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## **FOREWORD**

### **THIRTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

#### **OPENING CEREMONY**

The Thirty-Third General Assembly of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation was held in Bucharest on 11 - 13 June 2009 upon the invitation of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of Romania. The Plenary Session was opened by Ms. Roberta Alma Anastase, PABSEC President, President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of Romania. The participants were addressed by Mr. Dan Mircea Geoana, President of the Senate of Romania and Mr. Eldar Hasanov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Azerbaijan, representing the current Azerbaijani BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office.

#### **PARTICIPATION**

The plenary session was attended by:

1. ***The Chairmanship of the National Parliaments:*** The President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, the Vice-President of the Parliament of Georgia and the Vice-President of the State Duma of the Russian Federation.
2. ***The National delegations*** of the Parliaments of: the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Hellenic Republic, 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 representative of the BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office and the Secretary General of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat.
  - ***ICBSS:*** the Director General of the International Center of the Black Sea Studies.
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 Assembly of the Western European Union (AWEU), the European Parliament (EP), Interparliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Community (IPA EurAsEC), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM), 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 Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy (IAO), the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC), Council of the European Union, the Union of Road Transport Associations in the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Region (BSEC-URTA), the Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN), the Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation and the International Federation for Sustainable Development and Fight Against Poverty in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (FISPMED).

## **THE 33rd PLENARY SESSION**

### **1. *General debate.***

The topic of the General Debate was “Strategies and policies aiming to diminish the consequences of the economic and financial crisis in the BSEC Member States”.

The heads and members of the National PABSEC Delegations, the representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, the Senate of the French Republic, the EP, the IPA EurAsEC, the PACE, the PAM, the PUIC, the OSCE PA, and the BSUN and the Marmara Foundation took part in the General Debate.

The participants stressed that main consequence of the economic crisis will be the increase of the role of the state in the economic and financial field and the decrease of the private sector’s influence. It was highlighted that on short term the main challenge is to find solutions to rebuild the investors and consumers trust. On long term the main challenge is to update the principles that are guiding the reform of the international financial system, including those concerning the transparency, improvement of the regulations of the financial systems, ensuring the integrity of the financial markets, enhancing the cooperation among the international financial institutions.

It was stressed that although it is a delicate moment for all the Black Sea Region countries, the crisis represents also a moment of new opportunities and the national parliaments have an essential role in discussing the necessary solutions and their political formulation.

It was mentioned that the crisis brings significant risks to the Black Sea Region and not all the countries are prepared to cope with it. Most of the countries of the region are emerging economies and have needed or will still need the support of the International Monetary Fund.

The speakers also noted that the crisis may damage the Black Sea region more than just in terms of economy, job losses or losing foreign investments or capital. The deterioration of the situation could provoke an intensification of the internal political fights, social conflicts, as well as the reemergence of the ethnical aspects of the exiting problems. The political challenge is how to make these emerging economies to find a common answer and to identify the right solutions in this very difficult period. Within this context, we are witnessing an enhancement of the role of the regional and international organizations in keeping the economic and political stability.

## **2. Documents adopted by the Plenary Session:**

- a) Recommendation 107/2009 on “Development of sea transport in the Black Sea Region Problems and Prospects”  
(Doc. GA33/EC32/REC107/09)
- b) Recommendation 108/2009 on “Migration in the BSEC Member States - legal aspects”  
(Doc. GA32/LC32/REC105/09)
- c) Recommendation 109/2009 on " Migration in the BSEC Member States – social and cultural aspects”  
(Doc. GA32/CC31/REC106/09)
- d) Recommendation 110/2009 on “The need to protect children from commercial exploitation in the BSEC Member States”  
(Doc. GA33/CC32/REC110/09)

## **3. Documents approved by the Plenary Session:**

- a) Report on " Development of sea transport in the Black Sea Region Problems and Prospects”  
(Doc. GA33/EC32/REP/09)
- b) Report on “Migration in the BSEC Member States - legal aspects”  
(Doc. GA33/LC33/REP/09)
- c) Report on “Migration in the BSEC Member States – social and cultural aspects”  
(Doc. GA33/CC32/REP/09)
- d) Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly  
(Doc. GA33/PROG/09)
- e) The Minutes of the Thirty-Second Plenary Session of the General Assembly held in Chisinau, on 4-5 November 2008  
(Doc. GA32/MIN/09)

## **4. New Observers**

The Assembly warmly welcomed the application and **endorsed** the Decision of the Standing Committee to grant observer status to the PAM on the basis of:

- the letter by Mr. Rudy Salles, PAM President on exchanging observer status with the PABSEC

Ms. Askin Asan, Special representative of the President of the PAM, Head of the Turkish Delegation to the PAM, addressed the Plenary Session.

## **5. The Plenary Session took note of:**

The Report on the Twentieth Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member-States, 16 April 2009, Yerevan  
(Doc. GA33/REP/BSEC/20CMFA/09)

- ◆ Declaration on Energy Cooperation in the BSEC Region, 20 March 2009, Yerevan
- ◆ Declaration on Prospects of Cooperation in the field of Transport in the BSEC Region, 27 March 2009, Yerevan

## **6. Financial matters:**

The Assembly:

- ◆ **approved** the Auditing Report for the Financial Year 2008 (Doc: GA33/AUDIT08/09)

### **7. New Credentials:**

The Assembly **ratified** the credentials of the new members of the delegations of Armenia, Romania and Serbia. *(Doc.GA33/CRED/09)*

### **8. Election of Vice-Presidents of the Assembly:**

- The Assembly elected Mr. Sergey SHISHKAREV, Head of the Russian PABSEC Delegation, Mr. Mehmet CICEK, Member of the Turkish PABSEC Delegation, and Mr. Mikola YANKOVSKY, Head of the Ukrainian PABSEC Delegation, as Vice-Presidents of the Assembly and Mr. Elias KALLIORAS, Head of the Hellenic PABSEC Delegation as Vice-President of the Assembly on Financial Matters, for a two-years term of office, until June 2011. Also, Mr. Marius ROGIN, Head of the Romanian PABSEC Delegation became Vice-President of the Assembly, to complete the two-years term of office of Mr. M. Ciopraga, until November 2010.

### **9. Rotation of the Presidency:**

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, on 13 June 2009, Mr. Boris GRYZLOV, Chairman of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, assumed the six-month term Presidency of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of Black Sea Economic Cooperation.

### **10. The 2009 Autumn Plenary Session of the General Assembly:**

The Assembly **decided** to hold its 2009 Autumn Plenary Session of the General Assembly in Moscow on 18-19 November 2009.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE**

### **The Thirty-Third Meeting of the Standing Committee:**

1. **Adopted** the proposals of the Committees concerning the subjects to be taken up in the second half of 2009 and to be placed on the Draft Agenda of the Plenary Session of the 2009 Autumn General Assembly.

The main subjects for the Autumn Committees Meetings are:

- “The Water Resources Exploitation in the Black Sea Region”
- “The Rational Management of Natural Resources in the Black Sea Region; Enhancement of the Legislative Framework”.
- “Shaping Ecological Consciousness and Behavior in the BSEC Member States”.

2. **Approved** the following documents:

- a) Minutes of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Standing Committee *(Doc.SC32/MIN/09)*
- b) Granting the Observer status with the PABSEC to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean *(Doc. INC/109/09)*
- c) PABSEC Calendar 2009 *(Doc. SC33/CAL/09)*
- d) PABSEC Draft Budget for Financial Year of 2010 *(Doc.GA34/BP/BUDG2010/09)*

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

4. **Endorsed**:

- a) Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly (Doc. GA33/PROG/09)
- b) Draft Agenda of the Thirty-Third Plenary Session (Doc. GA33/AG/09)

5. **Considered** the following issues and documents:

- a) The proposals on the PABSEC Rules of Procedure and **decided** to organize a meeting of the Working Group on the PABSEC Rules of Procedure
- b) The Auditing Report for the Financial Year 2008 and **submitted** it to the Plenary Session for the approval (Doc. GA33/AUDIT08/09)

6. **Took note of**:

- i) The receipt of Contributions to the 2009 Budget (Doc. SC33/CONT/09)
- ii) The Protocol concerning the Privileges and Immunities of the PABSEC (Doc. SC33/BP/ProtPriv&Immun/09)
- iii) The cooperation with the European Parliament (Doc. SC33/BP/EP/09)
- iv) The participation by PABSEC representatives in international gatherings between November 2008 –June 2009:

#### **A – International Meetings**

- a) Mr. Alexander Dzasohov, PABSEC Vice-President and Mr. Igor Bolboceanu, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Third Plenary Session of the PAM, 13-15 November 2008, Monaco. (Doc. SC33/REP/3<sup>rd</sup>PAM/09)
- b) Mr. Alexander Bednov, Member of the PABSEC Russian Delegation, in the 55<sup>th</sup> ESDA-AWEU Plenary Session, 2-4 December 2008, Paris.
- c) Mr. Gagik Minasyan, Head of the PABSEC Armenian Delegation, Chairman of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, and Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the 31<sup>st</sup> Plenary Session of the IPACIS and in the International Conference on International Humanitarian Law dedicated to the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1868 St. Petersburg Declaration, 24-25 November 2008, Saint-Petersburg. (Doc. SC33/REP/IPACIS-31<sup>st</sup>/09)
- d) Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Bureau Meeting of the IPAEurAsEC, 25 November 2008, Saint-Petersburg. (Doc. SC33/REP/IPAEurAsEC/09)
- e) Mr. Alexey Kudriavtsev, PABSEC Secretary General, in the First Meeting of the Black Sea Regions General Assembly, 26 November 2008, Constanta (Romania). (Doc. SC33/BP/BSRGA/09)
- f) Mr. Mikheil Machavariani, PABSEC Vice-President, Head of the PABSEC Georgian Delegation, Mr. Alexander Dzasohov, PABSEC Vice-President and Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General in the first part 2009 Ordinary Session of the PACE, 26-30 January 2009, Strasbourg. (Doc. SC33/REP/PACE-1/09)
- g) Mr. Igor Bolboceanu, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the PAM Ad Hoc Reflection Group on Terrorism, 30 January 2009, Istanbul.

- h) Mr. Marius Rogin, Head of the PABSEC Romanian Delegation, representative of the Romanian PABSEC Presidency, in the IPU Parliamentary Conference on the Global Economic crisis, 7-8 May 2009, Geneva and in the 32<sup>nd</sup> IPACIS Plenary Session, as well as in the Nevsky International Ecological Congress, 14-15 May 2009, Saint Petersburg.  
(*Doc. SC33/REP/IPU-CONF/09*)
- i) Mr. Elias Kallioras, Head of the PABSEC Hellenic Delegation, in the Conference of the Speakers of the Adriatic and Ionian Initiative, 4 May 2009, Athens.
- j) Mr. Kemalettin Goktaş, PABSEC Vice-President, member of the PABSEC Turkish Delegation, and Mr. Murat Bakir, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the 56<sup>th</sup> ESDA-AWEU Plenary Session, 2-4 June 2009, Paris.

### ***B – BSEC Meetings***

- a) Mr. Gagik Minasyan, Head of the PABSEC Armenian Delegation, in the Cultural Program within the framework of the Armenian Chairmanship-in-Office of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, 4-5 March 2009, Yerevan.  
(*Doc. SC33/BP/BSEC-CULT-PROG/09*)
- b) Mrs. Rusudan Kervalishvili, member of the PABSEC Georgian Delegation, Deputy-Chairperson of the Parliament of Georgia, in the Meeting of the Ministers of Transport of the BSEC Member States, 27 March 2009, Yerevan.
- c) Mr. Gagik Minasyan, Head of the PABSEC Armenian Delegation and Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CMFA of the BSEC Member-States, 16 April 2009, Yerevan  
(*Doc. GA33/REP/BSEC/20<sup>th</sup>CMFA/09*)
- d) Staff of the International Secretariat in the following Meetings:
- ◆ Mr. Igor Bolboceanu, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the events on the occasion of presentation of the priorities of the Armenian Chairmanship-in-Office of the BSEC, 24 November 2008, Istanbul.
  - ◆ Mr. Murat Bakır, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Meeting of the Ad Hoc WG of Experts on BSEC-EU Interaction, 30 January 2009, Athens, in the Meeting of the BSEC WG on Transport, 12-13 February 2009, Istanbul, in the Black Sea Universities Network Executive Board Meeting, 20 February 2009, Istanbul, in the BSEC WG on Customs Matters, 24-25 March 2009, Istanbul and in the Coordination Meeting of the BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office, BSEC Related Bodies and BSEC PERMIS, 11 May 2009, Istanbul.  
(*Doc. SC33/REP/BSEC-EU-AHWG/09*)  
(*Doc. SC33/BP/BSEC-WG-TRANS/09*)  
(*Doc. SC33/BP/BSUN-EB/09*)  
(*Doc. SC33/BP/BSEC-WG-CUST/09*)  
(*Doc. SC33/BP/BSEC-COORD/09*)
  - ◆ Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the WG on Organizational Matters, 18-19 December 2008, Istanbul, and in the Meetings of the CSO 21-22 January 2009, Istanbul and 14-15 April 2009, Yerevan.  
(*Doc. SC33/BP/BSEC-CSO/09*)
  - ◆ Mr. Anar Rahimov, Secretary of PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the Meetings of the BSEC WGs and Ad Hoc WGs on Banking and Finance, 18 November 2008,

on Energy, 19-20 November 2008, on Environmental Protection, 27-28 January 2009, Istanbul, on Cooperation in Science and Technology, 5-6 May 2009, Istanbul.

(Doc. SC33/BP/BSEC-WG-BF/09)

(Doc. SC33/BP/BSEC-WG-EN/09)

(Doc. SC33/BP/BSEC-WG-EP/09)

(Doc. SC33/BP/BSEC-WG-CST/09)

- ◆ Ms. Evgenia Strati, Secretary of the PABSEC Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee, in the Meeting of the BSEC WGs on Culture, 10-11 November 2008, Istanbul, on Education, 20-21 November 2008, Athens, on Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals, 3-4 February 2009, Istanbul, on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in particular in its Organized Forms, with the participation of the Liaison Officers on Combating Crime, 3-4 March 2009, Istanbul.  
(Doc. SC33/BP/BSEC/WG-CULT-08/09)  
(Doc. SC33/BP/BSEC/WG-EDUC/09)  
(Doc. SC33/BP/BSEC/WG-HPHARM/09)  
(Doc. SC33/BP/BSEC/WG-COMCRIME/09)
- ◆ Ms. Cosmina Moldovan, Researcher-Archivist, in the Meeting of the BSEC WG on Culture, 6 April 2009, Istanbul (Doc. SC33/BP/BSEC-WG-CULT/09)

#### *C - Working Visits*

- a) Mr. Alexey Kudriavtsev, PABSEC Secretary General, and Mr. Igor Bolboceanu, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, to the PAM International Secretariat, 15-17 December 2008, Malta.
- b) Mr. Alexey Kudriavtsev, PABSEC Secretary General, and Mr. Igor Bolboceanu, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, to the Parliament of Romania, 15-17 February 2009, Bucharest (preparation to the 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly).
- c) Mrs. Natia Gaprindashvili, Secretary of the PABSEC Legal and Political Affairs Committee, study visit to the European Parliament, 2-6 March 2009, Brussels.  
(Doc: SC33/BP/EP/09)
- d) Mr. Volodymyr Skubenko, Member of the PABSEC Draft Budget and Auditing Committee, Member of the PABSEC Ukrainian Delegation and Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, to the BSTDB, 26 May 2009, Thessaloniki.  
(Doc. SC33/REP/BSTDB/09)
- e) Mr. Alexey Kudriavtsev, PABSEC Secretary General, met with Mr. Viktor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine, who was on a working visit in the Republic of Turkey, 20 May 2009, Istanbul.

#### *D –Visits to the Headquarters of the PABSEC International Secretariat*

- a) Mr. Gheorghii Tokman, the Executive Director of the Black and Azov Seas Port Association, 1-4 December 2008.
- b) Delegation of the Secretariat of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of Romania, 12-14 January 2009.
- c) Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Secretary General of the PUIC, 16 January 2009.
- d) Prof. Mychaylo Zgurovsky, President and Assoc. Prof Eden Mamut, Director of the BSUN, 18 February 2009.
- e) Mr. Ivan Savvidi, Deputy Chairman of the Commission on International Policy Affairs and Mr. Sergey Strelchenko, Executive Secretary of the PAUBR, 9-11 April 2009.
- f) Mr. Hayrettin Kaplan, President and Mr. George Kottas, Secretary General of the BSTDB, 9 April 2009.

- g) Mr. Gennadiy Novitsky, Head of the Belarus National Delegation to the PABSEC, 5 May 2009.
- h) Mr. Petar Kanev, PABSEC Vice-President, Head of the PABSEC Bulgarian Delegation, 7 May 2009.
- i) Mr. Haydar Özkan, Secretary General of the BSEC-URTA, General Delegate of International Road Transport Union (IRU), 22 May 2009.

***E– Scholarships in the PABSEC International Secretariat***

- a) Mr. Arthur Martirosyan, Chief Specialist of the External Relations Department of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia, Secretary of the PABSEC Armenian Delegation, 1 April -1 May 2009.
- b) Mrs. Layla Bagirova, Chief Specialist of the International Relations Department of the Milli Mejlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 10-27 May 2009.

**7. *The Standing Committee decided to hold its next Ordinary Meeting on 17 November 2009 in Moscow.***

**BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY**

**The Fortieth Meeting of the Bureau:**

***Considered and took note of the following items:***

- Minutes of the Thirty-Ninth Meeting of the Bureau held in Chisinau on 3 November 2008 *(Doc.BA39/MIN/08)*
- Draft Order of Business of the Thirty-Third Plenary Session Assembly *(Doc.GA33/OB/09)*
- Matters of Procedure of the Thirty-Third Plenary Session of the PABSEC General Assembly *(Doc.BA40/MP/09)*
- Report by the Vice-President on Financial Matters on the execution of the Assembly's budget *(Doc.BA40/EXE/09)*
- Participation of the PABSEC representatives in the international gatherings between November 2008 – June 2009 *(Doc.BA40/GATH/09)*

The new PABSEC President was authorized to take decisions on the participation of the PABSEC representatives in international gatherings between June - November 2009. 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.GA33/PROG/09)*
- Draft Agenda of the Thirty-Third Meeting of the Standing Committee *(Doc.SC33/AG/09)* and the Draft Agenda of the Thirty Third Plenary Session *(Doc.GA33/AG/09)*
- Election of the Vice-Presidents of the PABSEC

***The next Ordinary Forty-First Meeting of the Bureau will take place on 17 November 2009 in Moscow.***