

THE THIRTEENTH PLENARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RECOMMENDATION 34/1999¹

The Role of PABSEC Following the Yalta Summit

1. The Assembly reaffirms its commitment to the principles and objectives embodied in the BSEC Summit Documents:
 - *Istanbul Summit Declaration of 25 June 1992*, in particular "... taking into account profound and rapid changes in Europe and determination of the peoples of the continent to shape a new era of peace and security ... the opportunities for enhancing mutually advantageous economic cooperation ... the achievement of higher degree of integration of the Participating States into the world economy ... and ... to ensure that the Black Sea becomes a sea of peace, stability and prosperity";
 - *The Bucharest Statement of the High Level Meeting of the BSEC Participating States of 30 June 1995*, noting "with satisfaction that the cooperation is becoming an ever more viable and constructive component in the efforts to turn the Black Sea region into one of prosperity, stability and peace, as well as an important instrument of social and economic progress of the Participating States, of their integration into the European structures and the world economy, of the setting up of a real climate of understanding and security in the region";
 - *Moscow Declaration of the Heads of State or Government of the Participating States of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation of 25 October 1996*, confirming "support to development of the Black Sea region as an area where the principles of free international cooperation and partnership, democracy and market economy prevail" and "declare the determination to realise concerted actions and to undertake additional measures for the benefit of practical progress towards achieving the BSEC goals as well as to strengthen confidence, stability and prosperity in the region ... sharing the common vision of the BSEC as an integral part of the European architecture";
2. The Assembly underlines the importance of the BSEC Yalta Summit as a turning point in the Black Sea Economic Cooperation process and states its support to the Yalta Summit Declaration of 5 June 1998 sharing "the common view that in the 21st century the role of the Black Sea region will grow substantially, due to its strategic location and vast economic

1) Assembly debate on 24 June 1999 (see Doc.: GA 6142/99, Report of the Legal and Political Affairs Committee "The Role of the PABSEC Following the Yalta Summit" discussed in Chisinau on 20-21 April 1999; Rapporteur: Mr. Boris Danchenko - Russian Federation)

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potential ...which requires a new BSEC economic agenda for the future, in order to meet the challenges of the era of globalisation ... to stimulate economic growth and innovation".

3. At the same time, the Assembly recalls the Declaration on the Fifth Anniversary of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, signed in Bucharest on 24 June 1998 stressing that "the Parliamentary Assembly re-states its full support to the actions undertaken by the BSEC in order to forge closer economic cooperation in the area and to deepen the relations with the European Union and other European institutions" and that "Close cooperation with relevant regional parliamentary and governmental organisations is of considerable importance for the attainment of the Organisation's goals."
4. The Assembly assesses that with the transformation of the BSEC into the fully-fledged regional economic organisation PABSEC activities assume special importance in view of strengthening legislative support to the common vision of the regional economic cooperation and strategies and projects for achieving it.
5. The Assembly emphasises the role parliamentarians can play in strengthening partnership for prosperity in the Black Sea region and stresses that cooperation between the Black Sea countries will gain more effectiveness through coordinated interaction between the parliaments and governments, between the PABSEC and the BSEC.
- 6. The Assembly recommends** the Parliaments and the Governments of the PABSEC Member Countries:
 - i. to endorse new initiatives to promote materialisation of the commitments and principles laid down in the BSEC Summit Declarations and the Charter of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation;
 - ii. to ensure closer cooperation with the bodies united under the Black Sea Economic Cooperation framework in order to achieve coordination in taking appropriate measures to achieve better results.
 - iii. to focus on the issues of vital regional priority aimed at deepening the economic relations and developing higher degree of integration.
 - iv. to outline the mechanism of coordination of the agendas of the BSEC and PABSEC meetings so that the projects under consideration in the BSEC can be complemented by legislative initiatives by the PABSEC.
 - v. to intensify relations with international parliamentary and governmental institutions, to become more active in seeking new ways and means for international support for the initiatives within the BSEC framework.
 - vi. to improve the mechanism for follow-up process of the work done and the documents adopted.
 - vii. to continue the process of reviewing national legislations in order to eliminate or amend certain provisions which may prevent the process of harmonisation of legislation necessary for materialisation of the multilateral projects within the BSEC framework.
- 7. The Assembly** invites the BSEC Ministers of Foreign Affairs to consider this Recommendation.