



PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION  
**PABSEC**

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

Istanbul, 13 June 1995

## **FOREWORD**

### **A. OPENING CEREMONY**

The Fifth PABSEC General Assembly was inaugurated at a ceremony held in the "President" Hotel. The Message of H.E. Mr. Boris YELTSIN, President of the Russian Federation, was presented by Mr. Ivan RYBKIN, Chairman of the State Duma.

The participants heard the opening speech by Mr. Pjeter ARBNORI, President of the PABSEC, Speaker of the People's Assembly of Albania and the address by H.E. Mr. Mihai POPOV, BSEC Sessional Chairman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova.

### **B. PARTICIPATION**

1. ***Special Guests***: Speakers of Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Russian Federation. Deputy Speakers of Azerbaijan and Greece.
2. ***National Delegations*** from 10 countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine.
3. ***BSEC***: H.E. Mr. Mihai POPOV, the BSEC Sessional Chairman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Moldova and Ambassador Evgeni KUTOVOY, Director of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat.
4. ***Observer***: Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States.
5. ***Guest***: National Assembly of Bulgaria
6. PABSEC International Secretariat

C. NEW MEMBERSHIP

1. Greece became the tenth full-fledged member of the PABSEC
2. The People's Assembly of the Arab Republic of Egypt was granted the observer status in the PABSEC

D. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The main documents passed by the Plenary Session:

- Declaration on the High-Level Meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the BSEC Participating States, to be held on 30 June 1995, in Bucharest.
- Three Recommendations on Banking, Natural Calamities and the Improvement of Education.
- Scale of Contribution by the member countries to the PABSEC 1996 Budget.

The Assembly decided to place on its Autumn Session the item on the Revision of the Rules of Procedure

Elections

Mr. Cristian DUMITRESCU (Romania), Gennady SELEZNEV (Russian Federation) and Olexander TKACHENKO (Ukraine) were elected as Vice-Presidents of the PABSEC for a two-years term.

Rotation to the Presidency

Mr. Babken ARAKTSIAN, President of the Supreme Council of Armenia, was unanimously designated the PABSEC President for six month term.

E. STANDING COMMITTEE

The main documents adopted:

1. Decision 3/1995 on Long-Term Plan of Action of the Three PABSEC Committees
2. Report on the Audited Accounts for 1994
3. Report on the Draft Budget of PABSEC for 1996.

#### 4. PABSEC Calendar 1995

The Standing Committee approved the Background papers of the International Secretariat concerning the organization of the:

- Seminar on "Peace and Stability in the Black Sea Region", 3-4 July 1995, Batumi
- The Black Sea Capitals' Round-Table.  
The Second Meeting of the Governors and Mayors of the Capital Cities of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Participating States, 13-14 September 1995, Kyiv.
- Conference on "The Black Sea Environmental Protection", to be held in 1996.

#### F. CLOSING OF THE SESSION

Mr. Babken ARARKTSIAN, the PABSEC President and Mr. Gennady SELEZNEV, the head of the Russian PABSEC delegation, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma, addressed the Closing Ceremony.