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**RECOMMENDATION 175/2020<sup>1</sup>**

**“Preservation and Contemporary Role of Historical Healthcare Facilities in the BSEC Member States”**

1. The Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) emphasizes the importance of historical and cultural heritage of the peoples of the Black Sea region, located at the crossroads of world cultures and civilizations and rich in tangible and intangible values of global significance. Monuments of history and culture, including historical healthcare facilities, carry certain historical content. The preservation and revival of historical and cultural heritage is not only a challenge but also a duty of every citizen and every country towards the future generations.
2. The PABSEC notes that the historical and cultural heritage is the spiritual, cultural, economic and social capital of irreplaceable value. Objects of historical healthcare heritage like other cultural monuments are preserved in accordance with the law and are subject to state protection. The preservation of the historical healthcare facilities important for the formation of the national identity.
3. The PABSEC recalls its Recommendations on the issues related to the protection of cultural heritage in the Black Sea region: Recommendation 136/2013 “Tangible and intangible cultural heritage – Challenge of Linking Cultural and Tourist Routes in the Countries of the Black Sea Region”; Recommendation 80/2004 “Preservation and Enhancement of Cultural Heritage of the BSEC Member States”; Recommendation 18/1996 “The Guidelines of the Programme of the Protection of the Cultural Heritage in the Black Sea Region”; and Recommendation 6/1994

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<sup>1</sup> The Assembly debate on 6 August 2020 (see Doc.: GA55/CC54/REP/20, Report of the Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee “Preservation and Contemporary Role of Historical Healthcare Facilities in the BSEC Member States” discussed online on 7 July 2020; Rapporteur: Mr. Ion Vulpescu – Romania)

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“Protection of the Cultural Heritage of the PABSEC Member Countries” and reaffirms the importance of mobilizing the efforts of the BSEC Member States to preserve the historical and cultural heritage.

4. The PABSEC notes that the protection of historical and cultural monuments is carried out in close cooperation and interaction with international organizations and the international community. International and European conventions in this field, such as the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, the European Cultural Convention, the European Convention for the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage, the Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage in Europe, which contain international standards and principles for the protection of cultural heritage, make significant contribution to the protection of historical monuments.
5. The PABSEC emphasizes that national legislation in the field of the protection of historical and cultural heritage, including historical Healthcare facilities are based on the international regulatory framework. The protection of cultural heritage in the world today is becoming increasingly complicated, the measures at the national level are often not sufficient and demands constant attention.
6. The Parliamentary Assembly welcomes the adoption by the PABSEC Member States of the relevant legislation and the establishment of an institutional framework, and at the same time emphasizes the necessity for further legislative activity is necessary to fill the gaps in the protection and improvement of the cultural heritage, including historical healthcare facilities.
7. Therefore, **the Assembly** recommends that the Parliaments and the Governments of the PABSEC Member States:
  - i. *improve* the existing national legislation in the field of protection of national cultural heritage, including historical healthcare facilities;
  - ii. *facilitate approximation* of the national legislation in the BSEC Member States in the field of preservation of cultural heritage with international and European standards;
  - iii. *combine* priorities in the field of healthcare and culture in order to develop a state policy for the preservation of historical healthcare facilities;
  - iv. *stimulate* interdisciplinary and interagency approach to the preservation of historical and cultural heritage, including historical healthcare facilities, using all available resources;
  - v. *mobilize* economic resources for the integrated conservation of historical and cultural heritage, including historical healthcare facilities, as part of a state strategy;
  - vi. *facilitate* the establishment of a historical and cultural heritage database, including historical healthcare facilities, by monitoring the use and technical condition of the objects of the cultural heritage;
  - vii. *develop* an institutional framework in the field of protection of objects of national cultural heritage in order to develop comprehensive programs for the protection and improvement of the condition of the objects of the cultural heritage, their conservation and restoration;

- viii. *intensify* international cooperation by exchanging scientific and technical information and publications with the international organizations specialised in the field of conservation of monuments, including historical healthcare facilities;
  - ix. *promote* joint research, mutual technical assistance, the exchange of specialists and experience in the field of preservation of monuments of cultural heritage, including historical healthcare facilities;
  - x. *establish* cooperation between experts and institutions in the system of preserving the intangible cultural heritage, in order to identify specific medical practices and ensure their inclusion in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List;
  - xi. *develop* cultural tourism and the relationship between tourism and cultural heritage in order to popularize historical and cultural monuments, including historical healthcare facilities, within the national borders and abroad;
  - xii. *encourage* wider public participation in the development of programs in the field of preservation and popularization of cultural heritage and a spirit of understanding of the value of historical heritage;
  - xiii. *organise* a joint event with the specialized working group of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation on strengthening cooperation in the field of preservation of historical and cultural heritage, including historical healthcare facilities, in the BSEC Member States.
8. **The Assembly invites** the BSEC Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs to consider this Recommendation.