

**PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION
PABSEC**

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THE THIRTEENTH PLENARY SESSION OF THE PABSEC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDATION 33/1999¹

on

“THE BLACK SEA TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BANK”

1. The Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation:

- a. strongly believes that the establishment of the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank by the Fourth Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Participating States, in Tbilisi on 30 June 1994, represented a major step in introducing the financial dimension of the BSEC process, aimed at undertaking intra-regional projects contributing to the sustainable economic growth of the BSEC countries.
- b. has since the beginning provided full support to the establishment of the BSTDB both through the Recommendations it adopted since 1994, expressing support to the creation of the Bank, as well as through its cooperation with the National Parliaments in the ratification of the Agreement Establishing the BSTDB
- c. acknowledges that the start of full operations of the Bank on 2 June 1999 will open a new chapter in the BSEC process by initiating priority projects advancing economic development in the Member States and accelerating their integration into the European and international market economy.

2. The Parliamentary Assembly therefore recommends to the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank:

- a. **to place** particular emphasis on implementing priority projects of common interest expanding multilateral economic and commercial cooperation in the Black Sea region.
- b. **to give** priority to the financing of operations that create employment opportunities in the BSEC countries.

¹ Rapporteur: Mr. hsan ABUK (Turkey)

Assembly debate on 23 June 1999 (see Doc. GA 6121/99, Report of the Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee on “The Black Sea Trade and Development Bank”, discussed in Sofia on 17 March 1999; Rapporteur: Mr. Alexandros DAMIANIDIS - Greece).

Text adopted by the General Assembly in Ankara on 23 June 1999

- c. **to take** an active role in advising the Member Countries in designing sound economic policies, in implementing structural and sectoral economic reforms, promoting competition, privatisation and entrepreneurship.
- d. **to contribute** to the transition process of the Member States and the economic prosperity of the people of the region by financing regional projects and provide other banking services to projects of the public and private sectors in the Black Sea region and trade activities among the BSEC countries
- e. **to utilise** more actively the potential of the business community of the BSEC States.

3. The Parliamentary Assembly calls on the National Parliaments and the Governments of the BSEC Participating States:

- a. **to enact** and enforce necessary legislation, as well as to undertake appropriate institution building, in the sector of banking and finance in the BSEC region according to international standards and conducive to the implementation of the main objectives of the BSTDB.
- b. **to accelerate** the preparation of a clear strategy for business and financial operations of the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank.
- c. **to expedite** legislation efforts towards the materialisation of essential privatisation and protection of investments, as well as other reforms relevant to the smooth finance and viability of the projects undertaken by the Bank.
- d. **to speed up** the creation of the legal frameworks and laying down the appropriate regulations identifying and proposing viable projects of intra-regional and national importance to be financed by the BSTDB.
- e. **to enact** legislation facilitating the participation of the private sector in the co-financing together with the BSTDB and the BSEC Business Council of projects bearing significant intra-regional importance.
- f. **to actively seek** the appropriate sources of capital, credit and funding from the international banking and financial institutions in order to support financially the BSTDB and consider ways and means to participate in its activities.
- g. **to follow** the time schedule of their corresponding financial obligations by which the capital stock of the Bank will be realised.

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