

PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION
PABSEC

THE NINTH PLENARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RECOMMENDATION 19/1997¹

Mechanism of Cooperation between the PABSEC and the BSEC

1. The Assembly reaffirms its commitment to the principles and objectives embodied in the Summit Declaration and Bosphorus Statement of 25 June 1992 as well as the Declaration on the Establishment of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation of 26 February 1993.
 2. The Assembly recalls its statutory goals such as:
 - to secure the understanding and adoption by the peoples of the Participating States of the ideals, objectives and aims of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation
 - to provide a legal basis for economic, commercial, social, cultural and political cooperation among the Participating States;
 - to urge national parliaments of the Participating States to enact legislation needed for implementation of the decisions taken by the Heads of State or Government of the Participating States or by the Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs
 3. The Assembly further recalls:

The Resolution of the Seventh Meeting of the Ministers of the Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Participating States adopted in Bucharest on 27 April 1996 with special reference to relations between the BSEC and the PABSEC

The Decision of the Assembly at its Seventh Plenary Session in Baku on 13 June 1996 to incorporate a special chapter in the PABSEC Rules of Procedure under Article 10.A - Relations between the PABSEC and the BSEC

The Final Declaration of the Moscow Meeting of Heads of State or Government held on 25 October 1996 stressing that “one of the priorities at present is the strengthening of the institutional and legal bases of the BSEC ensuring better interaction in all its dimensions.... and cooperation of the countries in the Black Sea region will be more effective, solid and developing in close interaction among the national parliaments” and emphasising “the role and place of the Parliamentary Assembly as the parliamentary dimension of the BSEC providing consistent support to the Black Sea cooperation process” and that “the BSEC-PABSEC interaction shall be based on an appropriate mechanism”.
 4. With a view to meeting the challenges at the new stage of the Black Sea cooperation process, the Assembly underlines the need for an efficient and well-coordinated mechanism of cooperation between the governmental and parliamentary dimensions of the Black Sea economic cooperation process to ensure the strengthening of the institutional and legal basis of the BSEC and to promote working out, implementation and follow-up of the common projects as well as short and long-term programmes.
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¹ Assembly debate on 18 June 1997 (see Doc.: LC 2926/97, Report of the Legal and Political Affairs Committee "Mechanism of Cooperation between the PABSEC and the BSEC" discussed in Moscow on 5-6 March 1996; Rapporteur: Mr. Demir Berberođlu - Turkey)

Text adopted by the Assembly in Athens on 18 June 1997

5. The Assembly, favours the institutionalisation of the relations between the PABSEC and the BSEC and recommends that following mechanism of cooperation be established between the PABSEC and the BSEC as an important tool in the process of transformation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation into a regional economic organisation:

i. The regular decision-making organ of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation is the Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs (MMFA).

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation as a parliamentary dimension of the BSEC, representing national legislations of the member countries, provides consistent support to the Black Sea cooperation process on a consultative basis.

ii. The parliament of any country requesting full-fledged membership or observer status with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation shall apply to the Bureau of the PABSEC on the condition that its country has been already given such a status in the Black Sea Economic Cooperation.

iii. The agendas of the BSEC and PABSEC meetings shall be coordinated on a regular basis with a view to channel the governmental and parliamentary efforts for working out, implementation and follow-up of the projects of utmost importance for the Black Sea cooperation process.

iv. The resolutions, decisions and recommendations of the BSEC MMFA which need the action of the relevant organs of the PABSEC shall be addressed to the PABSEC General Assembly for consideration and shall be placed on its agenda for appropriate action, recommendation or opinion.

The recommendations of the PABSEC which require the actions of the Governments shall be brought to the attention of the BSEC MMFA for its consideration. The BSEC MMFA shall inform the PABSEC of its intended action thereof.

The flow of communication with respect to above mentioned paragraphs shall be made through the respective international secretariats of the PABSEC and the BSEC in accordance with the established rules and procedures.

v. Whenever deemed necessary, upon the proposal of the BSEC MMFA or the PABSEC General Assembly, joint committees or working groups on specific subjects and with clear term of reference should be set up.

vi. The BSEC Chairman-in-Office shall attend the General Assembly presenting a report on the BSEC activities and on the BSEC-PABSEC cooperation.

The PABSEC President shall attend the BSEC MMFA presenting a report on the PABSEC activities and PABSEC-BSEC cooperation.

vii. The PABSEC and BSEC representatives attending each other's meetings shall be entitled to submit documents for consideration, to speak on relevant subject but not to vote.

viii. The contributions to the PABSEC budget shall be calculated by taking into consideration the resolutions of the Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Participating States.

ix. The PABSEC and the BSEC Secretariats shall keep close working relationships to promote implementation of the resolutions adopted by the BSEC and the PABSEC, advise each other of their respective progress of work, attend PABSEC and BSEC

meetings with a view to enhancing coordination of future activities and measures to be taken.

6. **The Assembly invites** the BSEC Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs to consider this Recommendation.