REPORT*

on the Meeting of the PABSEC Organising Committee
of the Children and Youth Festival
May 24, 2001, Sochi

1. The Meeting was attended by the delegations of Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, the Russian Federation and Turkey, as well as by the PABSEC Secretary General and the BSCA.

2. In compliance with the mandate given by the Sixteenth Cultural Committee Meeting, held on 4-5 April 2001 in Yerevan the Organising Committee made a comprehensive evaluation of the stage of preparation for the Festival and appreciated the work done by the Organising Committees of the member countries, by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on the Black Sea Cultural Alliance and by the International Secretariat.

3. All the members of the Organising Committee - who are members of the Parliamentary Assembly - reaffirmed their determination to implement the PABSEC initiative concerning the organisation of the Children and Youth Festival in the port-cities of the BSEC Member States, which represents a major and significant project of the Parliamentary Assembly, opening up real prospects for strengthening friendship and better understanding among the children and youth of our countries.

3. The Organising Committee:
   i. called upon the PABSEC national delegations which did not yet set up the Organising Committee, to complete this process as soon as possible;

   ii. elaborated the Draft Program of the Festival which is going to be updated according to the concrete proposals made by the national delegations regarding the Program of the Festival in the respective countries;

   iii. each country shall be represented by 35 persons: 30 children, Chairman of the Organising Committee, Artistic Coordinator and 3 accompanying persons;

* Adopted by the 17th General Assembly in Baku on 20 June 2001.
iv. elected Mr. Mehmet Gul, Head of the Turkish PABSEC Delegation as Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Festival and Mr. Tigran Hekekyan - Armenia, as Artistic Coordinator of the Festival;

v. kindly requested Mr. Mehmet Gul and Mr. Panayotis Fotiadis, member of the Hellenic PABSEC Delegation to provide their full assistance in order to facilitate freighting a cruise ship on favourable commercial conditions;

vi. Mr. Sergey Shirokov and Mr. Mehmet Gul will be the rapporteurs on the subject of the Festival at the General Assembly in Baku;

vii. expressed thanks to the State Duma for the excellent conditions provided for the meeting in Sochi.