

**DECLARATION  
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY  
ASSEMBLY OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION**

**Istanbul, 26 February 1993**

The speakers of the parliaments of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Turkey and Ukraine, have met in Istanbul on the 25th and 26th of February 1993, and

- Taking into account the profound and rapid changes in the Black Sea Economic Cooperation area and Europe as a whole, free from the legacy of the past;
- Recognizing that it is time for fulfilling the hopes and expectations their peoples have cherished for decades; steadfast commitment for pluralistic democracy based on human rights and fundamental freedoms, prosperity through economic liberty and social justice;
- Affirming their determination to make use of all possibilities and opportunities for expanding and multiplying cooperation among their countries in various fields and on different levels;

And aiming:

- To provide the legal ground for the realization of the principles and the goals of respect for human rights, rule of law and democratic values as embodied in the Declaration signed on 25 June 1992 by the Heads of State and Government of the Participating States of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, as well as the Bosphorus Statement issued on the same date,
- To assist and contribute to the realization of these principles and goals,
- To provide for the democratic participation and support of the peoples by communicating the principles of the BSEC to the people of Participating States with the help of the parliaments considering the important role the parliaments and the parliamentarians will play,
- To develop friendly relations and cooperation between the parliamentarians and Parliaments of the BSEC Participating States, thus further promoting the atmosphere of confidence and good neighbourhood among peoples,
- To help the BSEC Participating States to act in concert in the international organizations to which they are parties,

have agreed to establish a Parliamentary Assembly composed of the parliamentarians of the Participating States and to name it "the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC)".

The Speakers of the Parliaments of the BSEC Participating States, whose names are listed above, have adopted the draft Rules of Procedure for the PABSEC and have decided to submit it to the approval of the first meeting of the General Assembly.

The first meeting of the General Assembly of the PABSEC shall be held in Istanbul during the second half of June, 1993.

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*The Meeting of the Speakers of Parliaments, Istanbul, 25-26 February 1993*

