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RECOMMENDATION 155/2017*
**Development of New and Renewable Sources of Energy in the BSEC
Member States**

1. The Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) emphasizes that the energy sector is fundamental for economic growth and environmental sustainability. Modern energy services contribute to improving the quality of life for millions of people around the world and underpin progress in all areas of development.
2. The PABSEC is aware that an increasing number of countries understand the need to implement concrete actions to introduce technologies that use new and renewable energy sources for energy for future energy production. Therefore, the creation of an energy system, ensuring the safe and uninterrupted supply of energy, and the strengthening of environmental safety through multilateral, integrated approach to the development of energy projects with due regard to the individual circumstances of each countries, are priorities for the countries in the BSEC region.

* Assembly debate on 5 July 2017 (see Doc.: GA49/EC48/REP/17, Report of the Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee “Development of New and Renewable Sources of Energy in the BSEC Member States” discussed in Tbilisi on 11 April 2016; Rapporteur: Mr. Aflatun Amashov - Azerbaijan)

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3. The PABSEC fully shares the principles of the Declaration on the Development Green Energy Initiative in the Black Sea Region, adopted by the Ministers of Energy of the BSEC Member States in Napfion, Greece, on 12 October 2010, which states the importance “to explore ways to promote Green Energy investments with an emphasis on energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and environmentally friendly energy technologies”.
4. The PABSEC recalls its Recommendation 68/2003 on Cooperation in the Field of Energy, in which the Assembly calls on national parliaments and governments “to focus their general research effort on the development of clean and renewable energies with the view to ensuring safe, sustainable and efficient energy supply”, as well as the Recommendation 91/2006 on Alternative Sources of Energy and their Possible Application in the Black Sea Region, in which the Assembly calls on “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”.
5. The PABSEC notes that natural, climatic and geographic conditions in the BSEC region, as well as the existing potential of fuel and energy resources of the countries in the region, including the available resources of fossil fuels and renewable energy sources, outline the priorities in the development and utilisation of various types of new and renewable energy sources.
6. The Assembly stresses that the development of new and renewable sources of energy is an important factor not only for energy and environmental security, but also is an important component of the social and economic development of states. In this regard, effective use of alternative energy sources, along with the traditional ones, should contribute to solving important problems of sustainable development of the countries and the region as a whole, based on enhanced energy policies of the states and expanding energy cooperation in the BSEC region.
7. **Therefore, the Assembly** recommends that the Parliaments and Governments of the BSEC Member States:
 - i. *enhance* national policies and strategies to increase the use of new and renewable sources of energy and carbon reduction technologies, including cleaner fossil fuel technologies;
 - ii. *attribute special attention* to the sustainable use of traditional energy sources and the expansion of alternative national capacities to meet growing energy needs;
 - iii. *develop* at the regional level programs and projects in the field of environmentally sound energy supply and new and renewable energy resources for sustainable development;
 - iv. *continue* formation of legal, financial and regulatory frameworks to strengthen investor confidence, as well to share regulatory skills and best practices in the field of new and renewable sources of energy;

- v. *encourage* scientific research and development along with investments by private sector in priority renewable energy projects;
 - vi. *attract* investments in cleaner types of energy technologies and for the implementation of renewable energy projects;
 - vii. *take further measures* to mobilize additional financial resources and ensure their timely provision for wider use of energy sources, especially new and renewable ones;
 - viii. *accelerate* the process of improving the legislative framework in the context of the formation of a favourable investment climate for the development of renewable energy sources;
 - ix. *encourage* the participation of the private sector in the elaboration and wider use and development of existing and additional cleaner, new and renewable energy, as well as the transfer of technologies for ensuring climate-resilient future for all;
 - x. *introduce* a system of technical regulations, national standards and norms that stimulate the implementation of the most important energy development priorities, including energy efficiency improvement of the economy;
 - xi. *stimulate* and support strategic initiatives in innovative, energy-saving, environmental and other priority areas;
 - xii. *improve* the efficiency of state property management in the field of development of new and renewable energy sources;
 - xiii. *enhance* regional integration to collaboratively work toward national capacity-building and alignment of national strategies with common goals and objectives of Green Energy in the Black Sea region, while respecting national and regional particularities.
8. **The Assembly invites** the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to consider this Recommendation.