



PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION
PABSEC

STATEMENT

**OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANIZATION
BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN SUPPORT OF THE
APPLICATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN TO HOST THE 2016
SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES IN BAKY**

Tbilisi, 12 December 2007

We, the parliamentarians of the Member States of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, consider hosting the Summer Olympic Games in Baky as an important landmark in international sports.

The Parliamentary Assembly of the BSEC is of the opinion that the organization of the Summer Olympic Games in Baky in 2016 will become an excellent opportunity to demonstrate that the Black Sea region represents one of the key centers of the world civilization and supports the relevant application submitted by the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The Parliamentary Assembly of the BSEC will promote the active and comprehensive support by the national parliaments to the organization of the Summer Olympic Games in Baky. The parliamentarians of the Black Sea countries are convinced that the positive decision of the International Olympic Committee to give Baky the right to host the Summer Olympic Games in 2016 will facilitate the development of sports movement, tourism and human contacts in the Black Sea region and beyond meeting the common interests of the states and peoples of the Black Sea region.