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CONCLUSIONS

The Representatives of:

**The Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC), and
The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)**

1. Stressed the importance of the organisation of the seminar as a joint contribution by the PABSEC and the PACE to the shaping of an integrated Pan-European transport system for the 21st century, which mainly dealt with the following subjects:
 - Transport Technologies: Railway/Maritime, Railway/Highway, Highway/Maritime and pipeline systems;
 - TRACECA: Connecting Europe to Asia through the Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia;
 - Options to relieve the transport network and to shift road traffic to environmentally sounder means of transport.
2. Underlined that a common Pan-European transport policy is vital to the continued and sustainable social and economic development of the member countries of PACE and PABSEC, and that they must urgently muster the political will and courage to agree on such a policy as a contribution to the new European architecture.
3. Shared the opinion that a European network of roads, railways and waterways would in addition to air routes, pipelines, energy distribution networks and the application of information and communication technologies ensure the transportation of people, goods, services and information across Europe and between Europe and Asia.

4. Stressed that the security of energy supply and distribution plays a strategic role in all member countries of PABSEC and PACE, and in this context they pointed out the particular significance of oil and gas pipelines from Central Asia to Europe.
5. Suggested the further development and use of combined transport systems and intermodal transport for increased efficiency and reduction of present pollution levels.
6. Expressed their support for the “Declaration Towards a European Wide Transport Policy; a Common Set of Principles” adopted by the Third Pan-European Transport Conference, held on 23-25 June 1997 in Helsinki.
7. Considered that the EU, the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT), the Council of Europe and the BSEC play an important role in stimulating new initiatives and agreements for improvements of Pan-European Transport Networks with extensions to Asia; within this framework they commented on the work undertaken by TRACECA in establishing the corridor that will connect Europe, Central Asia and Asia.
8. Welcomed the signing of the “Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for the Development of Europe-Caucasus-Asia Corridor”, on 8 September 1998 in Baku.
9. Expressed their support to the cooperation between the BSEC and the Central European Initiative in the field of transport.
10. Agreed to stimulate research and technological development for the benefit of a modern, strong and competitive European transport industry and to give particular attention to environmental impact and safety in transport technology choices and to promote “clean” transport technologies. In this context due concern should be given to the working conditions of those employed in the transport industry.
11. Highlighted that no part of Europe must be left outside the overall transport approach chosen, in order to permit all countries and regions to contribute to, and benefit from, harmonious overall growth and development.
12. Regarded that particular attention has to be given to transport links between the countries of central and eastern Europe, and those from that region to western and south-eastern Europe, as well as to Central Asia and the Middle East.
13. Agreed to continue their work in this important field, within the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, as well as their cooperation.