

PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC
COOPERATION
PABSEC

THE THIRD PLENARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RECOMMENDATION 4/1994*

on

the Joint Research Programme on the History of the
Black Sea Basin

I. The Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation

1. Stresses the importance of active and multiform cultural cooperation which constitutes the human infrastructure and dimension of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation ,
2. Reaffirms its determination to facilitate the ratification and implementation of the Black Sea Convention on Cooperation in the Fields of Culture Education Science and Information which lays down a legal foundation for this cooperation,
3. Invokes the provisions of the above mentioned Convention concerning the promotion of cooperation and joint projects in the field of historical research as a way to enhance mutual understanding , respect and tolerance among the peoples inhabiting the Black Sea region,
4. Acknowledges the necessity to further develop the historical studies as outlined in the Joint Research Programme on the History of the Black Sea Basin which envisages the preparation and publication of a series of volumes of research contributions, historical bibliographies and map catalogues, along with library, archive and museum repository research and international symposia on the Black Sea Basin history;
5. Expresses its utmost support for the Joint Research Programme and willingness to provide all possible assistance for its implementation,
6. Welcomes the setting up of the Research Centre at the Institute of History "Nicolae Iorga" of the Romanian Academy in Bucharest as the coordinating body for the Programme implementation,

The Assembly debate on 22 June,1994 (See Doc. CC(8) 194/94 - Report of the Cultural,Educational and Social Affairs Committee on the Joint Research Programme on the History of the Black Sea Basin, Raporteur: Mr. Tahsin Gemil)

Text adopted by the Assembly on 22 June,1994 in Bucharest

7. Convinced that the study of the Black Sea historical heritage will be conducive for the attainment of the PABSEC goals,

II The Assembly, therefore.

1. Calls on the national Parliaments:

- a. To involve their respective Committees/Commissions dealing with cultural affairs in the promotion of, and supervision over, the implementation of this Programme;
- b. To give their utmost support to the organisation of conferences, seminars , round-table discussions and other activities in pursuance of this Programme;
- c. To follow up, through their concerned Committees/Commissions , the progress of the implementation of this Programme.
- d. To explore the possibilities of cooperation in this field with other international and interparliamentary organisations interested in the materialisation of this Programme.

2. Recommends the Governments of the Participating States and the BSEC:

- a. To facilitate the implementation of the Programme ensuring the maximum participation of respective national cultural and scientific institutions, establishments, foundations, research centres, government agencies, non-government organisations and the Black Sea University, as well as giving their utmost support to the organisation of conferences, seminars , round-table discussions and other activities in pursuance of this Programme;
- b. To designate one national cultural or academic institution in each Participating State as the national coordinating centre which shall establish and maintain liaison with both national-level establishments involved in the implementation of the Programme and the Research Centre in Bucharest;
- c. To support the identification of possible sources of financial support within the framework of already existing and planned national, bilateral and multilateral programmes and projects,as well as from non-government organisations and private sources;
- d. To explore the possibilities of cooperation in this field with other international organisations, such as UNESCO and CSCE's human dimension bodies, and foster contacts with individual cultural and research establishments in third countries interested in the materialisation of this Programme.

3. Requests the Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee to follow up on the Programme and discuss the schedule of its implementation at the Committee Meeting in Autumn, 1994, taking into consideration the identification of financial sources by that time.