PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION
PABSEC

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

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FOREWORD

A. OPENING CEREMONY

The Seventh Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation was held in the National Assembly of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Baku, on 11 - 13 June 1996.

The Opening Ceremony was addressed by H.E. Mr. Haydar ALIYEV, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Rasul GULIYEV, PABSEC President, Chairman of the National Assembly of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and Mr. Oleksandr TKACHENKO, Vice-President of the PABSEC, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Rada of Ukraine. The message by H.E. Mr. Evgeni PRIMAKOV, Chairman-in-Office of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Minister of the Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, was presented by Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Baku Mr. Alexander BLOKHIN.

B. PARTICIPATION

The General Assembly was attended by:

1. **Speakers** of the Parliaments of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Russian Federation (State Duma)
   - Deputy Speakers of the Parliaments of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine

2. **National Delegations** of 8 Member Countries: Azerbaijan, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine.

3. **Black Sea Economic Cooperation.** The representative of the BSEC Chairman-in-Office and the Director of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat.

4. **Observers.** The Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the People’s Assembly of Egypt.

5. **Official Guest.** The representative of the National Assembly of Bulgaria.

6. **PABSEC International Secretariat**

C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. **Recommendations adopted by the General Assembly:**
   - Recommendation 13/1996 on Cooperation in Transportation among the BSEC Participating States (Doc. EC 1777/96)
   - Recommendation 14/1996 on Social Guarantees during the Transition Period in the PABSEC Member Countries (Doc.CC 1982/96)
   - Recommendation 15/1996 on Cooperation among the PABSEC Member Countries in Combating Organised Crime (Doc. LC 2050/96)
2. Documents approved by the Assembly:
   b. Report on Cooperation in Transportation among the BSEC Participating States (Doc.: EC 1776/96)
   c. Report on Cooperation among the PABSEC Member Countries in Combating Organised Crime (Doc.: LC 2049/96)
   e. Rules of Procedure:
      The Seventh PABSEC General Assembly adopted the revised form of the Article 10.A and Article 24.1.

3. Ratification of the Agreement Establishing the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank:
   During the debates at the General Assembly, the participants stressed the great importance which was devoted by the PABSEC to this matter in order to accelerate the process of ratification, acceptance or approval of the Bank Agreement.
   Recalling the relevant provisions of the recommendations passed by the Fifth and the Sixth PABSEC General Assembly Sessions, the participants again called upon the Parliaments of the Member Countries to undertake new steps towards the soonest completion of the ratification process.

4. Rotation of the Presidency:
   In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, starting with 13 June 1996, Mr. Zurab ZHVANIA, Chairman of the Parliament of the Republic of Georgia, became the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation for a six-month term of office until the end of the Eighth General Assembly to be held in Tbilisi in December 1996.

5. Elections:
   ◊ Treasurer. Mr. Ahmet KABIL, Member of the Turkish delegation was elected Treasurer of the Assembly for a two years' term of office (June 1996 to June 1998).

6. New Credentials:
   The Assembly ratified the credentials of the new members.

7. The 1996 Autumn Session of the General Assembly:
   The Assembly decided that the 1996 Autumn Session of the General Assembly will take place in Tbilisi on 10-12 December 1996.

D. STANDING COMMITTEE

1. The Seventh Meeting of the Standing Committee adopted the following documents:
   d. Staff Regulations of the PABSEC International Secretariat (Doc.: BA 1679/95).
   e. PABSEC Calendar 1996 (Doc.: SC 2007/96)
2. The Seventh Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Participating States.

Taking note of the background paper prepared by the PABSEC International Secretariat (Doc. SC 2190/96), the Standing Committee appreciated that the Seventh BSEC Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, held on 27 April 1996 in Bucharest, represented an important step forward in the implementation by the Participating States of agreed concerted measures and gave a substantial impetus to the common efforts towards the enhancement of multilateral economic cooperation in the region.

Emphasising the significance of the fact that it had been for the first time that a PABSEC Vice-President attended a BSEC Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, as well as the importance of the decision of the Ministers on the BSEC - PABSEC relations, the Standing Committee submitted for the approval of the General Assembly the document on the "PABSEC - BSEC Relations".


The Standing Committee took note of the background paper prepared by the PABSEC International Secretariat (Doc. SC 2190/96) and endorsed the draft documents - Rules of Procedure, General Information and Programme, jointly worked out by the PABSEC International Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

4. The Agreement of Cooperation in the Exchange of Legal Information among the Parliaments of the PABSEC Member Countries.

The Standing Committee took note of the background paper (Doc.: CC 1985/96) prepared by the International Secretariat and recommended that the Agreement, after being examined by the national parliaments, should be signed in the presence of parliamentarians and legal experts from the member countries.

5. The term of office of the Secretary General.

Upon the proposal of the Bureau, the Standing Committee decided to renew the term of office of three years of the Secretary General.

E. BUREAU

1. Decision on the term of office of the two Deputy Secretaries General.

The Bureau decided to renew the term of office of three years of the two Deputy Secretaries General.

2. Decision on the term of office of the Secretaries of the PABSEC Committees.

The Bureau decided:

a. to renew the term of office of three years of the Secretaries of the Legal and Political Affairs Committee and the Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee;

b. to extend the term of office of the Secretary of the Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee which expires on 1 September 1996 by 3 months until 1 December 1996. This decision was confirmed by the Standing Committee.

The International Secretariat was instructed to take appropriate action in conformity with the provisions of the Staff Regulations of the PABSEC International Secretariat.