

RECOMMENDATION 58/2001*
ON THE ORGANISATION OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH FESTIVAL
OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

1. The initiative of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, adopted on 30 November 2000 in Yerevan, to provide full support to the organisation of the Children and Youth Festival of the BSEC Member States on a cruise-liner, highlighted the particular attention attached by the PABSEC National Parliaments to the role of the children and youth in promoting friendship and cooperation in the Black Sea region.
2. The Parliamentary Assembly positively assesses the work done by the PABSEC National Delegations and by the National Organising Committees and underlines again the paramount importance of the support provided by the highest authorities of the BSEC Member States, as well as the business communities and mass media to the organisation of the Festival.
3. In spite of all efforts, organisation of the festival on a cruise-liner was not possible, therefore, in accordance with the decision of the General Assembly, adopted in Baku on 21 June 2001, the Sochi presentation Festival took place on 24-30 August 2001, which represented an important preparatory stage for the future Children and Youth Festivals of the BSEC Member States.
4. **The Parliamentary Assembly:**
 - i. *approves* the proposal of the Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee to organise future festivals in the PABSEC Member Countries, upon the invitation.
 - ii. *calls upon* the National Delegations and the National Organising Committees to closely work with the National Parliaments, relevant ministries, institutions, NGOs, private sector and the mass media in order to achieve a successful outcome of the Festival;

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- iii. *calls upon* the Parliaments and Governments, Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, the BSEC Business Council, the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank, the specialised BSEC Centres, NGOs and the business community to provide any possible financial assistance in organisation of the future Children and Youth Festivals of the BSEC Member States.
5. **The Parliamentary Assembly** invites the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation to consider this Recommendation.