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FOREWORD

THIRTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OPENING CEREMONY

The Thirty-Sixth General Assembly of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation was held in Trabzon on 2-4 November 2010 upon the invitation of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey. The Plenary Session was opened by H.E. Mr. Mehmet Ali ŞAHİN, PABSEC President, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey. The participants were addressed by H.E. Mr. Volodymyr LYTVYN, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Mr. Bülent ARINC, Deputy Prime-Minister, State Minister of the Republic of Turkey, and Mr. Kemalettin GÖKTAŞ, Head of the PABSEC Turkish National Delegation. The President of the Republic of Turkey H. E. Mr. Abdullah GÜL as well as Mr. Dimitris DROUTSAS, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, BSEC Chairman-in-Office, sent their greeting messages to the participants of the General Assembly.

PARTICIPATION

The plenary session was attended by:

1. The Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and the Deputy Prime-Minister, State Minister of Turkey.
2. *The National delegations* of the Parliaments of: the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, the Hellenic Republic, Romania, the Russian Federation, Serbia, the Republic of Turkey and Ukraine.
3. *The Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation:*
 - *BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office:* Special representative, Consul General of the Hellenic Republic in Istanbul.
 - *BSEC PERMIS:* the First Deputy Secretary General.
 - *BSTDB:* The President and the Secretary General.
4. *Observers:* Delegations/representatives of the National Assembly of Belarus, the Senate and the National Assembly of the French Republic, Interparliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Community (IPA EurAsEC), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean.

5. *Guests:* the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Turkic-Speaking Countries, the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States, the Black Sea Universities Network and the Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation.

THE 36th PLENARY SESSION

1. *General debate.*

The topic of the General Debate was “The role of parliaments in inter-cultural and inter-civilization dialogue as a basis for regional and international cooperation”.

The heads and members of the PABSEC national delegations, representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, the Parliament of the French Republic, PACE, PAM, PUIC and EMPA took part in the Debate.

The participants stressed the topicality of the inter-cultural and inter-civilization dialogue and noted the timeliness of the discussion of the topic. Coexistence of various ethnic communities in the Black Sea region serves as a source for mutual enrichment and a precondition for successful development of societies. Issues regarding cultural and religious diversity take an important place on the policy agenda at all levels. The development of inter-civilization and inter-cultural dialogue is a priority of state foreign policies as well as of parliamentary diplomacy.

The cohabitation of communities with different cultures, languages and religions in the region has been characteristic throughout its history. The region has century-old rich experience of cohabitation of nations with different cultural and religious traditions. Ethnocultural diversity, along with civilizational solidarity, necessitates of continuous dialogue.

It was stressed that the Black Sea region is not free of conflicts; there are risks of inter-ethnic and international controversies. Ethnocultural differences have sometimes emerged as a factor of tension. To this end, the necessity of further strengthening of dialogue was noted. Tolerance, mutual respect, protection of human rights and freedoms along with development of equitable dialogue among states and peoples, provide preconditions for harmonious coexistence and strengthening of mechanisms of practical cooperation.

The participants also noted the significance of dialogue between religions as an important component of dialogue among civilizations. Representatives of different religions take active part in facilitating solutions to social issues, preservation of cultural, historical and intangible heritage, consolidation of social consensus.

It was stressed that much effort has been made by the international community to enhance inter-cultural and inter-civilization dialogue and that significant contribution has also been made by the parliaments. They build on a legal foundation for a dialogue at national and inter-governmental levels, take part in solving conflicts, and promote the involvement of civil society in intercultural contacts.

2. Documents adopted by the Plenary Session:

- a) Recommendation 117/2010 on “The Condition of the Marine Environment in the Black Sea Region”
(Doc. GA36/EC35/REC117/10)
- b) Recommendation 118/2010 on “Enhancing Cooperation between the PABSEC and the European Parliament”
(Doc. GA36/LC36/REC118/10)
- c) Recommendation 119/2010 on " Cultural Cooperation in the BSEC Region: Experiences, Opportunities and Challenges”
(Doc. GA36/CC35/REC119/10)

3. Documents approved by the Plenary Session:

- a) Report on " The Condition of the Marine Environment in the Black Sea Region "
(Doc. GA36/EC35/REP/10)
- b) Report on “Enhancing Cooperation between the PABSEC and the European Parliament”
(Doc. GA36/LC36/REP/10)
- c) Report on “Cultural Cooperation in the BSEC Region: Experiences, Opportunities and Challenges”
(Doc. GA36/CC35/REC106/10)
- d) Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly
(Doc. GA36/PROG/10)
- e) The Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth Plenary Session of the General Assembly held in Belgrade on 1-3 June 2010
(Doc. GA35/MIN/10)

4. The Plenary Session took note of:

The Report on the Meeting of the Ministers of Energy of the BSEC Member States, 12 October 2010, Nafplion (Greece) and the Nafplion Declaration on “Green Energy Development Initiative” for the Black Sea Region.

5. Financial matters:

The Assembly:

- ♦ adopted the Budget for the Financial Year 2011
(Doc. GA36/BUDG11/10)
- ♦ set up the Draft Budget and Auditing Committee composed of the representatives of Greece, Moldova and Romania

6. New Credentials:

The Assembly ratified the credentials of a new member of the delegation of Russia.

(Doc. GA36/CRED/10)

7. Election of a Vice-President of the Assembly:

- The Assembly elected Mr. Areg GHUKASYAN, Member of the Armenian PABSEC Delegation, as Vice-President of the Assembly, for a two-year term of office, until November 2012.

8. *Rotation of the Presidency:*

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, on 3 November 2010, Mr. Volodymyr LYTVIN, the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, assumed the six-month term Presidency of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of Black Sea Economic Cooperation.

9. *The Thirty-Seventh Plenary Session of the General Assembly is to be held in Kyiv on 7-9 June 2011.*

STANDING COMMITTEE

The Thirty-Sixth Meeting of the Standing Committee:

- 1. *Adopted*** the proposals of the Committees concerning the subjects to be taken up in the first half of 2011 and to be placed on the Draft Agenda of the Plenary Session of the 2011 Spring General Assembly.

The main subjects for the Spring Committees Meetings are:

- “GMO (genetically modified organisms) application in the BSEC countries: economic and environmental aspects”
- “The role of parliaments in providing legislative support for enhancing scientific and technological progress”.
- “Observance of the sanitation standards of the World Health Organisation in the BSEC Member States”.

- 2. *Approved*** the following documents:

- a) Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Standing Committee
(Doc.SC35/MIN/10)
- b) PABSEC Calendar 2011
(Doc. SC36/CAL2011/10)

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

- 4. *Endorsed:***

- a) Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly
(Doc. GA36/PROG/10)
- b) Draft Agenda of the Thirty-Sixth Plenary Session
(Doc.GA36/AG/10)

- 5. *Took note of:***

- i) The receipt of Contributions to the 2010 Budget
(Doc. SC36/CONT/10)
- ii) The participation by PABSEC representatives in international gatherings between June-November 2010:

A – International Meetings

- a) Mr. Alexey Kudriavtsev, PABSEC Secretary General, in the 8th Conference of the Speakers of the Parliaments of the Member States of the South-East European Cooperation Process, 5-8 June 2010, Antalya *(Doc. SC36/CONF/10)*
- b) Mr. Alexey Kudriavtsev, PABSEC Secretary General, in the 74th Rose-Roth NATO Seminar, 17-19 June 2010, Helsinki *(Doc. SC36/REP/NATO/ROSE-ROTH/10)*
- c) Mr. Giorgi Gogvadze, Vice-Chairman of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, Member of the PABSEC Georgian Delegation, in the 17th Annual GA of the IAO, 28 June-2 July 2010, Yerevan *(Doc. SC36/REP/17IAO/10)*
- d) Mr. Vassilios Geranidis, PABSEC Vice-President, Head of the PABSEC Hellenic Delegation, in the OSCE PA 19th Annual Session, 6-10 July 2010, Oslo
- e) Mr. Mehmet Cicek, PABSEC Vice-President and Mr. Ali Ustundag, PABSEC Administrator, in the 3rd World Conference of Speakers of Parliaments, 19-21 July 2010, Geneva *(Doc. SC36/REP/IPU/10)*
- f) Mr. Svilen Kraychev, Head of the PABSEC Bulgarian Delegation, and Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the International Parliamentary Conference “Cooperation Sky – 3”, 10 September 2010, Gelendzhik (Russian Federation) *(Doc. SC36/BP/SKY-CONF/10)*
- g) Mr. Edmond Spaho, Head of the PABSEC Albanian Delegation, in the 123rd Assembly of Interparliamentary Union, 4-6 October 2010, Geneva *(Doc. SC36/REP/123IPU/10)*
- h) Mr. Mykola Yankovsky, PABSEC Vice-President, Head of the PABSEC Ukrainian Delegation, in the IPA EurAsEC International Seminar “Issues of public-private cooperation in the field of facilitation of trade procedures and their legal regulation”, 7-8 October 2010, Geneva
- i) Mr. Vassilios Geranidis, PABSEC Vice-President, Head of the PABSEC Hellenic Delegation, in the Fall Meetings of the OSCE PA, 8-11 October 2010, Palermo
- j) Mr. Mehmet Cicek, PABSEC Vice-President and Dr. Murat Bakir, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the 6th Council of Europe Forum for the Future Democracy, 19-20 October 2010, Yerevan
- k) Mr. Sadık Yakut, Vice-President of GNAT on behalf of the PABSEC President and Dr. Murat Bakır, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the 35th Plenary Session of the IPA CIS Member States, 28 October 2010, St. Petersburg
- l) Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the third part of the PACE 2010 Ordinary Session, 21-25 June 2010, Strasbourg *(Doc. SC36/REP/PACE-3/10)*
- m) Mr. Anar Rahimov, Secretary of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the International Conference “Building Regional Young Leaders Network: Youth of South East Europe for stability and Cooperation”, 21-22 June 2010, Istanbul.

B – BSEC and BSEC Related Bodies Meetings

- a) Mr. Alexey Kudriavtsev, PABSEC Secretary General, in the BSTDB Annual Meeting of the Board and Governors, 13 June 2010, Istanbul
- b) Mr. Giorgi Gogvadze, Vice-Chairman of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee and Mrs. Natia Gaprindashvili, Secretary of the PABSEC Legal and Political Affairs Committee, in the 17th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in cooperation with GIRCA (Georgian International Road Carriers Association), 22 June 2010, Tbilisi
(Doc. SC36/REP/BSEC-URTA/10)
- c) Mr. Vassilios Geranidis, PABSEC Vice-President, Head of the PABSEC Hellenic Delegation, in the Conference on the Hellenic Chairmanship-in-Office at the BSEC Organisation and celebration of “BSEC Day” in Greece, 25 June 2010, Athens
- d) Ms. Panagiota Zouni, Member of the Hellenic Delegation, in the Meeting of the Ministers of Energy of the BSEC Member States, 12 October 2010, Nafplion
- e) Staff of the International Secretariat in the following Meetings:
 - ♦ Mr. Alexey Kudriavtsev, PABSEC Secretary General and Mr. Igor Bolboceanu, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Coordination Meeting of the BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office, the CSO Committee, BSEC Related Bodies and BSEC PERMIS, 23 June 2010, Istanbul
 - ♦ Mrs. Evgenia Strati, Secretary of the PABSEC Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee, in the Meetings of the BSEC WG on Cooperation in Tourism, 27 September 2010, Istanbul; Joint Meeting on Culture and Cooperation in Tourism, 28 September 2010, Istanbul; on Culture, 29 September 2010, Istanbul
(Doc. SC36/BP/BSEC-WG-TUR/10)
(Doc. SC36/BP/BSEC-WG-CTUR/10)
(Doc. SC36/BP/BSEC-WG-CULT/10)
 - ♦ Mr. Anar Rahimov, Secretary of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the Meetings of the BSEC WG on Energy, 5-6 October 2010, Istanbul; on Agriculture and Agro-Industry, 7-8 October 2010, Thessaloniki; on Trade and Economic Development, 18-19 October 2010, Istanbul
 - ♦ Mr. Ali Üstündağ, PABSEC Administrator, in the BSEC WG on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in Particular in its Organized Forms, 13-14 October 2010, Istanbul
(Doc. SC36/BP/BSEC-WG-COMB-CRIME/10)

C – Other Meetings

- a) Mr. Igor Bolboceanu, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, Dr. Murat Bakir, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General and Mr. Ali Ustundag, PABSEC Administrator, in the TUSKON’s 2nd Turkey-World Trade Bridge, 14 June 2010, Istanbul
- b) Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the International Scientific Conference “Economic Cooperation and Development within the Black Sea Basin Countries”, 2 October 2010, Istanbul (Doc. SC36/BP/IS CONF/10)

- c) PABSEC Representatives in the International Black Sea Day Activities, 30 October-2 November 2010, Trabzon

D - Working Visits

- a) Mr. Igor Bolboceanu, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General and Dr. Murat Bakır, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General and Mr. Ali Üstündağ, PABSEC Administrator to TUSKON, 17 August and 7 September 2010, Istanbul
- b) Mr. Alexey Kudriavtsev, PABSEC Secretary General and Dr. Murat Bakır, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, 30 August 2010 to the GNAT, Meeting with Mr. Mehmet Ali Şahin, PABSEC President, Speaker of the GNAT, Ankara
- c) Mr. Igor Bolboceanu, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, to the European Parliament, 23 September 2010, Brussels
- d) Mr. Kemalettin Göktaş, Head of the PABSEC Turkish Delegation, Mr. Alexey Kudriavtsev, PABSEC Secretary General, Mr. Igor Bolboceanu, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General and Dr. Murat Bakır, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, Meeting with Mr. Recep Kızılcık, Gubernator of Trabzon, 3 October 2010, Trabzon
- e) Mr. Alexey Kudriavtsev, PABSEC Secretary General and Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, Meeting with Mr. Volodymyr Lytvyn, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, 21 October 2010, Kyiv

E –Visits to the Headquarters of the PABSEC International Secretariat

- a) Ms. Eftychia Bacopoulou, Secretary General of the BSEC BC, 10 June 2010
- b) Mr. Mustafa Günay, TUSKON Secretary General and Mr. Coşkun Erten TUSKON Coordinator, 22 June 2010
- c) Prof. Dr. Ahmet E. Kıdeyş, Executive Director and Mr. Mesut Şenol, Advisor, Permanent Secretariat of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Pollution, 11 August 2010

F– Scholarships in the PABSEC International Secretariat

- ◆ Ms. Alina Ilie, Parliamentary Advisor (Directorate for External Affairs of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies; Ms. Ana Besliu, Chief Advisor, Division on Foreign Parliamentary Affairs, Secretary of the PABSEC Moldovan Delegation, Mrs. Margarita Moldovanova, Senior Counsellor, Secretary of the PABSEC Russian Delegation (Council of Federation, Russia) and Mrs. Yulia Guskova, Counsellor, Secretary of the PABSEC Delegation (State Duma, Russia), in August - September 2010

6. *The Thirty-Seventh PABSEC Standing Committee Meeting is to be held on 7 June 2011 in Kyiv.*

BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Forty-Third Meeting of the Bureau:

1. Approved the following documents:

- Minutes of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Bureau held in Belgrade on 1 June 2010
(Doc.BA42/MIN/10)

- Draft Order of Business of the Thirty-Sixth Plenary Session Assembly
(Doc.GA36/OB/10)
- Matters of Procedure of the Thirty-Sixth Plenary Session of the PABSEC General Assembly
(Doc.BA43/MP/10)

2. Considered the following items:

- Report by the Vice-President on Financial Matters on the execution of the Assembly's budget
(Doc.BA43/EXE/10)
- Participation of the PABSEC representatives in the international gatherings between November 2010 –June 2011
(Doc.BA43/GATH/10)

The new PABSEC President was authorized to take decisions on the participation of the PABSEC representatives in international gatherings between November 2010 - June 2011. 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.GA36/PROG/10)
- Draft Agenda of the Thirty-Sixth Meeting of the Standing Committee
(Doc.SC36/AG/10) and the Draft Agenda of the Thirty Sixth Plenary Session
(Doc.GA36/AG/10)
- Election of the Vice-President of the PABSEC

3. Took note on the:

- Information on the candidates for the forthcoming elections of the PABSEC Secretary General

4. Decided:

- To renew the term of office of Ms. Evgenia Strati, Secretary of the PABSEC Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee, for a term of office of three years starting with 1 January 2011.
- To appoint Mr. Yadigar Mamadov (Azerbaijan) as Secretary of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee for a term of office of three years starting with 1 January 2011.

5. The Forty-Fourth Meeting of the PABSEC Bureau is to be held on 7 June 2011 in Kyiv.