



PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION
PABSEC

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

Istanbul, 26 June 1996

FOREWORD

A. OPENING CEREMONY

The Seventh Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation was held in the National Assembly of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Baku, on 11 - 13 June 1996.

The Opening Ceremony was addressed by H.E. Mr. Haydar ALIYEV, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Rasul GULIYEV, PABSEC President, Chairman of the National Assembly of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and Mr. Olexander TKACHENKO, Vice-President of the PABSEC, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Rada of Ukraine. The message by H.E. Mr. Evgeni PRIMAKOV, Chairman-in-Office of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Minister of the Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, was presented by Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Baku Mr. Alexander BLOKHIN.

B. PARTICIPATION

The General Assembly was attended by:

1. **Speakers** of the Parliaments of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Russian Federation (State Duma)
Deputy Speakers of the Parliaments of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine
2. **National Delegations** of 8 Member Countries: Azerbaijan, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine.
3. **Black Sea Economic Cooperation.** The representative of the BSEC Chairman-in-Office and the Director of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat.
4. **Observers.** The Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the People's Assembly of Egypt.
5. **Official Guest.** The representative of the National Assembly of Bulgaria.
6. **PABSEC International Secretariat**

C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. **Recommendations adopted by the General Assembly:**
 - a. Recommendation 13/1996 on Cooperation in Transportation among the BSEC Participating States (Doc. EC 1777/96)
 - b. Recommendation 14/1996 on Social Guarantees during the Transition Period in the PABSEC Member Countries (Doc. CC 1982/96)
 - c. Recommendation 15/1996 on Cooperation among the PABSEC Member Countries in Combating Organised Crime (Doc. LC 2050/96)

2. Documents approved by the Assembly:

- a. Report on the activity of the Bureau of the Assembly and the Standing Committee (Doc.: GA 2123/96)
- b. Report on Cooperation in Transportation among the BSEC Participating States (Doc.: EC 1776/96)
- c. Report on Cooperation among the PABSEC Member Countries in Combating Organised Crime (Doc.: LC 2049/96)
- d. Report on the Social Problems of the Transition Period in the PABSEC Member Countries (Doc.: CC 1981/96)
- e. Rules of Procedure:
The Seventh PABSEC General Assembly adopted the revised form of the Article 10.A and Article 24.1.

3. Ratification of the Agreement Establishing the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank:

During the debates at the General Assembly, the participants stressed the great importance which was devoted by the PABSEC to this matter in order to accelerate the process of ratification, acceptance or approval of the Bank Agreement.

Recalling the relevant provisions of the recommendations passed by the Fifth and the Sixth PABSEC General Assembly Sessions, the participants again called upon the Parliaments of the Member Countries to undertake new steps towards the soonest completion of the ratification process.

4. Rotation of the Presidency:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, starting with 13 June 1996, Mr. Zurab ZHVANIA, Chairman of the Parliament of the Republic of Georgia, became the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation for a six-month term of office until the end of the Eighth General Assembly to be held in Tbilisi in December 1996.

5. Elections:

- ◇ **Treasurer.** Mr. Ahmet KABİL, Member of the Turkish delegation was elected Treasurer of the Assembly for a two years' term of office (June 1996 to June 1998).

6. New Credentials:

The Assembly ratified the credentials of the new members.

7. The 1996 Autumn Session of the General Assembly:

The Assembly decided that the 1996 Autumn Session of the General Assembly will take place in Tbilisi on 10-12 December 1996.

D. STANDING COMMITTEE

1. The Seventh Meeting of the Standing Committee adopted the following documents:

- a. Decision 4/1996 on Working Pattern in the Committees and in the Assembly (Doc.: SC 2080/96).
- b. Report on the Audited Accounts for 1995 (Doc.: SC 2008/96).
- c. The PABSEC Draft Budget for 1997 (Doc.: SC 2009/96).
- d. Staff Regulations of the PABSEC International Secretariat (Doc.: BA 1679/95).
- e. PABSEC Calendar 1996 (Doc.: SC 2007/96)