

THE TWENTY EIGHTH PLENARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RECOMMENDATION 91/2006*
**on "Alternative Energy Sources and their Possible Application in the
Black Sea Region"**

**The Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Black Sea
Economic Cooperation:**

1. **Underlining** a vital importance of the energy efficiency for every economy that would contribute to the stability, prosperity and sustainable development of the region;
2. **Realizing** a necessity for creation of the fully competitive internal energy markets with a view to creating and providing all necessary conditions for security of supply and stable prices;
3. **Recalling** its Recommendation 68/03 on "Cooperation in the field of energy", and **taking into consideration** conclusions of the seminar on "Energy and Environment" held on 12-13 October 2005 with cooperation of the National Assembly of the French Republic;
4. **Taking into consideration** the Baku Declaration on Energy Cooperation in the BSEC region adopted on 19 September 2003;
5. **Supporting** proposal of the Chairmanship of the Russian Federation in the BSEC on improving interconnection between BSEC states' electric networks with the prospect to create the Black Sea Electro-energy Ring and regional energy market;

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The Assembly debate on 22 November 2006 (see Doc.: GA28/EC27/REP/06, Report of the Economic, Commercial Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee "Alternative energy sources and their possible application in the Black Sea region" discussed in Giresun, on 13 September 2006; Rapporteur: Mr. Bulent Tanla - Turkey)

Text adopted by the Assembly in Baku on 22 November 2006.

6. **Emphasizing** the role of the Black Sea Regional Energy Center established in February 1995 at the initiative of the European Commission, under its SYNERGY programme, by the BSEC member states;

7. **Stressing** the developments in the activities of the international organizations on focusing their strategies on the application of the alternative (renewable) energy sources;

8. **Highly appreciating** adoption of the document "Global energy security" by the G-8 Summit held in Saint-Petersburg on 15-17 July 2006;

9. **Welcoming** the experience of the European Union in this field and noting that such experience could promote a very effective ground for the close cooperation of the BSEC member states in the field of development of alternative energy sources;

10. **Conscious** of the fact that there is a huge potential for the development of the alternative energy sources in the Black Sea region, such as hydro power wind energy, solar energy and bio mass.

11. **Therefore, the Assembly recommends** the Parliaments and the Governments of the BSEC Member States:

i) *to adopt* specific laws for practical application of the alternative energy sources, as well as granting by these laws possibility for study and scientific research in this direction;

ii) *to improve* legislation regulating the internal energy markets with a view to providing and creating a fully effective, competitive and stable common energy market in the region ;

iii) *to adopt* necessary regulations or laws aiming at the measures on ensuring security of energy supply and consumption in the BSEC member states:

iv) *to provide* observing the UN principles on sustainable development, which also include reversing environmental degradation of energy production and consumption and enhancing energy security;

v) *to elaborate* effective long-term strategies for the possible application of the alternative (renewable) energy sources in various sectors of economy, including the agricultural sector;

vi) *to promote* the involvement of the private sector in the use of renewable energy sources;

vii) *to intensify* cooperation with the relevant international organizations in this field by exchanging of experience, organizing conferences and seminars on the issue;

viii) *to improve* cooperation with the European Union in the field of alternative energy sources, especially by taking into consideration the White and Green Papers of the EU, which determine EU's strategy in the field of energy;

ix) *to promote* for the nuclear member countries close cooperation with the relevant organizations (especially IAEA and WNA) in order to ensure the secure functioning of electric-nuclear power plants and nuclear installations, with normal conditions and full observance of the international regulations on nuclear security;

x) *to increase* the level of cooperation in the field of creation, extension, distribution and application of the alternative energy sources between the BSEC member states;

12. The Parliamentary Assembly recommends the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank to attribute particular importance to providing loans for projects related to generation of energy from renewable sources in the BSEC Member States.

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