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FOREWORD

THIRTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OPENING CEREMONY

The Thirty-Ninth General Assembly of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation was held in Yerevan on 22 – 24 May 2012 upon the invitation of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia. The Plenary Session was opened by Mr. Samvel Nikoyan, PABSEC President, Chairman of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia. Mr. Vigen Sargsyan, Chief of Staff of the President of the Republic of Armenia, presented the message of the President of the Republic of Armenia, H. E. Mr. Serzh Sargsyan. The message of Mr. Vuk Jeremic, BSEC Chairman-in-Office and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia was presented by Ambassador Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos, BSEC Secretary General.

PARTICIPATION

The plenary session was attended by:

1. *The National delegations* of the Parliaments of: the Republic of Albania, the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and Ukraine.
2. *The Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation:*
 - *BSEC PERMIS:* the Secretary General.
 - *BSTDB:* The President.
3. *Observers:* Delegations/representatives of the National Assembly of the French Republic, the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Eurasian Economic Community (IPA EurAsEC), Interparliamentary Assembly of the Community of Independent States (IPACIS), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE PA), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union of Belarus and Russia (PAUBR).

4. *Guests:* the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC), the Interparliamentary Assembly of Orthodoxy (IAO), the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC URTA) and the Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN).

THE 39th PLENARY SESSION

1. *General debate.*

The topic of the General Debate was “*Information and communication technology – promoting sustainable economic development*”.

Mr. Mykola Yankovsky, Head of the Ukrainian PABSEC Delegation, Mr. Asaf Hajiyevev, Head of the Azerbaijan PABSEC Delegation, Mr. Igor Dodon, Acting Head of the Moldovan PABSEC Delegation, Mr. Michael Yemelianov, Head of the Russian PABSEC Delegation, Mr. Ismail Safi, Head of the Turkish PABSEC Delegation, Mr. Dimitar Atanasov, Head of the Bulgarian PABSEC Delegation, Mr. Roland Blum, Deputy of the National Assembly of the French Republic and Mr. Eden Mamut, BSUN Secretary General, took part in the debate.

The participants stated that at present global community is at the most difficult stage of its development and that the economic crisis has to be followed by a strong technological development with redistribution of resources and emergence of new sectors of economy.

The speakers expressed their opinion that at the end of the crisis, the information and communication technologies will be the main catalysts for development of global economies. Producing and using information will become of utmost importance and will require the creation of new qualitatively conditions for research and development, education, sciences, social and economic relations, culture, prosperity and democratization.

Although in the first half of the XX century the potential of a country was defined by the amount of natural resources owned, nowadays the living standards of a country are determined not only by its natural resources, but also by the level of development of the information technologies, which show the intellectual potential of a nation.

Another mentioned aspect was the benefits of ICT with regard to environmental protection, especially in the transport sector where for example the use of electronic equipments could help saving the electricity consumption.

During the debate, it was launched the idea that a common market has to be created for IT in the Black Sea region and the PABSEC together with the BSEC should bring their own contribution.

It was mentioned that the global economy requires ICT as a driving force for development of all sectors of life. The informatisation of the society represents an inevitable stage of civilization, enhancing the quality of life and providing easy access to knowledge, information, services, healthcare and other services provided by the public and local administration.

2. Documents adopted by the Plenary Session:

- a) Recommendation 123/2011 on “Improvement of Taxation Systems in the BSEC Member States” *(Doc. GA39/EC37/REC123/12)*
- b) Recommendation 124/2011 on " Implementation of the agreements among the BSEC Member States on combating organized crime ” *(Doc. GA39/LC38/REC124/12)*
- c) Recommendation 125/2011 on “Lifelong learning in the BSEC Member States” *(Doc. GA39/CC37/REC125/12)*
- d) Recommendation 126/2012 on “Perspectives of development of the wine-growing and wine-making sectors in the BSEC Member States ” *(Doc. GA39/EC38/REC126/12)*
- e) Recommendation 127/2012 “Child protection in the BSEC Member States: an assessment of recent developments” *(Doc. GA39/CC38/REC127/12)*
- f) Statement of the PABSEC on the 20th Anniversary of the Organisation of the BSEC *(Doc. GA39/STAT/BSEC20/12)*

3. Documents approved by the Plenary Session:

- a) Report on "Improvement of Taxation Systems in the BSEC Member States" *(Doc. GA39/EC37/REP/12)*
- b) Report on “Perspectives of development of the wine-growing and wine-making sectors in the BSEC Member States” *(Doc. GA39/EC38/REP/12)*
- c) Report on “Implementation of the agreements among the BSEC Member States on combating organized crime” *(Doc. GA39/LC38/REP/12)*
- d) Report on “PABSEC Regulations on Elections” *(Doc. GA39/LC39/REP/12)*
- e) Report on “Lifelong learning in the BSEC Member States” *(Doc. GA39/CC37/REC125/12)*
- f) Report on “Child protection in the BSEC Member States: an assessment of recent developments” *(Doc. GA39/CC38/REP/12)*
- g) Granting the Observer status with the PABSEC to the Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy (IAO) *(Doc. INC/002/12)*
- h) Granting the Observer status with the PABSEC to the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC) *(Doc. INC/126/12)*
- i) Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly *(Doc. GA39/PROG/12)*
- j) The Minutes of the Thirty-Seventh Plenary Session of the General Assembly held in Kyiv on 1-2 July 2011 *(Doc. GA37/MIN/11)*

4. *The Plenary Session took note of:*

- The Report on the 25th Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States, 16 December 2011, Moscow
- The *Joint Declaration of the Ministers of Agriculture of the BSEC Member States*, 7 October 2011, Moscow
- The *Joint Declaration of the Ministers for Emergency Situations and Heads of the Emergency Services of the BSEC Member States*, 7 October 2011, Sochi
- The *Moscow Joint Declaration Strengthening the Co-operation in the field of Transport in the BSEC region*, 21 October 2011, Moscow
- The *Joint Belgrade Declaration on Climate Change and Green Economy - BSEC contribution to Rio + 20*, 23 April 2012, Belgrade

5. *New Credentials:*

The Assembly **ratified** the credentials of the new members of the delegations of Turkey and Russia. *(Doc.GA39/CRED/12)*

6. *Election of the PABSEC Deputy Secretary General*

The Assembly **elected** Mr. Evgenyi Kapishin (Russia) as Deputy Secretary General in charge of Interparliamentary Relations and Protocol for a term of office of three years starting with 1 September 2012.

7. *Changes in the PABSEC Rules of Procedure*

In conformity with the article 35 of the PABSEC Rules of Procedure, the Assembly was reported on the changes in the PABSEC Rules of procedure following the consensus decision of the Standing Committee adopted at its meetings in Istanbul (21 February 2012) and Yerevan (22 May 2012).

- 8.** The Assembly **expressed** its gratitude to Mr. Kemalettin Göktaş, former Head of the Turkish PABSEC Delegation, Mr. Areg Ghukasyan, PABSEC Vice-President, Member of the Armenian PABSEC Delegation and Mr. Alexey Kudriavtsev, former PABSEC Secretary General, for their outstanding contribution to the PABSEC activities.

9. *Rotation of the Presidency:*

In accordance with the PABSEC Rules of Procedure, on 24 June 2012, the Milli Mejlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan assumed the six-month term Presidency of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of Black Sea Economic Cooperation.

10. *The Fortieth Plenary Session of the General Assembly is to be held in Baky on 21-22 November 2012 (TBC).*

STANDING COMMITTEE

The Thirty-Ninth Meeting of the Standing Committee:

- 1. *Adopted*** the proposals of the Committees concerning the subjects to be taken up in the second half of 2012 and to be placed on the Draft Agenda of the Plenary Session of the 2012 Autumn General Assembly.

The main subjects for the Autumn Committees Meetings are:

- “The role of public-private partnership for sustainable economic development in the BSEC Member States”
- “Role of Parliaments in Enhancing Information (Cyber) Security in the BSEC Member States”.
- “Social welfare reforms in the BSEC Member States”.

- 2. *Approved*** the following documents:

- a) Minutes of the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Standing Committee held in Istanbul on 21 February 2012 *(Doc.SC38/MIN/12)*
- b) PABSEC Calendar for 2012 *(Doc. SC39/CAL2012/12)*
- c) PABSEC Draft Budget for the Year 2013 *(Doc.GA39/BUDG13/12)*

- 3. *Verified*** the credentials of new members of the Assembly.

- 4. *Endorsed:***

- a) Granting the Observer Status with the PABSEC to the Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy (IAO) *(Doc. INC/002/12)*
- b) Granting the Observer Status with the PABSEC to the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC) *(Doc.INC/126/12)*
- c) Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly *(Doc. GA39/PROG/12)*
- d) Statement of the PABSEC on the 20th Anniversary of the Organisation of the BSEC *(Doc. GA39/STAT/BSEC20/12)*
- e) Draft Agenda of the Thirty-Ninth Plenary Session *(Doc.GA39/AG/12)*

- 5. *Adopted*** by consensus the following amendments to the PABSEC Rules of Procedure:

«New article in the Article 28 – International Secretariat - If the Secretary General is unable to fulfill his/her functions the Bureau of the Assembly charges one of the Deputies Secretary General to fulfill those functions until election of a new Secretary General. If the Bureau fails to take such a decision then the President of the Assembly

takes the decision on the issue. The dates of the elections of the Secretary General are fixed by the Bureau of the Assembly».

«New article in the Article 28 – International Secretariat - If a Deputy Secretary General is unable to fulfill his/her functions the Secretary General redistributes the respective functions among the acting Deputies Secretary General until election of a new Deputy Secretary General».

«New article in the Article 28 – International Secretariat – In case when the PABSEC Secretary General has violated the provisions of international law and the normative documents of the Assembly, has committed criminal offense or has damaged the credibility and interests of the Assembly by actions or statements, the Secretary General can be removed from the office before completion of his/her term by the decision of the 2/3 of the members of the Assembly upon the initiative of 1/3 of the delegations approved by the majority of the delegations».

6. Decided to hold the Second 2012 Meeting of the Working Group on the PABSEC Rules of Procedure in Istanbul on 28 June 2012.

7. Took note of:

- i) The receipt of Contributions to the 2012 Budget (Doc. SC39/CONT/12)
- ii) PABSEC Action Plan for 2013 to mark the 20th anniversary of the PABSEC (Doc.SC39/PABSEC/ACT-PLAN13/12)
- iii) The participation by PABSEC representatives in international gatherings between November 2011- June 2012:

A – International Meetings

- a) Mr. Kyrylo Tretiak, PABSEC Secretary General and Dr. Murat Bakir, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the TUSKON Conference “Turkey-World Trade Bridge”, 27 November 2011, Istanbul
- b) Mr. Alexander Furman, Deputy Secretary General of PABSEC, in the International scientific-practical Conference “On legislative practice for pension coverage in the states of the Community”, 22 December 2011, Saint Petersburg
- c) Mr. Alexander Furman, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the Meeting of the Bureau and the General Assembly of IPA EurAsEC, 23 December 2011, Saint Petersburg
- d) Mr. Asaf Hajiyev, PABSEC Vice-President, Head of the PABSEC Azerbaijani delegation, in the 7th Session of the PUIC Conference, 30-31 January 2012, Palembang (Indonesia)
- e) Mr. Dimitar Atanasov, Head of the Bulgarian PABSEC Delegation and Mr. Svilen Kraychev, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the International round table organized by BULSAR – Bulgarian Sea volunteers “A Good Practice in the Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR), 22-23 March 2012, Varna (Doc.SC39/BP/SAR/12)
- f) Mr. Kyrylo Tretiak, PABSEC Secretary General, in the 4th Ordinary General Assembly of the Confederation of the Businessmen and Industrialists of Turkey (TUSKON), 31 March 2012, Istanbul (Doc.SC39/SG/TUSKON-OGA/12)

B – BSEC Meetings

- a) Mr. Yadigar Mammadov, Secretary of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the Meeting of the BSEC WG on Information and Communication Technologies, 14-15 November 2011, Istanbul
- b) Mr. Kyrylo Tretiak, PABSEC Secretary General, Mr. Giorgi Gogvadze, Vice-Chairman of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee and Mr. Yadigar Mammadov, Secretary of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the BSEC Forum on “Facilitation of Road Transport and Trade” in partnership with the BSEC Related Bodies, IRU and BSEC-URTA, 25 November 2011, Istanbul
- c) Mr. Yadigar Mammadov, Secretary of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the Meeting of the BSEC WG on Energy, 5-6 December 2011, Istanbul (*Doc. SC39/BP/BSEC-WG-EN/11*)
- d) Mr. Enver Yilmaz, PABSEC Vice-President and Dr. Murat Bakir, PABSEC Deputy Secretary General, in the International Conference “20 years of BSEC at a Glance: Outcomes and Perspectives” 13 December 2011, Moscow; in the Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials, 14-15 December 2011, Moscow; in the 25th Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States, 16 December 2011, Moscow
(*Doc. SC39/BP/BSEC-20 YEARS/12/r*)
(*Doc. GA39/REP/BSEC-25th CMFA/12*)
- e) Mr. Kyrylo Tretiak, PABSEC Secretary General, in the Coordination Meeting of the BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office, the CSO, BSEC Related Bodies and BSEC PERMIS, 19 January 2012, Istanbul
- f) Mr. Kyrylo Tretiak, PABSEC Secretary General, in the BSEC Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the BSEC Economic Agenda for the Future, 9 February 2012, Istanbul
- g) Mr. Yadigar Mammadov, Secretary of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee, in the Meeting of the BSEC WG on Energy, 3-4 April 2012, Istanbul (*Doc. SC39/BP/BSEC-WG-EN/12*)

C – Working Visits

- a) “World Vision International” representatives accompanied by Ambassador Traian Chebeleu, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat, 18 November 2011, PABSEC Headquarters (*Doc. SC39/REP/WV/12*)
- b) Mr. Kyrylo Tretiak, PABSEC Secretary General, to the National Assembly of Republic of Armenia, 31 January 2012, Yerevan (for preparation of the 38th Standing Committee Meeting in Istanbul)
- c) Mr. Kyrylo Tretiak, PABSEC Secretary General, to the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, 8 February 2012, Ankara (for preparation of the 38th Standing Committee Meeting in Istanbul)

8. *The Fortieth Meeting of the PABSEC Standing Committee is to be held in Baky on 20 November 2012 (TBC).*

BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Forty-Sixth Meeting of the Bureau:

1. *Approved the following documents:*

- Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Bureau held in Tirana on 21 November 2011 *(Doc.BA46/MIN/11)*
- Draft Order of Business of the Thirty-Ninth Plenary Session Assembly *(Doc.GA39/OB/12)*
- Matters of Procedure of the Thirty-Ninth Plenary Session of the PABSEC General Assembly *(Doc.BA46/MP/12)*

2. *Considered the following items:*

- Report by the Vice-President on Financial Matters on the execution of the Assembly's budget *(Doc.BA46/EXE/12)*
- Participation of the PABSEC representatives in the international gatherings between May - November 2012 *(Doc.BA46/GATH/12)*

The new PABSEC President was authorized to take decisions on the participation of the PABSEC representatives in international gatherings between May - November 2012. The decision on the participation by the staff of the International Secretariat will be taken by the Secretary General.

- Progress Report of the Parliamentary Assembly *(Doc.GA39/PROG/12)*
- Draft Agenda of the Thirty-Ninth Meeting of the Standing Committee *(Doc.SC39/AG/12)* and the Draft Agenda of the Thirty Ninth Plenary Session *(Doc.GA39/AG/12)*
- Election of the PABSEC Deputy Secretary General in charge of Interparliamentary Relations and Protocol

3. ***Instructed*** the PABSEC Secretary General to clarify with the Hellenic Parliament the situation regarding Mr. Ioannis Amoiridis, PABSEC Vice-President in charge of Financial Matters. It was agreed upon that in case Mr. Amoiridis is no longer a Member of the Hellenic Parliament, Mr. Enver Yilmaz, PABSEC Vice-President, fulfills the duties of the Vice-President in charge of Financial Matters until the election of the new member of the Hellenic PABSEC delegation to this post.

4. ***Decided*** to postpone the consideration of the Auditing Report for 2011 until the next General Assembly to be held in Baky in November 2012.

5. ***The Forty-Seventh Meeting of the PABSEC Bureau is to be held on 20 November 2012 in Baky (TBC).***