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Implementing OSCE Commitments: The Role of Parliaments

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1. Stressing the unique role of national parliaments in formulating legislative proposals to promote economic reforms implementing OSCE commitments in the second dimension, in particular preventing and combating corruption, increasing transparency and accessibility, cracking down on organized crime, money laundering, and the financing of terrorism,
2. Recalling the nexus between the environment and security recognized by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in the 1992 Budapest Declaration, and recognizing the destabilizing effects of climate change throughout the OSCE area,
3. Emphasizing the need to intensify the discussion on the expansion of renewable and sustainable energy and maximizing energy efficiency,
4. Recognizing the important role of new technologies, the digital economy, and science in solving the environmental problems that the world is facing,
5. Recalling the Helsinki Final Act of 1975, in which participating States recognized that “efforts to develop co-operation in the fields of trade, industry, science and technology, the environment and other areas of economic activity contribute to the reinforcement of peace and security in Europe and in the world as a whole”,
6. Noting that OSCE Ministerial Council Decision No. 8/17 on Promoting Economic Participation in the OSCE Area adopted at the 24th OSCE Ministerial Council also called for the strengthening of co-operation on economic activities promoting sustainable economic, social and environmental development,
7. Welcoming the priority of the Italian Chairmanship to enhance dialogue and strengthen the OSCE second dimension in line with the previous Austrian and German Chairmanships, with the goal of promoting economic progress and security through innovation, human capital, good governance, and the transition towards renewable energy, as well as maximizing the role of digital economy as a driver for innovation, competitiveness and inclusive growth,
8. Recalling the OSCE PA 2017 Minsk Declaration, which stipulates that the implications deriving from rapid advances in digitalization should be given due consideration,
9. Supporting the OSCE’s 25th Economic and Environmental Forum and its 2018 theme “Greening the Economy and Building Partnerships for Security in the OSCE Region”,
10. Welcoming the steps taken since the 2015 United Nations Paris Climate Change Conference (COP21) and the adoption of the Paris Agreement, including the launch at COP23 of the Talanoa Dialogue to take stock of progress made on climate action,

11. Noting the report by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres at COP23 that outlines five macro-areas of action on climate: reducing emissions, adaptation, finance, partnerships and leadership,
12. Welcoming the adoption of the Gender Action Plan at COP23 under the Lima work programme on gender that seeks to advance women’s full, equal, and meaningful participation and to promote gender-responsive climate policy,
13. Welcoming the launch of the “Powering Past Coal Alliance” at COP23 in Bonn in 2017 that was formed by more than 20 countries and sub-national actors, its commitment to supporting clean power and to restricting financing for traditional coal power without carbon capture and storage,
14. Welcoming the participation of more than 2,500 mayors, governors, and others from across the United States at the COP23 who, on 11 November 2017, released the “America’s Pledge” report, which outlined the scope of subnational climate action in the U.S. following the Trump administration’s decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement,
15. Expressing concern about the disastrous consequences of conflicts on the environment,
16. Alarmed by the increase of weather-related natural disasters reported by the United Nations Office for Disaster Reduction,
17. Acknowledging the increase of environmental migration due to man-made and natural disasters aggravated by climate change, and deeply concerned about the increasing number of Internally Displaced Persons,
18. Recalling the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement as well as the United Nations New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants adopted in 2016 that aims to protect the human rights of all refugees and migrants and gave impetus to the negotiations for the adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly, and regular migration and a global compact on refugees in 2018,
19. Recalling the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals that call for action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure peace and prosperity, with the ultimate goal of sustainably improving life for future generations,
20. Welcoming the results of the first Annual Showcase of the 16+ Forum held in Georgia in 2017 that discussed policies and best practices to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, with particular attention to SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development,
21. Stressing the importance of the Open Government Partnership in promoting transparency, empowering citizens, fighting corruption, and harnessing new technologies to strengthen governance,

22. Recognizing the destructive effects of corruption and organized crime that undermine good governance, lead to the mismanagement of public funds, distort competitive markets, and endanger international security,
23. Recalling the OSCE PA 2017 Minsk Declaration, which called on participating States to “enhance the level of co-operation among law enforcement agencies and other relevant institutions in combating corruption, money laundering, the production and trafficking of narcotics, the financing of terrorism and other financial crime”,
24. Emphasizing the role that beneficial ownership transparency has to play in combating transnational corruption,
25. Reiterating the support of the OSCE PA for the work of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, and welcoming the priorities of the Office for 2018, in particular, preventing and combating corruption, money laundering and financing of terrorism, good migration governance, promoting good water governance and trans-boundary digital co-operation, fostering co-operative responses to climate change, and increasing energy efficiency and share of renewable energy,
26. Encouraging the OSCE to strengthen its focus on anti-corruption, including through examining the potential for a thematic field mission or other structure to assist all 57 participating States with the implementation of their OSCE commitments, particularly in the field of combating money laundering and transnational organized crime,
27. Taking note of the Silk Road initiative aimed at promoting co-operation between the participating States – an initiative which is necessary for achieving the security, stability, and prosperity of OSCE nations,

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28. Urges OSCE participating States to intensify their involvement in the consideration of economic and environmental issues, both at a national and international level, acknowledging that they constitute two essential pillars of the security structure of the OSCE area in line with the commitments enshrined in the Helsinki Final Act;
29. Stresses that the climate crisis represents an immediate threat to the security of the OSCE area and needs to be addressed with extreme urgency in line with the OSCE’s comprehensive approach to security;
30. Calls on parliaments of OSCE participating States to promote universal ratification of the Paris Agreement on climate change and to boost the implementation of the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions to strengthen the global response to climate change aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and keeping the increase of global average temperature below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels;
31. Urges parliaments to adopt legislation to establish or further develop anti-corruption policies, including beneficial ownership transparency and to promote best practices to ensure a genuinely free and competitive market, as well as enable sustainable and environmentally friendly economic growth;

32. Calls on participating States to further elaborate and implement policies that promote environmental good governance to place renewed attention on the development and expansion of renewable and sustainable energy with the ultimate aim of reaching energy efficiency through clean energy sources;
33. Invites all participating States to develop incentives and economy funds to encourage the use of clean, renewable energy sources;
34. Urges participating States and their parliaments to encourage gender-inclusive dialogue on the second dimension and advance women's participation by implementing economic, environmental, social, and educational policies and reforms;
35. Calls on OSCE parliamentarians to spare no effort in conveying OSCE pledges and values to parliamentary colleagues to promote and approve laws to implement OSCE commitments and guarantee their effective execution through parliamentary oversight on governments;
36. Emphasizes the role of parliamentarians in raising public awareness of the OSCE, its values and commitments, through parliamentary dialogue and outreach to the media to encourage public debate;
37. Calls on parliaments of participating States to consider the need to modernize national legislation in the fields of science and ecology with the aim of solving the problems of technological impact on the environment;
38. Underlines that rapid advances in digitalization are causing fundamental changes in all aspects of life, which require a modernization of national and international legislation and legislative flexibility to adapt to an ever-changing world order;

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly calls the attention of OSCE governments to the following:

39. Calls on participating States to draft and implement forest conservation regulations to gradually reduce and ultimately stop deforestation and to develop agro-responsible strategies to limit the emissions of greenhouse gas mainly due to fertilization;
40. Calls on the OSCE to establish a system of ecological monitoring of war-torn and occupied territories to assess the disruptive and disastrous consequences of conflicts on the environment and consequently formulate recommendations in line with the OSCE principle of comprehensive security;
41. Calls on participating States to establish institutional mechanisms for anti-corruption policy co-ordination and monitoring through increasing partnerships and co-operation;
42. Urges OSCE participating States to speedily implement effective, coherent, and comprehensive policies to respond to migration flows, with particular attention to vulnerable groups such as women, girls, and unaccompanied minors;

43. Encourages the draft of an international document legitimizing the category of environmental refugees and recognizing the right to asylum for people fleeing their countries because of environmental deterioration;
44. Calls on participating States to redouble their efforts to identify and address the root causes of forcible displacement, and encourages the inclusion of Internally Displaced Persons in the OSCE working agenda;
45. Urges participating States to establish partnerships between governments and other relevant actors to promote effective migration management policies and strategies, including through the exchange of best practices that encourage legal migration.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION

on

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THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS***

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