

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

**FOURTH PLENARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**RECOMMENDATION 7/1994**

on

**The Visa Facilities between the PABSEC Member Countries**

- I. The Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation:
  1. Restates its determination of giving utmost importance to development of mutually beneficial environment for the fruitful cooperation, in the spirit of the principles and objectives of the Summit Declaration on the Black Sea Economic Cooperation adopted in Istanbul on 25 June 1992.
  2. Stresses the importance of the multilateral cooperation among the member states and implementation of specific projects of common interests for modification of existing visa regulations and promotion of the whole process of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation.
  3. Emphasizes fundamental significance of the establishment of favourable conditions for free movement of certain categories of citizens actively and directly involved in the process of cooperation (MPs, diplomats, government officials, members of the BSEC Council and other businessmen registered according to the national legislations, members of the PABSEC International Secretariat and the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat) among the member countries through the reduction and gradual elimination of obstacles and restrictions preventing their activities.
  4. Acknowledges the responsibility of the parliamentary dimension of the Black Sea economic cooperation process in improving visa regulations by removing impediments and overcoming obstacles in order to achieve a higher degree of integration between the member states.
  5. Expresses its utmost support for the elaboration of a joint set of measures to accomplish the mutually advantageous visa regimes between the countries around the Black Sea.
  
- II The Assembly, therefore,
  1. Calls upon the National Parliaments:

- a. To give all possible assistance to initiatives undertaken with a view to enlarge and deepen the economic cooperation among the Participating States through the gradual elimination of the obstacles in the field of visa regulations.
  - b. To adopt decisions for liberation of present restrictions and take urgent steps in order to facilitate mutually advantageous modification of visa legislation in the Black Sea region.
  - c. To involve respective committees and commissions in the process of elaborating mechanisms for quick and successful implementation of this project.
2. Recommends the Governments of the BSEC member countries and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)
- a. To re-examine existing visa legislations in order to work out a new legal framework beneficial for of all the member countries, and to pay particular attention to redevelopment of current visa regimes starting with the gradual elimination of the barriers encountered.
  - b. To consider the possibility of forming national working groups with the aim of elaborating recommendations on the provision of visa privileges and establishment of visa regime for members of the parliaments, diplomats, government officials, members of the BSEC Council and other businessmen registered according to their registered according to the national legislation, accredited journalists, members of the PABSEC International Secretariat with the subsequent analyses of the proposals of the participating states and the preparation of the final recommendations by the BSEC in cooperation with the PABSEC.
  - c. To ask for the involvement of the governmental and non-governmental organisations as well as the BSEC Council to participate in working out measures for progressive development of the cooperation process.
  - d. To support all the initiatives taken by the participating states giving way to mutually beneficial cooperation and integration.
3. Asks the Legal and Political Affairs Committee to report periodically to the Assembly on the progress in modification of present visa regimes.