



PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION
PABSEC

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

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FOREWORD

OPENING CEREMONY

The Eighth Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation was held in the "Metechi Palace" hotel, in Tbilisi, on 10-12 December 1996, upon the invitation of the Parliament of Georgia.

The opening Ceremony was addressed by H.E. Mr. Eduard Shevardnadze, President of Georgia, Mr. Zurab Zhvania, PABSEC President, Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia and Mr. Namık Kemal Zeybek, Minister of State, on behalf of the BSEC Chairman-in-Office, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.

PARTICIPATION

The General Assembly was attended by :

1. **Speakers/Presidents** of the Parliaments of Armenia, Georgia, Greece and the Russian Federation (State Duma).

Deputy Speakers of the Parliaments of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Russian Federation (State Duma) and Turkey.

2. **National delegations** of all Member Countries : Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine.

3. **Black Sea Economic Cooperation** : Mr. Namık Kemal Zeybek, Minister of State, who represented the BSEC Chairman-in-Office, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, Deputy Director of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat and the designated President of the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank.

4. **Observers** : The Chairman of the Committee on Transport of the People's Assembly of Egypt, the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Deputy Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

5. **Officials guests** : The Speaker of the National Assembly of Bulgaria.

6. **PABSEC International Secretariat.**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Recommendations adopted by the General Assembly :

(a) Recommendation 16/1996 on Development of Cooperation in the Field of Trade and Business among the BSEC Member Countries (Doc. GA 2385/96)

(b) Recommendation 17/1996 on the Basic Principles of the Black Sea Convention on Combating Organised Crime and Terrorism (Doc. GA 2412/96)

(c) Recommendation 18/1996 on the Guidelines for the Programme of the Protection of the Cultural Heritage in the Black Sea Region (Doc. GA 2393/96)

2. Reports approved by the General Assembly :

(a) Report on Development of Cooperation in the Field of Trade and Business among the BSEC Member Countries (Doc. EC 2384/96)

(b) Report on the Basic Principles of the Black Sea Convention on Combating Organised Crime and Terrorism (Doc. LC 2412/96)

(c) Report on the Guidelines for the Programme of the Protection of the Cultural Heritage in the Black Sea Region (Doc. CC 2392/96)

(d) Progress Report on the Activities of the Bureau and the Standing Committee between 13 June-10 December 1996 (Doc. BA 2652/96)

3. Decisions adopted by the General Assembly :

(a) Decision 5/1996 on the Follow-up of the First Inter-Parliamentary Conference on the Environmental Protection of the Black Sea (Doc. GA 2481/96)

(b) Decision on Auditing the 1996 PABSEC Budget

(c) Approved total expenditures in the revised 1997 Budget of the Assembly at 931,000 US \$ and decided that the final budget will be approved by the Ninth General Assembly in Athens in June 1997.

4. General debate

Speakers/Presidents of the Parliaments of the BSEC Participating States and Heads of national delegations took part in the debate.