AGREEMENT
on cooperation between the Inter-parliamentary Assembly
of the Eurasian Economic Community
and the Parliamentary Assembly
of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation

The Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Community (IPA EurAsEC) and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC),

Expressing their commitment to promote formation of parliamentary democracy and development of inter-parliamentary relations,

Reaffirming their adherence to the goals and principles enshrined in their statutory documents,

Being convinced in necessity for strengthening the climate of mutual understanding,

Recognizing need for setting up of a legal basis for developing economic cooperation based upon the principles of market economy, respect of human rights, fundamental freedoms and social justice, within the framework of ongoing integration processes,

Have agreed as follows:

- the two assemblies shall exchange the agendas of their meetings and shall invite representatives of the assemblies and secretariats to attend each other’s gatherings. Representatives of one assembly shall be given right to participate in the debates and address the assembly meetings;

- the Assemblies shall exchange on a permanent basis their documentation including normative legal acts, reports and other official documents in order to be fully informed about each other’s activities;

- the Presidents of the both Assemblies or their representatives shall be invited to the conferences and other gatherings organized by these assemblies if the issues of mutual interest are discussed;

- the committees of both assemblies shall cooperate with each other through exchanging respective documents and inviting, upon the consent of their authorities, rapporteurs of respective committees of for the exchange of opinion on the issues of mutual interest;

- when necessary, the delegation of the PABSEC Standing Committee and the Bureau of the IPA EurAsEC shall have joint meetings;
- the Chairman of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Community and the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, as well as the Executive Secretary of the Bureau of the IPA EurAsEC and the Secretary General of the PABSEC or their representatives shall meet, when necessary, for consultations or exchange of views to discuss the issues of mutual interest.

The present Agreement shall enter into force upon its signature and shall be valid for three years. The Agreement shall be considered extended for every subsequent period when there is no objection from either the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Community or the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation automatically.

There may be amendments and additions to the present Agreement, stated in the separate protocols being inseparable part of the present Agreement.

Done on 28 April 2006 in Saint-Petersburg in two original copies in English and Russian languages each version having equal juridical value.

One signed copy of the present Agreement shall be deposited with the Secretariat of the Bureau of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Community, and the other – with the International Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation.

Chairman of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Community

Boris V. Gryzlov

Executive Secretary of the Bureau of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Community

Petr B. Zverev

President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation

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