FOREWORD

OPENING CEREMONY

The Nineteenth Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation was held in Tbilisi on 11-13 June 2002 upon the invitation of the Parliament of Georgia.

The General Assembly was opened by Mrs. Nino Burdjanadze, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Chairperson of the Parliament of Georgia. The message addressed to the General Assembly by H.E. Mr. Eduard Shevardnadze, President of Georgia, was presented by H.E. Mr. Irakli Menagarishvili, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia. The message to the participants by H.E. Mrs Arta Dade, Chairman-in-Office of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania, was introduced by the General Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Albania.

PARTICIPATION

The General Assembly was attended by:

1. **The Chairperson** of the Parliament of Georgia.
3. **Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation and the Related Bodies:**
   - **BSEC:** the representative of the BSEC Chairman-in-Office and the Secretary General of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat.
   - **Black Sea Trade and Development Bank:** Secretary General
   - **International Centre for Black Sea Studies:** Director General of the ICBSS
4. **Observers:** Delegations of the Knesset of the State of Israel, the National Council of the Slovak Republic, the European Parliament, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Member-Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States.
5. **Guests:** the Parliamentary Dimension of the Central European Initiative, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Belarus-Russia Union, Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Union.

6. **PABSEC International Secretariat.**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

1. **General debate.**

The General Debate was devoted to “The Declaration on the BSEC Tenth Anniversary”.

The Heads of National Delegations, representatives of the BSEC family, observers from the Knesset of the State of Israel, the National Council of the Slovak Republic, the European Parliament, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the guests representing the Parliamentary Dimension of the Central European Initiative, Parliamentary Assembly of the Belarus-Russia Union and the Eurasian Economic Union Inter-Parliamentary Assembly took part in the General Debate.

Focusing on the Declaration on the BSEC Tenth Anniversary, the participants stressed that the establishment of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation and its transformation into a regional economic organisation represented a landmark event paving the way towards the process of multilateral economic cooperation in the Black Sea region, as a response of the Member-States to the contemporary challenges aiming at integrating the area into the global market economy, turning the Black Sea into a region of democracy, stability, prosperity and peace.

The members of the Parliamentary Assembly committed themselves to continue and consolidate this process and reaffirmed their determination to fully use the potential of the PABSEC in order to materialise the shared ideas and principles enshrined in the Istanbul Summit Declaration, the Bosphorous Statement and the BSEC Charter.

The General Assembly adopted the “Declaration on the BSEC Tenth Anniversary” to be brought to the attention of the participants of the Extraordinary Summit Meeting of the Heads of States or Governments of the Organisation of the BSEC, on 25 June 2002 in Istanbul.

2. **Recommendations adopted by the General Assembly:**

   a) Recommendation 59/2002 on “Economic Integration in the BSEC Region: Current State and Future Prospects”  
      (Doc.GA19/EC18/REC59/02)

   b) Recommendation 60/2002 on “Globalisation: Challenges and Prospects for the PABSEC Member-States”  
      (Doc.GA19/LC19/REC60/02)

   c) Recommendation 61/2002 on “Women’s Participation in the Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Life”  
      (Doc.GA19/CC18/REC61/02)

   d) Recommendation 62/2002 on the Forum of the Presidents of the Constitutional Courts of the PABSEC Member-Countries  
      (Doc.GA19/FCC/REC62/02)

   e) Recommendation 63/2002 on the Third General Assembly of the Black Sea Capitals’ Association  
      (Doc. GA19/REC63/BSCA/02)

   f) Recommendation 64/2002 on the Second Meeting of the Public Broadcasters from the BSEC Member-States  
      (Doc. GA19/REC64/BSEC-RTV/02)
3. **Reports approved by the General Assembly:**

   - a) Report on “Economic Integration in the BSEC Region: Current State and Future Prospects”  
     (Doc.GA19/EC18/REP/02)
   - b) Report on “Globalisation: Challenges and Prospects for the PABSEC Member-States”  
     (Doc.GA19/EC18/REP/02)
   - c) Report on “Women’s Participation in the Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Life”  
     (Doc.GA19/CC18/REP/02)
   - d) Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly  
     (Doc.GA19/PROG/02)

4. **Other documents approved by the General Assembly:**

   - The Minutes of the Eighteenth Plenary Session of the General Assembly held in Sofia,  
     on 4-6 December 2001  
     (Doc. GA18/MIN/02)

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

   Mrs. Nino Burdjanadze, the PABSEC President, Chairperson of the Parliament of Georgia,  
   presented the Report on the Sixth Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of  
   the BSEC Member-States, held on 25 April 2002, in Kyiv, underlining the assessment by  
   the Council of Ministers that the Organisation has become a key instrument in the ongoing  
   process of democratisation of the Black Sea region by successfully playing a substantial  
   role in the promotion of common interests and values and in ensuring peace, stability  
   and prosperity in the region.

   The Council of Ministers adopted important Resolutions and Recommendations covering  
   the legal status of the Parliamentary Assembly, as well as its initiatives in involving new  
   actors in the multilateral cooperation process in the Black Sea region. Within this context  
   the PABSEC President emphasised the particular importance of the signing of the PABSEC  
   Host-Country Agreement in Kyiv, as well as the fact that the Council of Ministers reviewed  
   the progress in the completion of the required internal procedure for the Protocol  
   Concerning Privileges and Immunities of the PABSEC which will be the first ever binding  
   international instrument related to the PABSEC.

   **The General Assembly adopted the following Reports:**

   - The Sixth Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC  
     Member-States, 25 April 2002, Kyiv  
     (Doc.GA19/REP/6BSEC/MFA/02)
   - The Second Black Sea Transport Conference, 5-6 March 2002, Kyiv  
     (Doc.GA19/REP/2BSTC/02)
   - The Fifth Meeting of the Ministers of Interior of the BSEC Member-States, 14-15  
     March 2002, Kyiv  
     (Doc.GA19/BP/5BSEC/INT/02)
   - The General Assembly took note of the text of the PABSEC Host-Country  
     Agreement signed in Kyiv.

6. **Financial matters:**

   The Assembly adopted the Auditing Report for the Financial Year 2001  
   (Doc. GA19/AUDR/02)

7. **New Credentials:**

   The Assembly ratified the credentials of the new PABSEC delegations from Ukraine, as  
   well as the new members of the delegations of Albania, the Russian Federation and Turkey  
   (Doc.GA19/CRED/02).
8. Elections:
   - **Election of a Vice-President of the Assembly**
     The Assembly elected Mrs. Lilian Grygorovych, Acting Head of the PABSEC delegation of Ukraine, as PABSEC Vice-President for one year term of office.

   - **Election of the Secretary General**
     "DECISION OF THE ASSEMBLY
     on taking the office of the PABSEC Secretary General"

     Given the particular situation created following the elections of the Secretary General of the Assembly and creation of a very dangerous precedent threatening the stability of PABSEC, we suggest the following compromise:

     The new Secretary General of the Assembly shall take the office of the Secretary General starting with 1 November 2002. A. F. Kudriavtsev, the present Deputy Secretary General in charge of administrative and financial matters will fulfil the responsibilities of the Secretary General from the point of termination of the authority of the present Secretary General until 1 November 2002."

9. Rotation of the Presidency:

   In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, starting with the end of the Nineteenth Plenary Session in Tbilisi, on 13 June 2002, the President of the Hellenic Parliament Mr. Apostolos Kaklamanis assumed the six-months' term Presidency of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation of Black Sea Economic Cooperation.

10. The 2002 Autumn Plenary Session of the General Assembly:

   The Assembly decided that the 2002 Autumn Plenary Session of the General Assembly will be held on 26-28 November 2002, in Athens.

   The main subjects:

   a) **General Debate:** "On the eve of the PABSEC Tenth Anniversary: Reinforcing the Relations of Partnership between the Parliamentary Assembly and the European Parliament"

   b) **Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs:**
      - "The Black Sea Trade and Development Bank: The Financial Pillar of Cooperation in the Black Sea Region"
      - "Information Society: The Role of New Technologies" (only Recommendation)

   c) **Legal Affairs and Political Affairs:**
      - "Revision of the PABSEC statutory documents"

      ("...Although the Standing Committee decided to have the main item for the Legal and Political Affairs Committee cooperation among the PABSEC countries in strengthening good governance, the delegations agreed to cancel this decision and dedicate the autumn meetings of this Committee to the revision of the statutory documents of the Assembly in order to be prepared for constructive discussions at the Athens General Assembly ..." The PABSEC President’s statement on 13 June 2002, General Assembly.)

   d) **Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs:**
d) Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs:
  • "Social Reintegration of Jobless People"

11. Calendar 2002 (Doc. SC19/CAL/02)
   The General Assembly endorsed the PABSEC Calendar 2002 as adopted by the Standing Committee.

12. The General Assembly took note of the information on the 2002 Children and Youth Festival of the BSEC Member-States (23-30 August 2002, Sochi).

STANDING COMMITTEE

1. The Nineteenth Meeting of the Standing Committee adopted the proposals of the Committees concerning the subjects to be taken up in the second half of 2002 and to be placed on the Draft Agenda of the 2002 Autumn General Assembly.

2. The Nineteenth Meeting of the Standing Committee:
   • approved the following documents:
     a) Draft Budget for the Financial Year 2003 (Doc. GA20/BUDG03/02)
     b) Minutes of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Standing Committee (Doc. SC18/MIN/02)
     c) PABSEC Calendar 2002 (Doc. SC19/CAL/02)
   • took note of the:
     a) Receipt of Contributions to the Budget 2002 (Doc. SC19/CONT/02)

Given the outcome of the First PABSEC mission to the European Parliament, the Standing Committee suggested to consider the possibility of the following activities, proposed by the Hellenic Delegation:

• Symposium of Representatives of the PABSEC with Representatives of other Parliamentary Assemblies, e.g. the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, OSCE, CIS and the European Parliament, co-organised with the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS).

• Joint meeting between the PABSEC and a respective Committee of the European Parliament (one MP from each PABSEC Committee/ members of the Cultural Affairs Committee).

• endorsed the following documents:
  a) Auditing Report for the Financial Year 2001 (Doc. GA19/AUDR/02)
  b) Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly (Doc. GA19/PROG/02)
  c) Draft Agenda (Doc.GA19/AG/02) and Draft Order of Business (Doc.GA19/OB/02) of the Nineteenth Plenary Session of the PABSEC General Assembly

3. The Standing Committee took note of:
   • the reports concerning the participation by PABSEC representatives in international gatherings between 10 December 2001 and 10 June 2002:
     A - International Meetings
        b) Mrs. Nino Burjanadze, PABSEC President, Chairperson of the Parliament of Georgia, and Mr. George Petricu, PABSEC Secretary General, in the Winter Meeting of the OSCE PA, 21-22 February 2002, Vienna
c) Mrs. Nino Burjanadze PABSEC President, Chairperson of the Parliament of Georgia, Mr. Dan Nicolaie Rahau, Chairman of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, Mr. Kaha Chitaya, Head of the PABSEC Georgian Delegation, Alexander Vougaris, Member of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, and Mr. George Petricu, PABSEC Secretary General, in the First PABSEC – European Parliament consultations, 5-6 March 2002, Brussels
(Doc.SC19/REP/PABSEC-EP/02)

d) Mr. Vladimir Averchenko, PABSEC Treasurer, in the 107th Conference of the IPU, 17-23 March 2002, Marrakesh (Morocco)


f) Mr. Kaha Chitaya, Head of the PABSEC Georgian Delegation, in the Second Part of the 2002 Ordinary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, 22-26 April 2002, Strasbourg

g) Mr. Dorel Constantin Onaca, Head of the PABSEC Romanian Delegation, in the 51th Rose-Roth Seminar of the NATO PA, 25-27 April 2002, Bratislava

h) Mr. Yashar Aliyev, PABSEC Vice-President, in the First Part of the 48th Ordinary Session of the AWEU, 3-6 June 2002, Paris

B – BSEC Meetings

c) Mrs. Nino Burjanadze, PABSEC President, Chairperson of the Parliament of Georgia, and Mr. George Petricu, PABSEC Secretary General, in the Sixth Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member-States, 25 April 2002, and PABSEC Secretary General in the Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials, 23-24 April 2002 Kyiv
(Doc.GA19/REP/6BSEC-MFA/02)

b) Mr. Alexander Pulkal, PABSEC Vice-President, in the Second International Black Sea Transport Conference, 6-7 March 2002, Kyiv
(Doc.GA19/BP/2BSTC/02)

c) Mr. Kaha Chitaya, Head of the Georgian PABSEC Delegation, in the Fifth Meeting of the Ministers of Interior/Public Order, 14-15 March 2002, Kyiv
(Doc.GA19/BP/5BSEC-IN/02)

d) Mrs. Maria Arsenis, Head of the PABSEC Hellenic Delegation, in the Black Sea Business Day, 15 April 2002, Thessaloniki

e) Staff of the International Secretariat in the BSEC Working Groups and other Meetings:

- Ms. Panagiota Manoli, Secretary of the Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the BSEC Working Group of Experts in Shipbuilding, Ship-repairing and Shipping, 6 February 2002, Istanbul
- Ms. Panagiota Manoli, Secretary of the Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the Working Group on Transport, 7-8 February 2002, Istanbul
- Mr. George Petricu, PABSEC Secretary General, in the BSEC Coordination Council Meeting, 11 February 2002, Athens
• Mrs. Natia Gaprindashvili, Secretary of the Legal and Political Affairs Committee, in the Working Group on Legal Issues, 18-19 February 2002, Istanbul

• Ms. Panagiota Manoli, Secretary of the Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the Joint Meeting with the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution, 20 February 2002, Istanbul

• Ms. Panagiota Manoli, Secretary of the Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the Working Group on Cooperation in Tourism, 5-6 March 2002, Istanbul

• Mr. George Petricu, PABSEC Secretary General, in the Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials with the participation of Financial Experts, 21-22 March 2002, Istanbul, and in the Meeting of the Committee of the Senior Officials for the preparation of the BSEC Summit, 27-28 May 2002, Istanbul

• Ms. Panagiota Manoli, Secretary of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the BSEC Working Group on Communications, 15-16 April 2002, Istanbul

C – Other Meetings

a) Mr. Victor Dallakyan, PABSEC Vice-President and Mr. George Petricu, PABSEC Secretary General, in the Forum of the President of the Constitutional Courts of the PABSEC Member-Countries, 10-11 December 2001, Chisinau (Doc.GA19/SC19/REC62/FCC/02)

b) Mrs. Marianna Assenova, Member of the PABSEC Bulgarian Delegation, in the Forum of Cities and Regions of South East Europe, 18-20 April, 2002, Novi Sad, Yugoslavia

c) Mr. Dorel Constantin Onaca, Head of the PABSEC Romanian Delegation, and Mr. Dan Nicolae Rahau, Head of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the First Black Sea Oil and Gas Summit, 23-24 April 2002, Bucharest

d) Mr. Yashar Aliyev, PABSEC Vice-President, and Mr. George Petricu, PABSEC Secretary General, in the Third General Assembly of the Black Sea Capitals Association, 29-30 April 2002, Baku (Doc.GA19/SC19/REC63/BSCA/02)

e) Mr. Georgios Kirkos, Member of the Hellenic PABSEC Delegation, and Mr. George Petricu, PABSEC Secretary General, in the Second Meeting of the Public National Broadcasters from the PABSEC Member-Countries, 16-17 May 2002, Chalkidiki – Greece (Doc.GA19/SC19/REC64/BSEC/RTV/02)

f) Mr. George Petricu, PABSEC Secretary General, in the Black Sea Youth Congress, 6-8 May 2002, Istanbul

D – Elections Monitoring

a) Mr. Victor Dallakyan, PABSEC Vice-President, in monitoring Elections to the Supreme Rada of Ukraine, 31 March 2002, Kyiv

4. The Standing Committee decided to hold the Twentieth Meeting on 26 November 2002, in Athens.

BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY:
The Twenty Fifth Meeting of the Bureau:

a) Approved the following documents:
• Report by the Treasurer on the execution of the Assembly’s budget (Doc.BA25/EXE/02)
• Matters of Procedure of the Nineteenth Plenary Session of the PABSEC General Assembly (Doc.BA25/MIP/02)
• Participation by the PABSEC Representatives in the International Gatherings between 14 June 2002 – 29 November 2002 (Doc. BA25/GATH/02)
• Minutes of the Twenty Fourth Meeting of the Bureau

The new PABSEC President was requested to take decision on the participation by the PABSEC representatives in the international gatherings scheduled between 12 June– 29 November 2002

b) **Endorsed the following documents:**

• Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly

• Examination of New Credentials

• Draft Agenda of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Standing Committee

(c) **The Bureau decided:**

• to submit to the General Assembly the proposals by the delegations of Azerbaijan, Bulgaria and the Russian Federation for the position of the Secretary General;

• to consider the term of office of the Committee Secretaries at its forthcoming meeting;

• to hold the Twenty Sixth Meeting on 26 November 2002 in Athens.

d) As far as the election of the two Deputy Secretaries General – to be held at the 2002 Autumn General Assembly – is concerned, the Bureau recommended the National Delegations to move their proposals until 15th October 2002 in order for the International Secretariat to prepare the relevant documents in due time. However, the delegations may propose their candidates after this date as well.