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FOREWORD

THIRTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OPENING CEREMONY

The Thirty-Fourth General Assembly of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation was held in Moscow on 23 – 25 November 2009 upon the invitation of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation. The Plenary Session was opened by Mr. Boris Gryzlov, PABSEC President, Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, who delivered the message of H.E. Mr. Dimitri Medvedev, President of the Russian Federation. The message of H.E. Mrs. Rumiana Jeleva, Chairman-in-Office of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, was delivered by Mr. Plamen Grozdanov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Bulgaria to the Russian Federation.

PARTICIPATION

The plenary session was attended by:

1. ***The Chairmanship of the National Parliaments:*** Mr. Hovik Abrahamyan, the Chairman of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia, Mr. Ogtay Asadov, the Chairman of the Milli Meclis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and Mr. Mehmet Ali Sahin, the Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.
2. ***The National delegations*** of the Parliaments of: the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Hellenic Republic, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Turkey and Ukraine.
3. ***The Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation:***
 - ***BSEC:*** the First Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat.
 - ***BSEC Business Council:*** the Secretary General
 - ***Black Sea Trade and Development Bank:*** the President and the Secretary General
4. ***Observers:*** Delegations/representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, the Senate and the National Assembly of the French Republic, the Knesset of the State of Israel, the National Council of the Slovak Republic, the European Security

and Defence Assembly/Assembly of the Western European Union (AWEU), the Central European Initiative – Parliamentary Dimension (CEI PD), the European Parliament (EP), the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS), the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Community (IPA EurAsEC), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union of Belarus-Russia (PAUBR), and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE PA).

5. *Guests:* The Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference (BSPC), the Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy (IAO), the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC), the Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN), the Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation.

THE 34th PLENARY SESSION

1. *General debate.*

The topic of the General Debate was “The development of international transport corridors and ensuring energy security of the BSEC countries and Europe”.

The Chairmen of the Parliaments and the Heads of the PABSEC national delegations, representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, the Parliament of the French Republic, EP, OSCE PA, AWEU, CEI PD and PUIC took part in the General Debate.

The participants underlined the importance of efficient use of the geopolitical location of the Black Sea region. It was stressed that current developments in the region are to a great extent shaped according to the diversification of former transportation routes and strengthening of energy factor in the politics.

It was noted that as a result of the global financial and economic crisis, the system of international relations has revealed a need for renovation and “reset”. This is reflected also at regional level where further development of the infrastructure in the BSEC states, fuller use of the transit potential and utilization of Euro-Asian transport corridors acquire a greater significance.

It was noted that energy security is an important element in the policies of each state and that a long-term and closer cooperation between states is necessary to ensure energy security. Development of international transport corridors, as well as implementation of priority projects regarding transport corridors in the BSEC region meet the economic interests of both the BSEC states and the international community.

The speakers also noted the importance of the integration of transport systems and the necessity to continue the realisation of the projects connecting transport systems of the countries of the EU, Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Middle East. It was stressed that the availability of transport communications will pave the way towards deepening mutually beneficial cooperation in the Black Sea region and, respectively, towards strengthening mutual understanding in political issues.

2. Documents adopted by the Plenary Session:

- a) Recommendation 111/2009 on “Water resources management in the Black Sea region”
(Doc. GA34/EC33/REC111/09)
- b) Recommendation 112/2009 on “Rational Management of Natural Resources in the Black Sea Region: Enhancement of Legislative Framework” (Doc. GA34/LC34/REC112/09)
- c) Recommendation 113/2009 on "Shaping ecological awareness and behaviour in the BSEC Member States"
(Doc. GA34/CC33/REC113/09)

3. Documents approved by the Plenary Session:

- a) Report on " Water resources management in the Black Sea region"
(Doc.GA34/EC33/REP/09)
- b) Report on “Rational Management of Natural Resources in the Black Sea Region: Enhancement of Legislative Framework”
(Doc. GA34/LC34/REP/09)
- c) Report on “Shaping ecological awareness and behavior in the BSEC Member States”
(Doc. GA34/CC33/REP/09)
- d) Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly
(Doc.GA34/PROG/09)
- e) The Minutes of the Thirty-Third Plenary Session of the General Assembly held in Bucharest, on 11-13 June 2009
(Doc.GA33/MIN/09)

4. The Plenary Session took note of:

- a) The Report on the Twenty-First Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member-States, 22 October 2009, Baku (Doc.GA34/REP/BSEC/21CMFA/09)
- b) The Report on the Meeting of the Ministers and Heads of Agencies on Emergency Situations, 18 September 2009, Baku (Doc.GA34/REP/BSEC/MINEMS/09)
 - ◆ *Declaration of the Ministries and Heads of Agencies on Emergency Situations, 18 September 2009, Baku*
- c) The proposal on set up a commission on the cross-border ecological situation in Armenia and Azerbaijan. The issue will be considered at the next meeting of the PABSEC Standing Committee.

5. Financial matters:

The Assembly:

- ◆ **adopted** the Budget for the Financial Year 2010 (Doc:GA34/BUDG2010/09)
- ◆ **set up** the Draft Budget and Auditing Committee composed of the representatives of Azerbaijan, Bulgaria and Georgia

6. New Credentials:

The Assembly **ratified** the credentials of the new members of the delegations of Albania, Armenia, Bulgaria, Greece, Moldova and Turkey (Doc.GA34/CRED/09)

7. Election of the PABSEC Vice-President on Financial Matters:

- The Assembly elected Mr. Vassilios Geranidis, Head of the Hellenic PABSEC Delegation as Vice-President on Financial Matters, to complete the two-year term of office of Mr. Elias Kallioras, until June 2011.

8. *Rotation of the Presidency:*

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, on 24 November 2009, H.E. Prof. Dr. Slavica DJUKIC-DEJANOVIC, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, assumed the six-month term Presidency of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of Black Sea Economic Cooperation.

9. *The 2010 Spring Plenary Session of the General Assembly:*

The Assembly **decided** to hold its 2010 Spring Plenary Session of the General Assembly in Belgrade in the first half of June 2010.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The Thirty-Fourth Meeting of the Standing Committee:

1. **Adopted** the proposals of the Committees concerning the subjects to be taken up in the first half of 2010 and to be placed on the Draft Agenda of the Plenary Session of the 2010 Spring General Assembly.

The main subjects for the Spring Committees Meetings are:

- “Food security in the BSEC Member-States”
- “The Legal Framework for Regulation of Civil Aviation in the BSEC Member-States”.
- “Protecting women against violence in the BSEC Member-States”.

2. **Approved** the following documents:

- a) Minutes of the Thirty-Third Meeting of the Standing Committee
(Doc.SC33/MIN/09)
- b) PABSEC Calendar 2010
(Doc. SC33/CAL/09)
- c) The results of the 34th meeting of the PABSEC Legal and Political Affairs Committee concerning the revision of the PABSEC Rules of Procedure (Doc.SC34/REP/WG-RULES/09) and **decided** to organize a second meeting of the Working Group on the PABSEC Rules of Procedure in spring 2010.

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

4. **Endorsed:**

- a) Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly (Doc. GA34/PROG/09)
- b) Draft Agenda of the Thirty-Fourth Plenary Session (Doc.GA34/AG/09)
- c) Proposal by the Russian Delegation on granting the PABSEC Certificate of Merit to Mrs. Margarita Moldovanova, Secretary of the Delegation of the Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation to the PABSEC

5. **Took note of:**

- i) The receipt of Contributions to the 2009 Budget (Doc. SC34/CONT/09)
- ii) The participation by PABSEC representatives in international gatherings between June – November 2009:

A – International Meetings

- a) Mr. Marius Rogin, PABSEC Vice-President, Head of the PABSEC Romanian Delegation and Ms. Cosmina Moldovan, Researcher-Archivist in the 18th BSPC, 30 August-1 September 2009, Nyberg (Denmark) *(Doc. SC34/REP/18BSPC/09)*
- b) Mr. Aleksandar Vlahovic, Head of the PABSEC Serbian Delegation, in the fourth part of the PACE 2009 Ordinary Session, 28 September – 2 October 2009, Strasbourg
- c) Mr. Mykola Yankosvky, PABSEC Vice-President, Head of the PABSEC Ukrainian Delegation and Mr. Alexander Furman, Deputy PABSEC Secretary General, in the 121st Assembly of Interparliamentary Union, 19-21 October 2009, Geneva *(Doc. SC34/REP/121-IPU/09)*
- d) Mr. Serhiy Podhorny, Vice-Chairman of the PABSEC Legal and Political Affairs Committee, Member of the Ukrainian Delegation, in the Fifth Council of Europe Forum for the Future of Democracy, 21-23 October 2009, Kyiv.
- e) Mr. Mehmet Cicek, PABSEC Vice-President, Mr. Kemalettin Goktas, Head of the PABSEC Turkish Delegation and Dr. Murat Bakir, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the 4th Plenary Session of the PAM, 23-24 October 2009, Istanbul *(Doc. SC34/BP/4thPAM/09)*
- f) Mr. Svilen Kraicev, Head of the PABSEC Bulgarian Delegation, in the Parliamentary Assembly of the CEI PD, 27-28 October 2009, Bucharest *(Doc. SC34/REP/PDCEI/09)*
- g) Mr. Asaf Hajiyev, Head of the PABSEC Azerbaijani Delegation, in the Seminar “Energy Efficiency: a Strategic Agenda for Government and Industry”, 9 November 2009, Amman *(Doc. SC34/REP/ENERG-SEM/09)*

B – BSEC Meetings

- a) Mr. Volodymyr Skubenko, Member of the Draft Budget and Auditing Committee, Member of the PABSEC Ukrainian Delegation, and Dr. Murat Bakir, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the events on the occasion of the BSTDB 10th Anniversary, 13-14 June 2009, Thessaloniki. *(Doc. SC34/BP/BSTDB/09)*
- b) Mr. Asaf Hajiyev, Head of the PABSEC Azerbaijani Delegation, and Mr. Alexander Furman, Deputy PABSEC Secretary General, in the Meeting of the Ministers and Heads of Agencies on Emergency Situations of the BSEC Member States, 18 September 2009, Baku *(Doc. GA34/REP/BSEC/MINEMS/09)*
- c) Mr. Kemalettin Goktas, Head of the PABSEC Turkish Delegation, and Dr. Murat Bakir, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in International Conference on “Energy View of BSEC Countries 2008 - a Regional Approach”, 30 September - 1 October 2009, Baku. *(Doc. SC34/REP/BSEC/CONF-ENERG/09)*
- d) Mr. Alexander Dzasohov, Member of the Delegation of the Russian Federation to the PABSEC, and Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the 21st Meeting of the CMFA of the BSEC Member-States, 22 October 2009, Baku *(Doc. GA34/REP/BSEC-21CMFA/09)*
- e) Staff of the International Secretariat in the following Meetings:
 - ◆ Ms. Evgenia Strati, Secretary of the PABSEC Cultural, Educational and Social

Affairs Committee, in the Joint Meeting of the BSEC WGs on Culture and on Cooperation in Tourism, Istanbul, BSEC Headquarters, 15-16 June 2009.

(Doc. SC34/BP/BSEC-WG-CTUR/09)

- ◆ Mrs. Natia Gaprindashvili, Secretary of PABSEC Legal and Political Affairs Committee, in the 4th Meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on BSEC-EU Interaction, 2 October 2009, Athens *(Doc. SC34/BP/BSEC-EU-4AHG/09)*
- ◆ Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Meetings of the CSO, 14-15 September, Istanbul *(Doc. SC34/BP/BSEC-CSO/09)*
- ◆ Dr. Murat Bakir, Deputy Secretary General, in the BSEC WG on Institutional Renewal and Good Governance, 27-28 October *(Doc. SC34/BP/BSEC-WG-GOV/09)* and in the Coordination Meeting of the BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office, the CSO, BSEC Related Bodies and BSEC PERMIS, 10 November 2009, Istanbul *(Doc. SC34/BP/BSEC-COORD/09)*
- ◆ Mr. Anar Rahimov, Secretary of the Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the Workshop on Developing Eurasian Transport Links, 11-13 November 2009, Istanbul

C - Working Visits

- a) Mr. Alexey Kudriavtsev, PABSEC Secretary General on 23-24 June, 31 August – 4 September and 27-30 October 2009, and Mr. Igor Bolboceanu, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General on 7-8 September and 9-11 November 2009, to the State Duma of the Russian Federation, Moscow.
- b) Mr. Mikhail Yemelyanov, Chairman of the PABSEC Legal and Political Affairs Committee, European Parliament, 6-7 October 2009, Brussels.
(Doc. SC34/REP/EP/09)

D –Visits to the Headquarters of the PABSEC International Secretariat

- a) Mr. Mehmet Çiçek, Vice-President of the PABSEC, 17 August, 2009.
- b) Mr. Ramil Hasanov, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Turkic-speaking countries, 13-14 October 2009
- c) Mr. Valeriy Yazev, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, 3 November 2009

E– Scholarships in the PABSEC International Secretariat

- a) Ms. Ketevan Mchelidze, Secretary of the PABSEC Georgian Delegation, 15 September – 10 October 2009

6. The Standing Committee decided to hold its next Ordinary Meeting in June 2010 in Belgrade.

BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Forty-First Meeting of the Bureau: *Approved the following documents:*

- Minutes of the Fortieth Meeting of the Bureau held in Bucharest on 11 June 2009
(Doc. BA40/MIN/09)

- Draft Order of Business of the Thirty-Fourth Plenary Session Assembly
(Doc.GA34/OB/09)
- Matters of Procedure of the Thirty-Fourth Plenary Session of the PABSEC General Assembly
(Doc.BA41/MP/09)
- Report on the execution of the Assembly's budget
(Doc.BA41/EXE/09)
- Participation of the PABSEC representatives in the international gatherings between November 2009 – June 2010
(Doc.BA41/GATH/09)

The new PABSEC President was authorized to take decisions on the participation of the PABSEC representatives in international gatherings between November 2009 – June 2010. The decision on the participation by the staff of the International Secretariat will be taken by the Secretary General.

Considered and took note of the following items:

- Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly
(Doc.GA34/PROG/09)
- Draft Agenda of the Thirty-Fourth Meeting of the Standing Committee
(Doc.SC34/AG/09) and the Draft Agenda of the Thirty Fourth Plenary Session
(Doc.GA34/AG/09)
- Election of the PABSEC Vice-President on Financial Matters

The next Forty-Second Meeting of the Bureau will take place in June 2010 in Belgrade.

Within the framework of the 34th PABSEC General Assembly, the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, jointly with the Gazprom Open Joint Stock Company, organized on 24-25 November 2009, a trip for the PABSEC representatives to the gas fields of Novy Urengoy. The PABSEC International Secretariat, on behalf of the participants, has expressed gratitude and congratulations to Mr. Valery Yazev, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, as well as to the staff involved in the preparation, for support and personal contribution to the successful organization of this event.