



PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION
PABSEC

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

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FOREWORD

OPENING CEREMONY

The Nineteenth Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation was held in Tbilisi on 11-13 June 2002 upon the invitation of the Parliament of Georgia.

The General Assembly was opened by Mrs. Nino Burdjanadze, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Chairperson of the Parliament of Georgia. The message addressed to the General Assembly by H.E. Mr. Eduard Shevardnadze, President of Georgia, was presented by H.E. Mr. Irakli Menagarishvili, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia. The message to the participants by H.E. Mrs Arta Dade, Chairman-in-Office of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania, was introduced by the General Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Albania.

PARTICIPATION

The General Assembly was attended by:

1. *The Chairperson* of the Parliament of Georgia.
2. *National delegations* of: Republic of Albania, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Republic of Turkey and Ukraine.
3. *Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation and the Related Bodies:*
 - *BSEC:* the representative of the BSEC Chairman-in-Office and the Secretary General of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat.
 - *Black Sea Trade and Development Bank:* Secretary General
 - *International Centre for Black Sea Studies:* Director General of the ICBSS
4. *Observers:* Delegations of the Knesset of the State of Israel, the National Council of the Slovak Republic, the European Parliament, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Member-Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

5. **Guests:** the Parliamentary Dimension of the Central European Initiative, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Belarus-Russia Union, Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Union.

6. ***PABSEC International Secretariat.***

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. ***General debate.***

The General Debate was devoted to “The Declaration on the BSEC Tenth Anniversary”.

The Heads of National Delegations, representatives of the BSEC family, observers from the Knesset of the State of Israel, the National Council of the Slovak Republic, the European Parliament, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the guests representing the Parliamentary Dimension of the Central European Initiative, Parliamentary Assembly of the Belarus-Russia Union and the Eurasian Economic Union Inter-Parliamentary Assembly took part in the General Debate.

Focusing on the Declaration on the BSEC Tenth Anniversary, the participants stressed that the establishment of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation and its transformation into a regional economic organisation represented a landmark event paving the way towards the process of multilateral economic cooperation in the Black Sea region, as a response of the Member-States to the contemporary challenges aiming at integrating the area into the global market economy, turning the Black Sea into a region of democracy, stability, prosperity and peace.

The members of the Parliamentary Assembly committed themselves to continue and consolidate this process and reaffirmed their determination to fully use the potential of the PABSEC in order to materialise the shared ideas and principles enshrined in the Istanbul Summit Declaration, the Bosphorous Statement and the BSEC Charter.

The General Assembly adopted the “Declaration on the BSEC Tenth Anniversary” to be brought to the attention of the participants of the Extraordinary Summit Meeting of the Heads of States or Governments of the Organisation of the BSEC, on 25 June 2002 in Istanbul.

2. ***Recommendations adopted by the General Assembly:***

- a) Recommendation 59/2002 on “Economic Integration in the BSEC Region: Current State and Future Prospects”
(Doc. GA19/EC18/REC59/02)
- b) Recommendation 60/2002 on “Globalisation: Challenges and Prospects for the PABSEC Member-States”
(Doc. GA19/LC19/REC60/02)
- c) Recommendation 61/2002 on “Women’s Participation in the Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Life”
(Doc. GA19/CC18/REC61/02)
- d) Recommendation 62/2002 on the Forum of the Presidents of the Constitutional Courts of the PABSEC Member-Countries
(Doc. GA19/FCC/REC62/02)
- e) Recommendation 63/2002 on the Third General Assembly of the Black Sea Capitals’ Association
(Doc. GA19/REC63/BSCA/02)
- f) Recommendation 64/2002 on the Second Meeting of the Public Broadcasters from the BSEC Member-States
(Doc. GA19/REC64/BSEC-RTV/02)