FOREWORD

OPENING CEREMONY

The Fourteenth Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation was held in Kyiv at the Supreme Rada on 7-9 December 1999, upon the invitation of the Supreme Rada of Ukraine.

The Opening Ceremony was addressed by Mr. Olexander Tkachenko, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Chairman of the Supreme Rada of Ukraine, by the Head of the President’s staff, who presented the Message by H.E. Mr. Leonid Kuchma, the President of Ukraine, and by the Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova in Kyiv, who presented the Message by Mr. Nicolae Tabacaru, Chairman-in-Office of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova.

PARTICIPATION

The General Assembly was attended by:

1. **Speakers/Presidents** of the Parliaments of Albania and Ukraine.

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

3. **Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation**: the representative of the BSEC Chairman-in-Office and the Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat.

4. **BSEC Business Council**: Deputy Secretary General

5. **Observers**: Delegations of the People’s Assembly of Egypt, the Knesset of the State of Israel, OSCE PA, IPACIS and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

6. **Guests**: The National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union of Belarus and Russia, the Chamber of Citizens of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the International Centre for Black Sea Studies.

7. **PABSEC International Secretariat**.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. General debate.

The General Debate was devoted to the role of the PABSEC as the parliamentary dimension of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation process, on the threshold of the 21st century.

Speakers/Presidents of the Parliaments of the PABSEC Member-Countries, heads of national delegations, observers from the People’s Assembly of Egypt, the Knesset of Israel, the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Member-Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, as well as guests representing the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union of Belarus and Russia and the Chamber of Citizens of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia took part in the general debate.

The participants in the debate stressed the role of the National Parliaments as well as of the Parliamentary Assembly in providing consistent support to the goals of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation.

The transformation of the BSEC into a full fledged regional economic organisation, as of 1 May 1999, has opened new prospects, highlighting new objectives and challenges for the Black Sea region in the next century.

The official commencement of operations of the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank in Thessaloniki, on 1 June 1999, has ushered in a new stage in BSEC activities, when project implementation can be secured by the BSEC’s own financial pillar.

This new situation warrants new approaches by the BSEC Parliamentary Assembly, called upon to bring a substantial contribution to the multilateral economic cooperation process in the region, to the efforts undertaken by the Member Countries with a view to stimulate economic growth, strengthen the rule of law, ensure stability, prosperity and peace in the region.

To this end, in the first half of 2000, the PABSEC will devote its attention to some of the most relevant issues of regional cooperation, such as promotion of small and medium enterprises in the Black Sea region, legislative framework for cooperation among the law-enforcing, customs and immigration authorities, cooperation in the field of public health among the BSEC Member-Countries.

2. Recommendations adopted by the General Assembly:

a) Recommendation 37/1999 on “Trade Development in the Black Sea Region”  
(Doc GA 6493/99)

b) Recommendation 38/1999 on “Promotion and Protection of the investments in the Black Sea Region”  
(Doc.GA 6495/99)

c) Recommendation 39/1999 on “Public utilities in the Black Sea Region”  
(Doc. GA 6725/99)

d) Recommendation 40/1999 on ”Legal and political aspects of the transport systems integration process in the Black Sea Region”  
(Doc. GA 6540/99)

e) Recommendation 41/1999 on “The Legal Framework of Child Protection in the BSEC Member Countries ”  
(Doc.GA 6526/99)
3. **Reports approved by the General Assembly:**
   
a) Report on “Trade Development in the Black Sea Region” (Doc.GA 6492/99)

b) Report on “Promotion and Protection of the investments in the Black Sea Region” (Doc.GA 6494/99)

d) Report on “Public utilities in the Black Sea Region” (Doc.GA 6724/99)

e) Report on the “Legal and political aspects of the transport systems integration process in the Black Sea Region” (Doc. GA 6539/99)

f) Report on “The Legal Framework of Child Protection in the BSEC Member Countries” (Doc.GA 6525/99)

g) Progress Report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (Doc.GA 6718/99)

4. **Other Documents**
   
a) Declaration of the General Assembly (Doc. GA 7231/99)

b) Conclusions of the Seminar on Industry and Trade (Doc.EC 7100/99)

5. **Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation:**

The Assembly reviewed the main activities carried out by the BSEC during the last six months.

The participants underlined the significance of the Summit Meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the BSEC Member-States, held on 17 November 1999, in Istanbul, and of the Istanbul Summit Declaration, adopted by the High Participants.

The participants also assessed the results of the Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States, held on 27 October 1999 in Thessaloniki, which adopted important resolutions on the BSEC- EU cooperation, contribution to the implementation of the Stability Pact, etc.

The members of the Parliamentary Assembly underlined the importance of the activities undertaken by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs in order to speed up economic cooperation process in the field of trade, banking and finance, tourism, environment, emergency assistance, combating crime.

**The General Assembly considered the following documents:**

- Summit Meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the member States (Doc. GA 7070/99)
- Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member-Countries (Doc. GA 6722/99)
- Platform of Cooperation between the BSEC and the European Union (Doc. GA 6723/99)

6. **Financial matters:**

The Assembly:

a) approved the report by the Treasurer on handing over the PABSEC financial and tangible assets to the new Secretary General on 1 September 1999 (Doc. GA 6730/99) and adopted Decision 11/1999 (Doc. GA 7081/99)
b) adopted Budget of the Assembly for the Financial Year 2000 (Doc. GA 6285/99) and Decision 12/1999 (Doc. GA7232/99);

c) set up the Budget Drafting and Auditing Committee composed of the representatives of Moldova, Romania and the Russian Federation (Doc. GA 6727/99).

6. **New Credentials:**

The Assembly ratified the credentials of the Head of the Armenian delegation, of a new member of the delegation of Moldova and of a new member of the delegation of Romania (Doc.GA 6942/99)

7. **Elections**

- **Deputy Secretary General on Organisational Matters**

  The Assembly elected Mr. Igor Bolboceanu as the Deputy Secretary General on Organisational Matters, for a term of office of 3 years, starting with the 1st January 2000.

- **Deputy Secretary General on Administrative and Financial Matters**

  The Assembly elected Mr. Alexey Kudriavtsev as the Deputy Secretary General on Administrative and Financial Matters, for a term of office of 3 years, starting with 1 January 2000.

8. **Rotation of the Presidency:**

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, starting with the end of the Fourteenth Plenary Session in Kyiv, on 9 December 1999, Mr. Skender Gjinushi, Speaker of the People’s Assembly of the Republic of Albania, assumed the rotating six-month Presidency of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation.

9. **The 2000 Spring Plenary Session of the General Assembly:**

The Assembly decided that the 2000 Spring Plenary Session of the General Assembly will be held on 6-8 June 2000, in Tirana.

**STANDING COMMITTEE**

1. **The Fourteenth Meeting of the Standing Committee** positively assessed the inclusion on the agenda of the three Committees, in the first half of 2000, of the following subjects:

   - Economic, Commercial, Technological, Environmental Affairs Committee:
     - "Promotion of Small and Medium Enterprises in the Black Sea Region"
   - Legal and Political Affairs Committee:
     - «Legislative framework for cooperation among the law-enforcing, customs and immigration authorities»
   - Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee:
     - "Cooperation in the field of public health among the BSEC Member-Countries"
2. The Standing Committee:

The Fourteenth meeting of the Standing Committee:

- approved the following documents:
  a) Activities of the Committees in the first half of 2000 (Doc. SC 6716/99)
  b) Receipt of contributions to the 1999 Budget (Doc. SC 6717/99)
  c) PABSEC Calendar 2000 (Doc.SC 6477/99)
- endorsed the following documents
  a) report by the Treasurer on handing over the PABSEC financial and tangible assets to the new Secretary General on 1 September 1999 (Doc. GA 6730/99) and Decision 11/1999 (Doc. GA 7081/99)
  b) Progress Report of the Bureau and Standing Committee (Doc.GA 6718/99)
  c) Draft Agenda (Doc.GA 6691/99) and Draft Order of Business (Doc. GA 6692/99) of the Fourteenth Plenary Session of the PABSEC General Assembly

3. Took note of the reports concerning the participation by PABSEC representatives in international gatherings in the second half of 1999:
   a) Mr. Olexander Charodeyev, PABSEC Vice-President, in the Eighth Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, 6-10 July 1999, Saint-Petersburg (Doc. SC 6703/99)
   b) Mr. Olexander Charodeyev, PABSEC Vice-President, in the International Conference “Baltic-Black Sea Co-operation: to the integrated Europe of the XXI Century Free of Dividing Lines” 10-11 September 1999, Yalta (Doc. SC 6704/99)
   d) Mr. Yevgueny Salov, PABSEC Vice-President, in the Parliamentary Conference of the Central European Initiative “The role of the CEI in the implementation of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe” 7-8 October 1999, Prague (Doc. SC 6889/99)
   e) Mr. Olexander Charodeyev, PABSEC Vice-President, in the 102nd Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, 10-16 October 1999, Berlin (Doc. SC 6705/99)
   f) Mr. Salih Kapusuz, PABSEC Vice-President, Mr. Theodoros Kassimis, Chairman of the Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, and members of the Committee in the Second Parliamentary Conference “Regional Economic Cooperation process in Europe faced with the new challenges” 13-15 October 1999, Nantes (Doc. SC 6706/99)
   g) Mr. Servet Pellumbi, Head of the PABSEC Albanian delegation in the Rose-Roth Seminar “Securing Peace in South-Eastern Europe”, 14-16 October 1999, Tirana (Doc. SG 6890/99)
h) Mr. Alexandru Popovici, PABSEC Vice-President, in the Fourteenth Plenary Session of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the CIS, 16 October 1999, Saint-Petersburg  
(Doc. SC 6707/99)

i) Mr. Ion Dediu, PABSEC Treasurer, in the Working Table on Democratisation and Human Rights, in Geneva, on 18-19 October 1999  
(Doc. SC 7011/99)

BSEC Meetings

a) Mr. Lucas Katsikaris, Secretary of the Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the BSEC Working Group on “Cooperation in Tourism”, 30 June-1 July 1999, Istanbul  
(Doc. SC 6709/99)

b) Mr. Blagovest Sendov, Chairman of the Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee, and Mr. Alexander Furman, Secretary of the Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee, in the International Conference on “Globalism and Regionalism. A new role for the Universities in the next century”, 16-19 September 1999, Mamaia, Romania  
(Doc. SC 6713/99)

c) Mr. Theodoros Kassimis, Chairman of the Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the BSEC Business Council Conference “BSEC-EU: Prospects for Business Cooperation”, Athens, 12-13 October 1999  
(Doc. SC 7068/99)

d) Mr. Alexander Charodeyev, PABSEC Vice-President, Mr. Yevgueny Salov, PABSEC Vice-President, and Mr. George Petricu, Secretary General, in the BSEC Meeting of the Committee of the Senior Officials, 25-26 October 1999 and in the Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Participating States, 27 October 1999, Thessaloniki  
(Doc. SC 6715/99)

e) Mr. Salih Kapusuz, PABSEC Vice-President, in the BSEC Summit Meeting, 17 November 1999, Istanbul  
(Doc. GA 7070/99)

4. The Standing Committee decided to hold the Fifteenth Meeting on 6 June 1999, in Tiran.

BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY:

The Twentieth Meeting of the Bureau:

a) Approved the following documents:
   - Report on the execution of the Assembly’s budget (Doc.BA 6698/99)
   - Matters of Procedure of the Fourteenth Plenary Session of the PABSEC General Assembly (Doc.BA6693/99).

b) Endorsed the following documents:
   - Draft Agenda of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Standing Committee  
(Doc. SC 6689/99)
   - Examination of New Credentials (Doc.GA 6697/99)
c) **Appointed:**
- Ms. Panagiota Manoli as the Secretary of the Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, for a term of office of three years, starting with 14 January 2000.
- Ms. Naira Khnkoyan as the Secretary of the Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee, for a term of office for three years, starting with 1 January 2000.

d) **Requested** the PABSEC President to designate the PABSEC representatives attending the international gatherings scheduled between 1 January – 31 June 2000 (Doc.BA 6699/99).

e) **The Bureau decided** to hold the Twenty First Meeting on 6 June 2000, in Tirana.

**LEGAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**
The Committee elected the two Vice-Chairmen, for a term of office of two years:
- Mr. Andranik Manoukyan (Armenia)
- Mr. Alexander Lilov (Bulgaria).