



PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION
PABSEC

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

Istanbul, 15 June 2000

FOREWORD

OPENING CEREMONY

The Fifteenth Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation was held in Tirana at the Parliament on 6-8 June 2000, upon the invitation of the Parliament of the Republic of Albania.

The Opening Ceremony was addressed by H.E. Mr. Rexhep Meidani, President of the Republic of Albania, Mr. Skender Gjinushi, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Albania, Ambassador Constantin Ene, special representative of the Chairman-in-Office of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, State-Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania, Mr. Petre Roman.

PARTICIPATION

The General Assembly was attended by:

1. **Speakers/Presidents** of the Parliaments of Albania and Armenia.
2. **National delegations** of all the Member Countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine.
3. **Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation and Related Bodies:**
 - **BSEC:** Special representative of the BSEC Chairman-in-Office and the Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat
 - **Black Sea Trade and Development Bank:** President of the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank
 - **International Centre for Black Sea Studies:** General Director of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies.
4. **Observers:** Delegations of the People's Assembly of Egypt, the European Parliament, the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.
5. **Guests:** The Parliamentary Assembly of the Belarus-Russia Union
6. **PABSEC International Secretariat.**