



PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION
PABSEC

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

Istanbul, 22 December 1997

FOREWORD

OPENING CEREMONY

The Tenth Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation was held in the Palace of the Republic, in Chisinau, on 9-11 December 1997, upon the invitation of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova.

The Opening Ceremony was addressed by H.E. Mr. Petru Lucinschi, the President of the Republic of Moldova, Mr. Dumitru Motpan, PABSEC President, President of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, while the message by Mr. Alexandr Arzoumanian, the BSEC Chairman-in-Office, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, was presented by Mr. Sergey Manassarian, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia

PARTICIPATION

The General Assembly was attended by:

1. **Speakers/Presidents** of the Parliaments of Moldova and Romania (the Senate).
Deputy Speakers of the Parliaments of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria and the Russian Federation (State Duma and Federation Council).
2. **National delegations** of the following Member Countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Greece, Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine.
3. **Black Sea Economic Cooperation:** Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia and the Secretary General of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat.
4. **Black Sea Trade and Development Bank:** The Designated President of the Bank.
5. **Observers:** Delegations of the People's Assembly of Egypt and the Knesset of Israel.
6. **Official Guest:** Delegation of the Chamber of Citizens of the Federal Assembly of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
7. **PABSEC International Secretariat.**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. General debate:

The Speakers/Presidents of the Parliaments of the BSEC Participating States, heads of national delegations as well as the representative of the Knesset, as observer, and the representative of the Federal Assembly of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, as official guest, took part in the general debate.

2. Recommendations adopted by the General Assembly:

- a) Recommendation 22/1997 on "The BSEC Free Trade Area: Part of the New European Architecture" (Doc GA 3456/97)
- b) Recommendation 23/1997 on the "Harmonisation of Foreign Trade Regimes of the BSEC Participating States" (Doc GA 3466/97)
- c) Recommendation 24/1997 on "Youth Cooperation in the Black Sea Region" (Doc GA 3471/97)

3. Reports approved by the General Assembly:

- a) Report on "The BSEC Free Trade Area: Part of the New European Architecture" (Doc GA 3455/97)
- b) Report on the "Harmonisation of Foreign Trade Regimes of the BSEC Participating States" (Doc GA 3465/97)
- c) Report on "Youth Cooperation in the Black Sea Region" (Doc GA 3470/97)
- d) Progress Report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (Doc. BA 3565/97)

4. Decisions adopted by the General Assembly:

- a) Decision 7/1997 on the ratification of the Charter of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (Doc.GA 3785/97)
- b) Decision 8/1997 on the setting up of the Budget Drafting and Auditing Committee (Doc.GA3598/97)
- c) Decision 9/1997 on the amendments to the Rules of Procedure (Doc.3742/97)
- d) Decision 10/1997 on diversification of sources of revenue of the PABSEC budget (Doc.GA 3923/97)