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FOREWORD

THIRTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OPENING CEREMONY

The Thirty-Fifth General Assembly of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation was held in Belgrade on 1 - 3 June 2010 upon the invitation of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia. The Plenary Session was opened by Prof. Dr. Slavica DJUKIC-DEJANOVIC, PABSEC President, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia. The Message by Mr. George A. PAPANDREOU, Chairman-in-Office of the BSEC, Prime Minister - Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, was delivered by Mrs. Ioanna Efthymiadou, Charge d'affaires of the Embassy of the Hellenic Republic in Belgrade.

PARTICIPATION

The plenary session was attended by:

1. *The Chairmanship of the National Parliaments*: The Vice-Presidents of the Parliaments of Georgia, the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation and the Vice-Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.
2. *The National delegations* of the Parliaments of: the Republic of Albania, the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, 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 and its Related Bodies*:
 - *BSEC*: the First Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat.
 - *BSEC BC*: 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 Assembly of

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

5. **Guests:** The Parliamentary Assembly of the Turkic-Speaking Countries (TURKPA), the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC), the Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN) and the Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation.

THE 35th PLENARY SESSION

1. *General debate.*

The topic of the General Debate was “*The role of parliaments in strengthening the principles of international law*”.

Deputy Speakers of Parliaments, Heads of the PABSEC National Delegations, representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, the French Parliament, the European Parliament, IPA EurAsEC, PAM, as well as, TURKPA, PUIC and the Marmara Foundation took part in the debate.

The participants stressed the role of parliaments in ensuring, on the one hand, introduction of international legal norms into domestic legal systems and ,on the other, contributing to the process of forming and developing the international legal system. Parliaments are active authors and participants in international law and bring their contribution to strengthening its principles. Participation in enhancing and improving international law is an important criterion for the political evaluation of parliamentary activities.

It was also stressed that international law is a key aspect for many regional conflicts and constitutes a stronger imperative in reducing the risk of solving disputes by force. Positive developments in relations among the countries of the region possess a great positive potential for further economic, political, social and cultural progress.

It was also noted that the international relations have not yet fully established the principle of imperative priority of the rule of law. A number of Speakers denounced the Israeli violence against the flotilla carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza.

The participants stressed the important role of the Parliamentary Assembly and of regional cooperation in general for strengthening the principles and norms of international law and expressed hope that realization of the accumulated experience will pave the way towards strengthening peace, stability and prosperity. International law provides an opportunity to improve the framework for enhancing peace and stability and developing democratic institutions.

2. *Documents adopted by the Plenary Session:*

- a) Recommendation 114/2010 on “Food security in the BSEC Member-States”
(Doc.GA35/EC34/REC114/10)
- b) Recommendation 115/2010 on “The Legal Framework for Regulation of Civil Aviation in the BSEC Member States”
(Doc. GA35/LC35/REC115/10)

- c) Recommendation 116/2010 on "Protecting women against violence in the BSEC Member States" (Doc. GA35/CC34/REC116/10)

3. Documents approved by the Plenary Session:

- a) Report on " Food security in the BSEC Member-States" (Doc.GA35/EC34/REP/10)
- b) Report on "The Legal Framework for Regulation of Civil Aviation in the BSEC Member States" (Doc. GA35/LC35/REP/10)
- c) Report on "Protecting women against violence in the BSEC Member States" (Doc. GA35/CC34/REP/10)
- d) Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly (Doc.GA35/PROG/10)
- e) The Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth Plenary Session of the General Assembly held in Moscow, on 23-24 November 2009 (Doc.GA34/MIN/10)

4. The Plenary Session took note of:

- o Declaration of the Ministers of Energy of the BSEC Member States on the Establishment of an Integrated Black Sea Energy Market, 28 January 2010, Sofia
- o Declaration of the Ministers Responsible for Science and Technology of the BSEC Member States, 9 April 2010, Sofia
- o Sofia Joint Declaration on Strengthening the Co-operation in the field of Transport in the BSEC region, 15 April 2010, Sofia

5. Financial matters:

The Assembly:

- ♦ **approved** the Auditing Report for the Financial Year 2009(Doc:GA35/AUDIT09/10)

6. New Credentials:

The Assembly **ratified** the credentials of the new members of the delegations of Albania, Russia and Serbia. (Doc.GA35/CRED/10)

7. During the debate on *the Draft Statement of the PABSEC*, a number of delegations denounced the violent actions undertaken by Israel on 31 May 2010 in international waters, causing death and injury of civilians.

8. Rotation of the Presidency:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, on 3 June 2010, Mr. Ali Mehmet SAHIN, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, assumed the six-month term Presidency of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of Black Sea Economic Cooperation.

9. The 2010 Autumn Plenary Session of the General Assembly:

The Assembly **decided** to hold its 2010 Autumn Plenary Session of the General Assembly in Trabzon on 9-11 November 2010.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Standing Committee:

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

The main subjects for the Autumn Committees Meetings are:

- “*The Condition of the Marine Environment in the Black Sea Region*”
- “*Enhancement of Cooperation between the PABSEC and the European Parliament*”.
- “*Cultural Cooperation in the BSEC Region: Experiences, Opportunities and Challenges*”.

2. **Approved** the following documents:

- a) Minutes of the Thirty-Fourth Meeting of the Standing Committee
(Doc.SC34/MIN/10)
- b) PABSEC Calendar 2010
(Doc. SC34/CAL/10)
- c) PABSEC Draft Budget for Financial Year of 2011
(Doc.GA35/BP/BUDG2011/10)

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

4. **Endorsed:**

- a) Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly (Doc.GA35/PROG/10)
- b) Draft Agenda of the Thirty-Fifth Plenary Session (Doc.GA35/AG/10)

5. **Agreed to** the Proposal of the BSEC BC for strengthening cooperation with the PABSEC and gave instructions to the International Secretariat to elaborate a more concrete plan of actions, including financial implications.

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

- a) Application on granting the Observer Status with the PABSEC to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Turkic-Speaking Countries (TURKPA). It was decided to **postpone** the consideration of the issue.

- b) The Report of the Working Group on the PABSEC Rules of Procedure and **decide in favor** of the following amendments:

- On Preamble;
- On Article 27.12 “Procedure in the Committees”;
- On Article 29.8 “Budget and Finance”;
- On Article 32 “Observers”. (Doc.SC35/REP/WG-RULES/10)

- c) The Auditing Report for the Financial Year 2009 and **submitted** it to the Plenary Session for the approval (Doc.GA35/AUDIT09/10)

7. Took note of:

- i) The receipt of Contributions to the 2010 Budget (Doc.SC35/CONT/10)
- ii) The project proposal by Black Sea NGOs Confederation (KASTOB)
(Doc.SC35/BP/KASTOB/10)
- iii) The participation by PABSEC representatives in international gatherings
between November 2009 –June 2010:

A – International Meetings

- a) Mr. Mehmet Cicek, PABSEC Vice-President, member of the PABSEC Turkish Delegation, and Mr. Ali Ustundag, PABSEC Administrator, in the 57th ESDA-AWEU Plenary Session, 1-3 December 2009, Paris
(Doc. SC35/REP/57thESDA-AWEU/10)
- b) Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Bureau Meeting of the IPA EurAsEC, 2 December 2009, Saint-Petersburg.
(Doc. SC35/REP/IPAEurAsEC/10)
- c) Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the 33rd Plenary Session of the IPACIS, 3 December 2009, Saint-Petersburg
(Doc. SC35/REP/33rdIPACIS/10)
- d) Mr. Alexey Kudriavtsev, PABSEC Secretary General, in the 6th Session of the Conference of the PUIC, 29-31 January 2010, Kampala, Uganda.
- e) Mr. Vassilios Geranidis, PABSEC Vice-President, Head of the PABSEC Hellenic Delegation, in the International Meeting in support of Israeli-Palestinian Peace, co-organized by the PAM and the UN Secretariat, 12 February 2010, Qawra, Malta.
- f) Mr. Gagik Minasyan, Head of the PABSEC Armenian Delegation, Chairman of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the 73rd Rose-Roth NATO PA Seminar, 11-13 March 2010, Yerevan.
- g) Mr. Kemalettin Goktas, Head of the PABSEC Turkish Delegation, and Dr. Murat Bakir, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the 122nd Assembly of the IPU, 27 March-1April 2010, Bangkok (Thailand) (Doc.SC35/BP/122ndIPU/10)
- h) Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Bureau Meeting of the IPA EurAsEC, 6 April 2010, Saint-Petersburg
(Doc. SC35/REP/IPAEurAsEC-1/10)
- i) Mr. Mykola Yankovsky, PABSEC Vice-President, Head of the PABSEC Ukrainian Delegation, Mr. Dusan Bajatovic, Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, and Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the International Parliamentary Conference dedicated to the 65th Anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War of 1941-1945 and the International Parliamentary Conference “Future of the European security”, organised by the IPA CIS and the PACE, 7 and 8 April 2010, Saint-Petersburg (Doc. SC35/BP/IPACIS-CONF/10)
- j) Mr. Sergey Shishkarev, PABSEC Vice-President, Head of the PABSEC Russian Delegation, in the 13th Eurasian Economic Summit, 5-7 May 2010, Istanbul
- k) Representatives of the PABSEC: Mr. Musa Guliyev, Member of the PABSEC Azerbaijani delegation, Mr. Svilen Kraychev, Head of the PABSEC Bulgarian delegation, Mr. Vassilios Geranidis, PABSEC Vice-President, Head of the PABSEC Hellenic delegation, Mrs. Yorgovanka Tabakovic, member of the PABSEC Serbian delegation, Vice-Chairperson of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, Mr. Kemalettin Goktas, Head of the PABSEC Turkish delegation, and Dr. Murat Bakir, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Congress and Exhibition of the Associations of the Black Sea

- Confederation (KADEKON), 5-9 May 2010, Izmir (*Doc. SC35/BP/KADEKON/10*)
- l) Mr. Dejan Mirovic, Member of the PABSEC Serbian Delegation, in the “Nevsky International Ecological Congress”, 14-16 May 2010, St. Petersburg.
 - m) Mr. Kemalettin Goktas, Head of the PABSEC Turkish Delegation and Mr. Anar Rahimov, Secretary of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the International Conference “Parliamentary Diplomacy – TURKPA”, 24 May 2010, Baky
 - n) Mrs. Yorgovanka Tabakovic, member of the PABSEC Serbian Delegation, Vice-Chairperson of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the “Mediterranean Panel on External Trade and Investments” organized by PAM on 27-28 May 2010, Lisbon.

B – BSEC Meetings

- a) Mrs. Yorgovanka Tabakovic, member of the PABSEC Serbian Delegation, Vice-Chairperson of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the Meeting of the Ministers of Energy of the BSEC Member States, 28 January 2010, Sofia.
- b) Mrs. Zinaida Chistruga. Member of the PABSEC Moldovan Delegation, and Dr. Murat Bakir, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Plovdiv International Fair Vinaria 2010, 14-17 March 2010, Plovdiv (*Doc. SC35/REP/BSEC BC-VIN/10*)
- c) Mr. Svilen Kraychev, Head of the PABSEC Bulgarian Delegation in the Meeting of the BSEC WG and the Ministerial Meeting for Science and Technology, 8-9 April 2010, Sofia (*Doc. SC35/BP/WG-MIN/SCH TECH/10*)
- d) Mr. Svilen Kraychev, Head of the PABSEC Bulgarian Delegation, in the 22nd Meeting of the CMFA of the BSEC Member-States, 28 May 2010, Sofia
- e) Staff of the International Secretariat participated in the BSEC Meetings:
 - ♦ Ms. Cosmina Moldovan, Researcher-Archivist, in the Meeting of the BSEC WG on Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals, 25 November 2009, Istanbul (*Doc. SC35/BP/BSEC-WG-HPHARM/10*)
 - ♦ Dr. Murat Bakir, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Workshop “The Regional Impact of the Global Economic Crisis”, 4 December 2009, Thessaloniki; in the Training Workshop “Addressing the Challenges of Doing PPPs in the Black Sea region, the Caucasus and Central Asia”, 29-30 April 2010, Istanbul. (*Doc. SC35/BP/WORKSHOP/10*)
(*Doc. SC35/BP/WORKSHOP-PPP/10*)
 - ♦ Mrs. Natia Gaprindashvili, Secretary of the PABSEC Legal and Political Affairs Committee, in the Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials, 29-30 March 2010, Istanbul (*Doc. SC35/BP/BSEC-CSO/10*)
 - ♦ Mr. Anar Rahimov, Secretary of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the Meeting of the Ad Hoc WG of Experts on Electrical Networks (ANWGEEN), 12-13 January 2010, Istanbul; in the 16th Meeting of the Steering Committee of the BSEC Project Development Fund (BSEC SC PDF), 31 March 2010, Istanbul; in the Meeting of the BSEC WG on Agriculture and Agro-Industry, 13 April 2010, Sofia; in the Expert Meeting for the Preparation of the Final Declaration and Meeting of the Ministers of Transport of the BSEC Member States, 14 April 2010, Sofia; in the Meeting of the BSEC WG on Trade and Economic Development, 20-21 April 2010, Istanbul; in the Meeting of the BSEC WG on Environmental Protection, 13-14 May 2010, Istanbul. (*Doc. SC35/BP/ANWGEEN/10*)

- ♦ Mr. Ali Ustundag, PABSEC Administrative Officer, in the Joint BSEC-USA Workshop “Preventing Terrorist Travel - Sharing Best Practices”, 27-28 April 2010, Istanbul (Doc. SC35/BP/BSEC&USA-WSH/10)
- f) Joint Meeting of the PABSEC Extended Bureau with the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials, 29 March 2010, Istanbul (Doc. SC35/REP/PABSEC-BSEC/10)
(Doc. SC35/BP/PABSEC-BSEC/10)

C – Other Meetings

- a) Dr. Murat Bakir, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the 22nd Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution, 19-21 January 2010, Istanbul (Doc. SC35/BP/22ndBSC/10)

D - Working Visits

- a) Mr. Svilen Kraychev, Head of the PABSEC Bulgarian Delegation, and Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, to the Benelux General Secretariat and the Benelux Parliament, 19-20 March 2010, Brussels (Doc. SC35/REP/BNL/10)
- b) Mr. Igor Bolboceanu, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, to the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, 20 May 2010, Belgrade (preparation to the 35th General Assembly).

E –Visits to the Headquarters of the PABSEC International Secretariat

- a) Prof. Ahmet Kideys, Executive Director of the Permanent Secretariat of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution, 14 January 2010.
- b) Mr. Akkan Suver, President of the Marmara Group Foundation, 28 January 2010.
- c) Ambassador Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos, BSEC Secretary General, 1 March 2010.
- d) Mr. Aydin Jafarov, IPACIS Deputy Secretary General, 2 March 2010.
- e) Delegation of the Confederation of the Black Sea NGOs (KASTOB), 5 March and 14 April 2010.
- f) Ambassador Ivan Petkov, Special Envoy (Chairmanship of the Republic of Bulgaria in the BSEC), 12 March 2010
- g) Mr. Mikhail Vartanyan, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Armenia to the BSEC, 12 March 2010.
- h) Prof. Dr. Slavica Djukic-Dejanovic, PABSEC President, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, 15 March 2010.
- i) Mr. Libor Roucek, Vice-President of the European Parliament, 29 March 2010
(Doc. SC35/REP/PABSEC-EP/10)
(Doc. SC35/BP/EP-VP/10)
- j) Prof. Eden Mamut, Director of the BSUN International Permanent Secretariat, 14 April 2010
- k) Mr. Petar Kanev, Adviser of the President of the Republic of Bulgaria, 4 May 2010
- l) Mr. Petr Zverev, Executive Secretary of the IPA EurAsEC, 12 May 1020

8. *The Standing Committee decided to hold its next Ordinary Meeting on 9 November 2010 in Trabzon.*

BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Forty-Second Meeting of the Bureau:

a) Approved the following documents:

- Minutes of the Forty-first Meeting of the Bureau held in Moscow on 23 November 2009
(Doc.BA41/MIN/10)
- Draft Order of Business of the Thirty-Fifth Plenary Session Assembly
(Doc.BA42/OB/10)
- Matters of Procedure of the Thirty-Fifth Plenary Session of the PABSEC General Assembly
(Doc.BA42/MP/10)
- Report by the Vice-President on Financial Matters on the execution of the Assembly's budget
(Doc.BA42/EXE/10)
- Participation of the PABSEC representatives in the international gatherings between November 2009 – June 2010
(Doc.BA42/GATH/10)

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

b) Endorsed the following documents:

- Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly (Doc.GA35/PROG/10)
- Draft Agenda of the Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Standing Committee (Doc.SC35/AG/10) and the Draft Agenda of the Thirty Fifth Plenary Session (Doc.GA35/AG/10)

The next Ordinary Forty-Third Meeting of the Bureau will take place on 9 November 2010 in Trabzon.

ADDITIONAL MEETING OF THE LEGAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Members of the Committee:

- ♦ *Elected* Mr. Mikhail YEMELYANOV for a term of office of two years as Chairman of the Committee;
- ♦ *Approved* the Report and Recommendation 115/2010 on “The Legal Framework for Regulation of Civil Aviation in the BSEC Member States” and submitted the documents to the consideration of the Plenary Session;
- ♦ *Approved* the proposals of the WG on the PABSEC Rules of Procedure and brought them to the Standing Committee.