

RECOMMENDATION 84/2005*

“Development of transport infrastructure in the Black Sea region”

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

1. **Realizing** the need to develop and modernize transport infrastructure, which meets the economic, social, environmental and safety requirements for creation of free trade area and competitive business activity;
2. **Welcoming** the strengthening of regional cooperation of the BSEC member-states in the field of transport and the establishment of regional infrastructural networks;
3. **Supporting** the initiatives and programmes of the international financial institutions directed to the development of transport infrastructure;
4. **Taking into account** last geopolitical developments in the region that could positively affect the transport sector;
5. **Aware of fact** that along with energy sector the transport infrastructure is the priority issue for the European Union with regard to cooperation with the BSEC;
6. **Reaffirming** its commitment to provide legislative support to the BSEC-EU joint initiatives in developing transport infrastructure;
7. **Noting** that the High Level Group established by the European Commission is involved to realization of priority transport projects for development of major axes connecting Trans-European transport network (TEN-T) with neighboring countries and regions in cooperation with governments, international organizations and financial institutions;

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The Assembly debate on 23 November 2005 (see Doc.: GA26/EC25/REP/05, Report of the Economic, Commercial Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee “Development of transport infrastructure in the Black Sea region” discussed in Chisinau, on 21 September 2005; Rapporteur: Mr. David Saganelidze – Georgia)

Text adopted by the Assembly in Tirana o 23 November 2005.

8. **Welcoming** the adoption of the Joint Declaration “On the Connection of the Black Sea Transport Network with Trans-European Transport Network within the framework of the Euro-Asian Transport Links” at the meeting of the Ministers of Transport of the BSEC member states on 28 January 2005.

9. **Recommends** the parliaments and the governments of the BSEC member states:

i. *To promote* further facilitation of legal and technical procedures connected with transportation services in the region, including rapprochement of the transport and custom legislation and harmonization of standards and technologies on the basis of the UN agreements and conventions.

ii. *To improve* the quality of transport services that requires optimization of the transport system on three criteria – time, cost and safety.

iii. *To facilitate* carrying the cargo flows through state borders, and also to *promote* practical realization of the TACIS-TRACECA regional projects: “Harmonization of border-crossing procedures” and “Common policy on transit rates and tariffs”.

iv. *To establish* a common policy in the avoidance of double taxation when levying income tax on freight earnings derived from international transport activities.

v. *To encourage* joint activities directed to improvement of the logistic systems along with creation of proper informational basis.

vi. *To cooperate* in the field of the development of more ecologically safe transport modes.

vii. *To support* coordination activities on the security of all modes of transport in the context of the national security in the region, including safe transportation of energy resources

viii. *To strengthen* activities focused on the development of the Black Sea PETRAs promoting the international transport of passengers and goods in frames of a regionally integrated multi-modal transport network

ix. *To establish* BSEC common database for the development of the transport networks basing on the international experience, especially activity of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee and European Union, which should include the following:

a) assessment of the development dynamics of the transport networks in the region and consideration of joint projects aiming at improvement and extension of present infrastructure.

b) study of the projects, which will be proposed by the organizations involved in cooperation in transport infrastructure (“Trans-European Motorway” (TEM) and “Trans-European Railway” (TER) projects by UNECE, “Asian Land Transport Infrastructure Development” (ALTID) project by UNESCAP, TRACECA and North-South Euro-Asian Corridor etc.).

c) analysis of the investment conditions favourable for the participation of the private sector in the construction and operation of modern transport infrastructure.

x) To *stimulate* projects, directed at improvement of the transport infrastructure by means of activating existing transport communications, by the example of Kars-Gyumri-Tbilisi-Baku railway corridor, which connects four BSEC member states, with consideration of the interests of the whole region and each region separately.

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