



## COMMUNIQUÉ\*

The international seminar on "Peace and Stability in the Black Sea Region" jointly organised by the Commission on External Political Affairs of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Legal and Political Affairs Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation taking place on July 3-4, 1995 in the city of Batumi (Republic of Georgia) have been attended by the national delegations and representatives from the parliaments of Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Greece, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Tadjikistan, Turkey and Ukraine.

The participants in the Seminar estimated the exchange of views with regard to problems of peace and stability to be useful. All the speakers have stressed the necessity of speedy settlement of conflicts exclusively by peaceful means and elaboration of efficient mechanisms of preventing conflicts.

The participants in the seminar were unanimous that settling conflict situations in the Black Sea region is to be implemented along with strict observance of International law, respect of sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference into internal affairs of other countries and protection of human rights irrespective of nationality, religious confession, place of residence, ethnic origin and other differences.

Recognising the importance of deepening and expanding overwhelming economic and cultural cooperation on the bilateral and multilateral bases, the participants in the seminar voiced in favour of necessity of manifestation of political will for consolidation of cooperation of the Black Sea countries in all spheres in the spirit of documents adopted at the Budapest OSCE meeting on 5 December 1994, Minsk Meeting of the Heads of CIS States on 26 May 1995 and Declaration of the Bucharest Meeting of Heads of State or Government of the BSEC Countries on 30 June 1995.

Deeming useful the organisation of present seminar as an important and topical step in paving the way for establishing and strengthening peace and stability in the Black Sea area, the participants in the seminar voiced in favour of continuation of such meetings in the framework of peace-making efforts of PABSEC and IPACIS with a view of solving controversial problems in the region.

Upon the invitation of the IPACIS Commission on External Political Affairs the representatives of trade union centres of the Black Sea region attended the Seminar as observers and hold discussion on social problems in the region.

Profound gratitude has been expressed to the leadership of the Republic of Georgia and the Autonomous Republic of Adjara for successful organisation of the Seminar in Batumi.

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