

PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION
PABSEC

FIFTH PLENARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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on

**Cooperation in Eliminating Consequences of Natural Calamities
and Technical Disasters**

- I. The Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation:
 1. Expresses its deep sympathy for the human losses caused by the natural calamities and technical disasters which inflicted some of the PABSEC member countries,
 2. Draws attention to the complexity of economic and social situations prevailing in disaster-stricken countries and the devastating effects of natural calamities and technical disasters such as destruction of homes and deterioration of national infrastructure,
 3. Emphasizes the need of mechanisms for disaster prevention and further regional cooperation to accelerate resettlement and reconstruction measures,
 4. Stresses the fact that regional organisation can play a key role in strengthening cooperation and coordination between states and encourage governments to prevent and guard against calamities and react rapidly in emergency situations,
 5. Welcomes the efforts made by the states as well as international and non-governmental organisations to respond immediately to the disasters through humanitarian relief operations (supplying food, lodging and medical care),

¹ The Assembly debate on 7 June 1995 (See Doc.: LC 1023/95; Report of the Legal and Political Affairs Committee on Cooperation in Eliminating Consequences of Natural Calamities and Technical Disasters. Rapporteur: Mr. Mihail SIDOROV-Moldova)

Text adopted by Assembly on 7 June 1995, in Moscow.

II The Assembly, therefore,

1. Calls upon the National Parliaments:

- a. To give all possible assistance to initiatives undertaken with a view to encourage cooperation in predicting and eliminating consequences of natural calamities and technical disasters,
- b. To take necessary legislative measures in order to coordinate prevention and handling of natural disasters and technical catastrophes between the PABSEC member countries,
- c. To use all possible means to raise public awareness of the possible calamities and disasters,
- d. To support the organisation of conferences, seminars, meetings, etc. at different levels in order to secure good preparation for possible disasters

2. Recommends the Governments of the BSEC member countries and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)

- a. To ask the concerned national institutions to identify the regions of their countries which are prone to the disasters, to assess potential danger and to devise appropriate counter-measures in term of planning disaster prevention.
- b. To support the establishment of monitoring, forecasting centers in all countries and to create surveillance network to provide early warning information on emergencies so that preventive measures may be undertaken in a timely manner.
- c. To secure the mechanism for informing general public about possible dangers and appropriate behavior in emergency situations.
- d. To charge the responsible institutions on providing the special rescue personnel with better pre- and post-qualification training capable for rapid-response emergency measures to mitigate the effects of various disasters.
- e. To support establishment of a research centre in Kyiv facilitating exchange of information about natural calamities and technical disasters in the PABSEC member countries and to request the Ukrainian delegation to present its proposals on the structure, functions and cost estimate of the centre at the forthcoming meeting of the PABSEC Legal and Political Affairs Committee in Chishinau.
- f. To consider the establishment of regional cooperation among the PABSEC Member Countries for guarding against natural calamities and technical disasters.

3. Asks the Legal and Political Affairs Committee to report periodically to the Assembly on the progress in cooperation among the PABSEC member countries for eliminating consequences of natural calamities and technical disasters.