the Black Sea (Istanbul, 1996);

4. **Placing** the utmost importance to the individual and collective efforts for monitoring and assessing the problems regarding the protection of the Black Sea ecosystem;

5. **Appreciating** the measures undertaken within the framework of the BSEC through its Working Group on Environmental Protection in the process of implementation of “The BSEC Economic Agenda for the Future” as well as the activities carried out by the Black Sea Environmental Programme;

6. **Stressing** that the environmental protection and sustainable development strategies are to be determined with due regard to the commitments and goals contained in global multilateral instruments including the Rio Declaration of 1992 and Agenda 21 and, at the same time, are to meet the urgent contemporary environmental challenges;

7. **Welcoming** the entry into force on 16 February 2005 of the Kyoto Protocol to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change as an important step towards addressing the global problem of climate change;

8. **Acknowledging** that the economic factors have to promote facilitation of resolving the problems pertinent to the environmental protection in the BSEC member states;

9. **The Parliamentary Assembly, therefore, recommends** the parliaments and the governments of the BSEC Member states:

i. *to take* effective measures for further implementation of the principles laid down in the Rio Declaration through applying the provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kyoto Protocol to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change;

ii. *to promote* establishment of specialized environmental foundations, basic principles of which are set forth in the European Union legislation;

iii. *to coordinate* actions towards securing safe realization of the oil and gas projects in the region;

iv. *to secure* taking measures aiming at safe functioning of all nuclear stations located in the region;

v. *to promote* introduction of new ecological technologies and exchange of relevant experience;

vi. *to encourage* further development of scientific research programmes and studies so as to develop reliable integrated observation and monitoring

systems and create comprehensive, easily accessible databases in the field of environmental protection;

vii. *to promote* implementation of the programmes in the following spheres:

a) *setting up* of a regional action plan for protection of flora and fauna and prevention of rare species from extinction;

b) *development* of ecotourism and preservation of cultural and historical heritage;

c) *setting up* of the Coastal Protection and Stream-Bank Erosion Prevention Regional Plan of Action through consolidating the world-wide practices on coastal protection with a view to elaborate recommendations for the Black Sea countries.

viii. *to undertake* permanent follow up on implementation of basic ecological programmes and bilateral agreements;

ix. *to support* the activities of nongovernmental organizations as well as civil initiatives aimed at environmental protection and involve them in the process of ecological monitoring, management and planning;

x. *to ensure* promotion of environmental educational programme including a comprehensive awareness-raising campaign in the population and to strengthen the scientific human resources potential;

xi. *to facilitate* prediction of ecological catastrophes through detailed analysis and more precise forecasting of the environmental situation in the region;

10. The Parliamentary Assembly invites the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to consider this Recommendation.