



PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION
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THE TWENTY-FIRST PLENARY SESSION OF THE PABSEC GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RECOMMENDATION 71/2003* on
'BLACK SEA INFORMATION ALLIANCE'

I. The Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation

- a. *draws* special attention to the growing importance of the information society which is being created by the rapidly developing information and communication technologies as stressed in Recommendation 66/2002 on 'Information society: the role of new technologies ' adopted by the 20th PABSEC General Assembly in Athens on 27 November 2002;
- b. *motivated* by the significance of technological development for the regional integration of the BSEC countries as well as their integration into the community of economically advanced European countries, it *established* a new Sub-Committee on Information Technology to intensify and coordinate efforts at the legislative level in the field of information technology among all eleven member countries;
- c. *encourages* measures with a view to implementing the immediate priorities of the BSEC in the field of information technology and within this framework highly appreciates the efforts for developing a 'Black Sea Knowledge - based Information Society' and underlines the paramount importance of the creation of a register and database of information resources and technologies for joint use envisaged in the project on 'Distributed Information - Analytical Centre for Intelligent Technologies (CINTECH) for the Black Sea Region' which constitutes a significant step in the shaping of a 'Black Sea Knowledge-Based Information Society';
- d. *recalls* that for the realisation of a Black Sea information society, there is a necessity of coordination of efforts among the BSEC member states and encouragement by national and international agencies of initiatives for networks development covering the whole Black Sea area and for the Black Sea networks interconnection with the main international backbone networks.

II. Therefore, the Parliamentary Assembly recommends the Parliaments and Governments of the BSEC member states:

- i. *to enact* and /or *revise* legislation with a view to integrating European and international standards and regulations in the national legal regimes and to

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undertake and coordinate within two years policy measures facilitating the development of information society in the Black Sea countries;

ii. *to precipitate* actions supporting multilateral cooperation in the field of information exchange in order to effectively manage the increasing flow of information in the region;

iii. *to provide* support to the efforts undertaken for the realisation of a 'Distributed Information - Analytical Centre for Intelligent Technologies (CINTECH) for the Black Sea Region' which will significantly contribute to *'the enhancement of the knowledge base of the Black Sea society through the integration of local research networks into the international research and development world'* as envisaged in the BSEC Economic Agenda adopted by the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs in Moscow on 27 April 2001.

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