

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

**THE FIFTH PLENARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**RECOMMENDATION 10/1995<sup>1</sup>**  
on  
**Cooperation among the PABSEC Member Countries  
for the Improvement of Education**

I. The Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation

1. Emphasizes the significance of providing adequate modern education to all citizens as an important social task and a prerequisite for the sustainable socio-economic and intellectual development of society,
2. Expresses its determination to encourage and facilitate the further development of the regional cooperation in the field of education with a view to reforming educational systems, improving educational standards and giving all individuals greater opportunity to develop their potential and to better adapt to rapid economic, social and technological changes,
3. Underlines the need to observe the universally recognised legal norms related to education, and to accede to and implement international and European conventions, in particular, the European Cultural Convention,
4. Reaffirms its continued support to the Black Sea Convention on Cooperation in the Fields of Culture, Education, Science and Information which provides an essential legal framework for the regional cooperation in the field of education,
5. Welcomes the emergence of new initiatives and institutions in the field of education at the regional level, such as the Black Sea University in Romania, as useful tools helping the peoples of the Black Sea region to promote mutual respect and understanding.

II. The Assembly, therefore,

1. Calls on the national Parliaments:
  - a. To introduce legislation in the field of education based on common criteria and national characteristics in line with the international and European standards, coordinating efforts and maintaining close ties with other PABSEC member parliaments and concerned specialised

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<sup>1</sup>The Assembly debate on 7 June,1995 (See Doc. CC 899/95 "Report on Cooperation among the PABSEC Member Countries for the Improvement of Education" adopted by the Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee at its Fourth Meeting in Bucharest on 6 April, 1995; Rapporteur: Mr.T.Gemil)

parliamentary commissions and committees, and ensuring mutual use of the expertise available in the member countries,

b. To take necessary steps to accede to the universally recognised international and European conventions in the field of education,

c. To promote cooperation in this field with other international and interparliamentary organisations.

2. Recommends the Governments of the Participating States and the BSEC:

a. To promote regional cooperation in the field of education paying particular attention to the following measures:

1. Cooperation and exchanges among pedagogical research and educational institutions, including exchanges of experts, lecturers, teachers, professors and students; introducing scholarship schemes for this purpose;

2. Exchange of expertise, information, literature, teaching materials, and scientific publications; organising the cooperation of teachers, lecturers and researchers, including training courses and international scientific meetings;

3. Establishment of the PABSEC consultation and documentation centre in the field of education;

4. Contacts between schools and universities, including development of twin-school projects between primary, secondary and higher education institutions;

5. Inter-university specialisation, research and cooperation;

6. Study the possibility of the establishment of the Association of Universities of the PABSEC member countries;

7. Establishment of sections and faculties in universities in order to train specialists in the languages and cultures of the PABSEC member countries; promotion of learning of the languages spoken in the Black Sea area;

8. Regional schoolchildren's competitions in various subjects.

9. Regional schoolchildren's and students' art festivals, sports events, vacation camps, etc.

10. Cooperation with a view to elaborating new teaching methods and improving existing curricula.

11. Improving teachers' training in accordance with international requirements.

12. Supporting the activities of the Black Sea University Foundation;

13. Establishment of the Black Sea University as an international institution of higher learning at the graduate and postgraduate level;

14. Cooperation with a view to meeting the educational requirements of national minorities in conformity with the national legislations of the member countries;

b. To conclude bilateral and multilateral educational cooperation agreements; consider the elaboration and adoption of the regional agreement on cooperation in the field of education;

c. To set up a regional commission to supervise over the implementation of the educational agreements;

d. To consider the elaboration and adoption of a multilateral or bilateral agreements on the mutual recognition and equivalence of academic courses, diplomas, degrees, and other education-related documents;

e. To intensify contacts between ministries taking steps to establish of a permanent mechanism of cooperation, such as regular meetings of ministers of education and senior government officials;

f. To explore the possibilities for the elaboration of a programme of action on cooperation in the field of education, as well as a comprehensive programme of the improvement of education in the PABSEC member countries;

g. To promote the publication of a regional-level bulletin reporting on educational affairs, progress achieved in the implementation of already signed conventions and educational projects;

h. To take appropriate measures to remove bias, hostility-provoking stereotypes and manipulative expressions from school syllabuses, textbooks and atlases;

i. To develop regional cooperation within the framework of the educational projects implemented by international organisations, such as UNESCO, Council of Europe, etc.

3. Requests the Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee and the Legal and Political Committee to consider the organisation in the near future of a joint special meeting devoted to legislation in the domain of education and youth.

4. Requests the Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee to report periodically to the Assembly on the progress in the cooperation among the PABSEC member countries for the improvement of education.