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“Strengthening Human Security in the OSCE Region – OSCE Field Operations in South Eastern Europe”

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

1. Welcoming the significant progress the countries of South Eastern Europe have achieved in consolidating stability and democracy and on their way towards full European and Euro-Atlantic integration,
2. Noting the EU Council Conclusions on the Western Balkans from 20 March 2006, in which the Council underlined its determination to fully implement the commitments given in the Thessaloniki agenda in order to master the challenges the region faces in 2006 and beyond,
3. Calling upon all parties concerned to constructively engage in the negotiations to resolve the future status of Kosovo,
4. Expressing full support for the work of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the Future Status Process for Kosovo, President Martti Ahtisaari, and his team,
5. Welcoming the establishment of the Steering Group on future international arrangements in Kosovo and the willingness of the OSCE to engage in this dialogue,
6. Welcoming the role of a wide range of institutions being active in the field of promoting regional cooperation in South Eastern Europe, particularly mentioning the achievements of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe,
7. Reiterating the crucial role the OSCE can play through its field presences in cooperation and coordination with other international actors in building multi-ethnic societies, developing democratic structures and promoting human rights,
8. Underlining the importance of keeping the OSCE focused on its human dimension,
9. Encouraging the ongoing work in the OSCE on strengthening the effectiveness of the OSCE, including its field operations, considering also the recommendations of the Panel of Eminent Persons and the Washington Colloquium of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly,

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10. Recommends that the OSCE offers itself to the participating States as a leading international actor in the co-operation and co-ordination of efforts in democratization, institution building based on rule of law and combating discrimination against minorities, trafficking in human beings as well as other threats to human security,
11. Underlines the importance for the OSCE field operations to fulfil these tasks,
12. Calls upon OSCE participating States to take advantage of this instrument by active co-operation with the OSCE field operations,
13. Reiterates the importance of intense efforts in order to ensure that any resolution of Kosovo's status should ensure a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural Kosovo, full protection of minority rights for its inhabitants and good neighbourly relations within the region,
14. Encourages the OSCE Mission in Kosovo to consider a growing role at the local level and calls upon the OSCE leadership to continue close dialogue with other international actors, most prominently the European Union, in order to increase synergies and avoid wasteful duplication,
15. Recognizes the country progress of Bosnia and Herzegovina from a framework set in Dayton towards a structure established and owned in Sarajevo,
16. Welcomes the launching of negotiations for a new CEFTA based multilateral free trade agreement for South Eastern Europe as a clear example of active regional co-operation that is beneficial to all and an important step for the European course of the countries concerned,

In the field of security sector reform in South Eastern Europe, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

17. Encourages the OSCE with its comprehensive security approach, which was reiterated by the OSCE Ministerial Council in Ljubljana 2005, to support security building and democratization processes,
18. Underlines the need for a holistic approach and supports the British and Austrian EU Presidency initiatives on developing a comprehensive security sector reform concept for South Eastern Europe, taking into account a range of relevant actors in this field,
19. Advocates the OSCE to closely co-operate with other international and regional actors on this matter and to concentrate on those responsibilities that the OSCE is most suitable to fulfil in the security sector,

In view of the strengthening of local institutions and local ownership in South Eastern Europe, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

20. Urges the OSCE to continue making full use of its well-established field presence by working closely with local authorities in capacity building, monitoring, training and legal advisory activities,
21. Recommends local governments to take every possible opportunity to benefit from their close collaboration with the OSCE field presences,
22. Calls on the local government institutions to continue the ongoing work to encourage the return of displaced persons and refugees to their own homes and their own communities,
23. Recommends the local government institutions to encourage members of national minorities to maintain their cultural and social heritage and institutions and to participate in the public life of their countries of residence, and to ensure that members of national minorities are equally represented in relevant national institutions, such as the police, judicial structures and local authorities,
24. Underscores the importance of a comprehensive approach to trafficking in human beings, comprising the prevention of trafficking, the protection of victims and witnesses and the prosecution of criminals,
25. Encourages the work of Special Representative of the OSCE Chairman in Office on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and of the Special Representative of the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly on Human Trafficking Issues,
26. Urges the OSCE to improve its capacity to promote gender equality in its activities in participating States according to the 2004 Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality,

With respect to regional cooperation in South Eastern Europe, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

27. Calls upon the countries of the region as well as the OSCE Missions to further increase their efforts in promoting regional cooperation, in particular in the areas of refugee return, organised crime and trafficking in human beings,
28. Emphasis the need for close co-operation of the OSCE at the regional and international level, in order to combat trafficking in human beings in the countries of origin, the countries of transition and countries of destination,
29. Urges governments to draw lessons from best practice examples in the region and adapt them to local realities,
30. Encourages the work of the Special Representative on South Eastern Europe, appointed by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, in facilitating parliamentary dialogue in the region.