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FOREWORD

THIRTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OPENING CEREMONY

The Thirty-Seventh General Assembly of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation was held in Kyiv on 30 June – 2 July 2011 upon the invitation of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. The Plenary Session was opened by Mr. Volodymyr Lytvyn, PABSEC President, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, who also presented the message of the President of the Republic of Ukraine, H. E. Mr. Viktor Yanukovych. The message of Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, BSEC Chairman-in-Office, was presented by Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Ukraine Mikhail Zurabov. The participants were addressed by Mr. Petros Efthymiou, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE.

PARTICIPATION

The plenary session was attended by:

1. The Speaker of the Parliament of Republic of Albania.
2. *The National delegations* of the Parliaments of: the Republic of Albania, the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, the Hellenic Republic, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Serbia, the Republic of Turkey and Ukraine.
3. *The Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation:*
 - *BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office:* Special representative, Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Ukraine.
 - *BSEC PERMIS:* the Secretary General.
 - *BSEC BC:* the Secretary General
 - *BSTDB:* The President and the Secretary General.

4. **Observers:** Delegations/representatives of the National Assembly of the French Republic, the National Council of the Slovak Republic, the European Parliament, the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Community (IPA EurAsEC), Interparliamentary Assembly of the Community of Independent States (IPACIS), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE PA), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union Belarus-Russia (PAUBR) .
5. **Guests:** the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Turkic-Speaking Countries, the Black Sea Universities Network and the Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation.

THE 37th PLENARY SESSION

1. General debate.

The topic of the General Debate was “Legislative support to the transition to the “green economy”.

The heads and members of the PABSEC national delegations, representatives of the National Assembly of the Parliament of the French Republic, the IPA EurAsEC, the European Parliament, and the PUOIC took part in the debate.

The participants stressed that, during the last two decades the world community has developed environmental and world economy renovation programs and formulated the concept of “green economy” which is generated to ensure the harmony of its three main components: social, environmental and economic.

In the long term, the concept of “green economy” has to lead to higher welfare and sustainable development while not subjecting the future generations to encounter significant environmental risks. This considers drastic change in exploitation of natural resources, the direction of investments, revolutionary change in technological processes, reformation of institutional structures and social behaviour.

It was stressed that the “green economy” is based on the following principles: assessment and highlighting the importance of natural resources national and international levels; providing employment through the creation of green jobs and developing appropriate policies; more efficient use of market mechanisms to achieve sustainable development.

The involvement in the process of transition to the “green” economy of both – national governments and international environmental and economical organizations offers a wide range of tools such as targeted support of research and development efforts on the creation of clean technologies; promotion of renewable energy and the increase of public investment in this sector and public procurement policies encouraging the production of environmentally friendly products.

The participants also noted that the transition to a “green economy” is the only way to respond to environmental challenges of the current century. The “green economy” also represents an effective solution to the topical global problems such as poverty and inequality.

The speakers presented detailed information about the adopted legislations by their parliaments supporting transition to the “green economy”.

2. Documents adopted by the Plenary Session:

- a) Recommendation 120/2011 on “GMO (genetically modified organisms) application in the BSEC countries: economic and environmental aspects” (Doc. GA37/EC36/REC120/11)
- b) Recommendation 121/2011 on “The role of parliaments in providing legislative support for enhancing scientific and technological progress” (Doc.GA37/LC37/REC121/11)
- c) Recommendation 122/2011 on " Observance of the sanitation standards of the World Health Organisation in the BSEC Member-States” (Doc.GA37/CC36/REC122/11)

3. Documents approved by the Plenary Session:

- a) Report on " GMO (genetically modified organisms) application in the BSEC countries: economic and environmental aspects " (Doc. GA37/EC36/REP/11)
- b) Report on “The role of parliaments in providing legislative support for enhancing scientific and technological progress” (Doc.GA37/LC37/REP/11)
- c) Report on “Observance of the sanitation standards of the World Health Organisation in the BSEC Member-States” (Doc. GA37/CC36/REP/11)
- d) Conclusions of the Debates of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation on the European Parliament Resolution “On an EU Strategy for the Black Sea” (Doc. GA37/PABSEC-EP/11)
- e) Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly (Doc.GA37/PROG/11)
- f) The Minutes of the Thirty-Sixth Plenary Session of the General Assembly held in Trabzon on 3-4 November 2010 (Doc.GA36/MIN/10)

4. The Plenary Session took note of:

- The Report on the 23rd Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States, 26 November 2010, Thessaloniki and the *Joint Declaration on Combating Climate Change in the wider Black Sea area*
- The Report on the Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Tourism of the BSEC Member-States, 15 November 2010, Athens, and the *Declaration of the Ministers in Charge of Tourism of the BSEC Member States*
- The Report on the 8th Meeting of the Ministers of Interior of the BSEC Member States, 14 April 2011, Bucharest and the *Joint Declaration of the Ministers of Interior of the Member States of the BSEC on Regional Efforts on Preventing and Combating Corruption*
- The Report on the Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Economy, 17 May 2011, Bucharest and the *Joint Declaration of the Ministers in charge of Economy of the BSEC Member States*
- The Report on the Meeting of the Ministers on Environment Protection of the BSEC Member-States, 31 May 2011, Bucharest and the *Joint Declaration adopted at the Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Environmental Protection of the BSEC Member States*

- The Report on the 24th Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States, 8 June 2011, Bucharest

5. *Financial matters:*

The Assembly:

- **adopted** the Auditing Report for the Financial Year 2010 (*Doc.GA37/AUDIT10/11*)

6. *New Credentials:*

The Assembly **ratified** the credentials of the new members of the delegations of Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Moldova, Russia, Turkey and Ukraine. (*Doc.GA37/CRED/11*)

7. *Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly:*

- The Assembly **elected** Mr. Asaf HAJIYEV, Head of the Azerbaijan PABSEC Delegation Mr. Rafgat ALTINBAYEV, Member of the Russian PABSEC Delegation, Mr. Enver YILMAZ, Member of the Turkish PABSEC Delegation, as Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, and Mr. Ioannis AMOIRIDIS, Member of the Hellenic PABSEC Delegation, as Vice-President of the Assembly in charge of Financial Matters, for a two-year term of office, until June 2013.

8. *Election of the PABSEC Secretary General:*

The Assembly **elected** Mr. Kyryl Tretyak (Ukraine) as PABSEC Secretary General for a term of office of three years starting with 1 November 2011.

9. *Election of the PABSEC Deputy Secretaries General*

The Assembly **elected** Mr. Svilen Kraychev (Bulgaria) as Deputy Secretary General in charge of Organisational Matters for a term of office of three years starting with 1 January 2012; Mr. Murat Bakir (Turkey) as Deputy Secretary General in charge of Administrative and Financial Matters for a term of office of three years starting with 1 January 2012 and Mr. Alexander Krivenko (Russia) as Deputy Secretary General in charge of Interparliamentary Relations and Protocol for a term of office of three years starting with 1 January 2012.

10. *Rotation of the Presidency:*

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, on 2 July 2011, Mrs. Jozefina TOPALLI COBA, the Speaker of Parliament of Albania, assumed the six-month term Presidency of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of Black Sea Economic Cooperation.

11. *The Thirty-Eighth Plenary Session of the General Assembly is to be held in Tirana on 22-23 November 2011.*

STANDING COMMITTEE

The Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Standing Committee:

1. **Adopted** the proposals of the Committees concerning the subjects to be taken up in the second half of 2011 and to be placed on the Draft Agenda of the Plenary Session of the 2011 Autumn General Assembly.

The main subjects for the Autumn Committees Meetings are:

- “Improvement of Taxation Systems in the BSEC Member States”
- “Implementation of the agreements among the BSEC Member States on combating organized crime”.
- “Lifelong learning in the BSEC Member States”.

2. **Approved** the following documents:

- a) Minutes of the Thirty-Sixth Meeting of the Standing Committee
(Doc.SC36/MIN/10)
- b) PABSEC Calendar 2011 (Doc. SC37/CAL2011/11)
- c) PABSEC Draft Budget for the Year 2012 (Doc.GA38/BUDG12/11)
- d) The proposal on organization of a joint PABSEC-IRU Seminar (INC № 290)

3. **Verified** the credentials of new members of the Assembly.

4. **Endorsed:**

- a) Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly (Doc. GA37/PROG/11)
- b) Draft Agenda of the Thirty-Seventh Plenary Session (Doc.GA37/AG/11)

5. **Took note of:**

- i) The receipt of Contributions to the 2011 Budget (Doc. SC37/CONT/11)
- ii) Letter by Mr. Hovik Abrahamyan, Chairman of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia (INC. № 199)
- iii) The participation by PABSEC representatives in international gatherings between November 2010- June 2011:

A – International Meetings

- a) Mr. Mikhail Emelyanov, Chairman of the PABSEC Legal and Political Affairs Committee, in the First Operational Meeting of the PAM on External Trade and Investments in the Mediterranean, 12-13 November 2010, Naples (Italy)
- b) Dr. Murat Bakir, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the 13th Session of the PUIC Council and 2nd Extraordinary Conference, 18-19 January 2011, Abu Dhabi (Doc.SC37/BP/PUIC-2/11)

- c) Mr. Kemalettin Gökteş, Head of the PABSEC Turkish Delegation and Mr. Ali Gürkan Üstündağ, PABSEC Administrator, in the first part of the PACE Session, 24-28 January 2011, Strasbourg *(Doc. SC37/REP/PACE-1/11)*
- d) Mr. Vassilios Geranidis, PABSEC Vice-President, Head of the PABSEC Hellenic Delegation and Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Winter Session of the OSCE PA, 24-25 February 2011, Vienna *(Doc. SC37/REP/OSCEPA/11)*
- e) Mr. Mikheil Machavariani, Head of the PABSEC Georgian Delegation, in the annual 2011 Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO, 21-22 March 2011 (Geneva) and in the 76th Rose-Roth NATO PA Seminar, 23-25 March 2011 (Tbilisi)
- f) Mrs. Natia Gaprindashvili, Secretary of the PABSEC Legal and Political Affairs Committee, in the 2011 Transatlantic Conference on Minority Political Leadership, European Parliament, 24 March 2011, Brussels
- g) Mr. Vladislav Lukyanov (Ukraine), acting member of the Permanent PABSEC Ukrainian Delegation, in the 124th IPU Assembly, 15-20 April 2011, Panama
- h) Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the 12th Meeting of the IPAEurAsEC, 15 May 2011, Saint-Petersburg *(Doc. SC37/BP/IPAEurAsEC/11)*
- i) Mr. Volodymyr Lytvyn, PABSEC President, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Mr. Areg Ghukasyan, PABSEC Vice-President and Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the 36th Plenary Session of the IPACIS and the International Scientific Conference dedicated to the 65th anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials, 16-17 May 2011, Saint-Petersburg *(Doc. SC37/REP/36th IPACIS/11)*
- j) Mr. Vassilios Geranidis, PABSEC Vice-President, Head of the PABSEC Hellenic Delegation, in the 18th annual General Assembly on Orthodoxy, 21-24 June 2011, Paris

B – BSEC Meetings

- a) Mr. Vassilios Geranidis, PABSEC Vice-President, Head of the PABSEC Hellenic Delegation and Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General in the 23rd Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member-States, 26 November 2010, Thessaloniki (Greece) *(Doc. GA37/REP/BSEC-23CMFA/10)*
- b) Mrs. Panagiota Zouni, Member of the PABSEC Hellenic Delegation and Mr. Igor Bolboceanu, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Tourism of the BSEC Member-States, 15 November 2010, Athens *(Doc. GA37/BP/BSEC/MIN-TOUR/10)*
- c) Mr. Marius Rogin, Head of the PABSEC Romanian Delegation and Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the 24th Meeting of the

Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States, 8 June 2011,
Bucharest *(Doc. GA37/REP/BSEC/24CMFA/11)*

- d) Mr. Constantin Dimitru, Member of the PABSEC Romanian Delegation and Ms. Cosmina Moldovan, PABSEC Researcher-Archivist, in the Eighth Meeting of the Ministers of Interior of the BSEC Member States, 14 April 2011, Bucharest
(Doc. GA37/BSEC-MIN-INT/11)
- e) Mr. Constantin Dimitru, Member of the PABSEC Romanian Delegation and Dr. Murat Bakır, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Economy, 17 May 2011, Bucharest *(Doc. GA37/BP/BSEC/MIN-EC/11)*
- f) Mr. Zanfir Iorgus, Member of the PABSEC Romanian Delegation and Ms. Cosmina Moldovan, PABSEC Researcher-Archivist, in the Meeting of the Ministers of Environment Protection of the BSEC Member States, 31 May 2011, Bucharest
(Doc. GA37/BP/BSEC/MIN-ENV/11)
- g) Mr. Igor Bolboceanu, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Conference on Improving Road Safety in the BSEC Region, 18-19 November 2010, Ioanina (Greece)
(Doc. SC37/BP/BSEC-UNECE-CONF/10)
- h) Mr. Ali Gürkan Üstündağ, PABSEC Administrator, in the BSEC WG on Institutional Renewal and Good Governance, 7-8 December 2010, Istanbul
(Doc. SC37/BP/BSEC WG – GOOD GVRN/10)
- i) Dr. Murat Bakır, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the BSEC WG on SME, 14 December 2010, Istanbul
(Doc. SC37/BP/BSEC-WG-SME/11)
- j) Dr. Murat Bakır, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Seminar on the “Addressing the Challenge of Doing PPP in Specific Sectors in The Black Sea Region, The Caucasus And Central Asia”, 15-17 December 2010, Istanbul
(Doc. SC37/BP/PPP-WSH/10)
- k) Mr. Igor Bolboceanu, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Coordination Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials, Related Bodies, BSEC PERMIS and BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office, 20 January 2011, Istanbul
- l) Mr. Ali Gürkan Üstündağ, PABSEC Administrator, in the BSEC WG on Customs Matters, 10-11 March 2011, Istanbul *(Doc. SC37/BP/BSEC WG –CUSTOMS/11)*
- m) Mr. Yadigar Mammadov, Secretary of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the 17th Meeting of the Steering Committee of the BSEC PDF, 23 March 2011, Istanbul
(Doc. SC37/BP/BSEC-17SCPDF/11)
- n) Mr. Yadigar Mammadov, Secretary of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the Meeting of the BSEC WG on Agriculture and Agro-Industry, 29-30 March 2011, Istanbul
(Doc. SC37/BP/BSEC-WG-AAI/11)

- o) Ms. Cosmina Moldovan, PABSEC Researcher-Archivist, in the Meeting of the Ad Hoc WG of the Development of the Motorways of the Sea, 7-8 April 2011, Constanta
(*Doc. SC37/BP/BSEC/AHWGDMS/11*)
- p) Dr. Murat Bakir, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Fifth Meeting of the Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods, 12 April 2011, Istanbul
(*Doc. SC37/BP/BSEC-SCFTG/11*)
- q) Mr. Yadigar Mammadov, Secretary of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the Meeting of the BSEC WG on Transport, 13-14 April 2011, Istanbul (*Doc. SC37/BP/BSEC-WG-T/11*)
- r) Mr. Ali Gürkan Üstündağ, PABSEC Administrator, in the Meeting of the BSEC WG on Institutional Renewal and Good Governance, 19 – 20 April 2011, Istanbul
(*Doc. SC37/BP/BSEC WG – GOOD GVRN /11*)
- s) Mr. Yadigar Mammadov, Secretary of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the Meeting of the Steering Committee on the Development of the Black Sea Ring Highway, 31 March 2011, Istanbul
(*Doc. SC37/BSRHP/BSEC-JPTS/11*)
- t) Ms. Cosmina Moldovan, PABSEC Researcher-Archivist, in the BSEC WG on Environment Protection, 30 May 2011, Bucharest (*Doc. GA37BP/BSEC/MIN-ENV/11*)
- u) Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the BSEC CSO Meeting, 7 June 2011, Bucharest
- v) Dr. Murat Bakir, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the 13th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the BSTDB, 19 June 2011, Tirana.

C – Other Events

- a) Mr. Mehmet Çiçek, PABSEC Vice-President, member of the PABSEC Turkish Delegation and Dr. Murat Bakır, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the “Black Sea Economic Forum”, 26-27 November 2010, Yalta (*Doc. SC37/BP/BSF/11*)
- b) Dr. Murat Bakir, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the 14th Eurasian Economic Summit, 13-15 April 2011, Istanbul (*Doc. SC37/BP/14th EES-MF/11*)
- c) Mr. Ali Üstündağ, PABSEC Administrator and Ms. Füsün Eyişel, PABSEC Executive Secretary, in the Black Sea Publicity Days, 19-22 May 2011, İzmir
(*Doc. SC37/BP/KADEKON/11*)

D – Working Visits

- a) Mr. Bogdan Yaremenko, Consul General of Ukraine in Istanbul, 12 January 2011, PABSEC Headquarters
- b) Mr. Volodymyr Lytvyn, PABSEC President, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, 18 January 2011, PABSEC Headquarters

- c) Mr. Giorgi Gogvadze, Vice-Chairman of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee (Georgia) and Mr. Vardan Khachatryan, Member of the Armenian PABSEC Delegation and Mrs. Natia Gaprindashvili, Secretary of the PABSEC Legal and Political Affairs Committee, to WHO, 9 March 2011, Geneva
- d) Mr. Giorgi Gogvadze, Vice-Chairman of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee (Georgia) and Mrs. Natia Gaprindashvili, Secretary of the PABSEC Legal and Political Affairs Committee, to IRU, 11 March 2011, Geneva *(Doc. SC37/REP/IRU/11)*
- e) Mr. Alexey Kudriavtsev, PABSEC Secretary General and Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, 28-29 March 2011, Kyiv (preparation of the 37th General Assembly)
- f) Mr. Haydar Ozkan, General Delegate of the IRU, 27 April 2011, PABSEC Headquarters
- g) Mr. Marian Lupu, Chairman of the Parliament and acting President of the Republic of Moldova, 8 May 2011, PABSEC Headquarters.

6. *The Thirty-Eighth PABSEC Standing Committee Meeting is to be held on 21 November 2011 in Tirana.*

BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Forty-Fourth Meeting of the Bureau:

1. *Approved the following documents:*

- Minutes of the Thirty-Third Meeting of the Bureau held in Trabzon on 3 November 2010 *(Doc.BA44/MIN/10)*
- Draft Order of Business of the Thirty-Seventh Plenary Session Assembly *(Doc.GA37/OB/11)*
- Matters of Procedure of the Thirty-Seventh Plenary Session of the PABSEC General Assembly *(Doc.BA44/MP/11)*

2. *Considered the following items:*

- Report by the Vice-President on Financial Matters on the execution of the Assembly's budget *(Doc.BA44/EXE/11)*
- Participation of the PABSEC representatives in the international gatherings between July - November 2011 *(Doc.BA44/GATH/11)*

The new PABSEC President was authorized to take decisions on the participation of the PABSEC representatives in international gatherings

between July - November 2011. The decision on the participation by the staff of the International Secretariat will be taken by the Secretary General.

- Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly (Doc.GA37/PROG/11)
- Draft Agenda of the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Standing Committee (Doc.SC37/AG/11) and the Draft Agenda of the Thirty Seventh Plenary Session (Doc.GA37/AG/11)
- Election of the Vice-Presidents of the PABSEC
- Election of the PABSEC Secretary General
- Election of the PABSEC Deputy Secretaries General

3. Decided:

- To renew the term of office of Mrs. Natia Gaprindashvili, Secretary of the PABSEC Legal and Affairs Committee, for a term of office of three years starting with 1 February 2012.
- To renew the term of office of Ms. Cosmina Moldovan, Researcher-Archivist, for a term of office of three years starting with 1 September 2011.

4. The Forty-Fifth Meeting of the PABSEC Bureau is to be held on 21 November 2011 in Tirana.