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**FOR THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS,
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

“Strengthening Human Security in the OSCE Region”

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THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

Draft resolution

1. Reaffirming the important role that may be played by the economic dimension in helping to ensure stability and security in the OSCE zone, according to the principles contained in the OSCE strategy document on the economic and environmental dimension adopted at the 2003 Ministerial Council in Maastricht,
2. Noting with satisfaction the progress made towards improving regional economic integration among the participating States, in particular in the Balkans and Central Asia, in order to create common interests and de facto solidarities to dissuade States from resorting to force in order to settle their differences,
3. Recognizing that democracy helps to foster economic prosperity and stability, and convinced that this system is capital for achieving healthy economic development, attracting investment and reducing social inequalities,
4. Supporting the United Nations Millennium Declaration in which it was proclaimed that good governance and the transparency of financial, monetary and commercial systems contribute to sustainable development, economic growth and the eradication of poverty,
5. Aware that the unequal distribution of natural resources, and any imbalance between supply and demand, may be sources of tension and even conflict between States,
6. Reaffirming that energy security is linked to a safe, predictable and reliable energy supply,
7. Welcoming initiatives for dialogue and cooperation in energy matters, such as the energy partnership between the European Union and the Russian Federation, and the elaboration of a Green Paper by the European Commission,
8. Supporting the initiative taken by the Chairman-in-Office, M. Karel de Gucht, to hold a conference on energy security,
9. Recognizing, on the twentieth anniversary of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear plant, that the effects of its dramatic aftermath continue to be felt throughout Europe,
10. Welcoming the exceptional aid given to the victims of natural catastrophes in South-East Asia, the United States and Pakistan,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

11. Encourages the participating States to continue to favour initiatives aimed at improving regional economic integration;

12. Encourages improved coordination, following natural catastrophes, in rescue and reconstruction operations with the OSCE's Mediterranean associates and Asian partners;
13. Invites the participating States to lend their support to the active role played by the OSCE coordinator for economic and environmental activities;

In the field of good governance:

14. Recommends that the parliaments of the Member States work towards signing and ratifying the United Nations Conventions against Corruption and against Transnational Organized Crime;
15. Invites the Member States to support and cooperate fully with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in its fight against organized crime and money laundering;
16. Recommends that the parliaments of the Member States encourage the development of small and medium-sized enterprises and favour initiatives for technical assistance or training;
17. Underlines the need to support initiatives encouraging female employment, especially in the transition economies;
18. Strongly urges the Member States to fight discrimination against women in the labour market, in particular their access to responsible posts;

In the field of energy:

19. Urges the Member States to foster cooperation on energy and dialogue between supplier and consumer countries, while supporting the Energy Charter Treaty;
20. Underlines the fact that energy security depends on a reliable supply, linked to the free transit and the safe transport of natural resources;
21. Strongly urges the participating States to favour free and open trade, in particular in the energy sector,
22. Recommends that the participating States sign long-term contracts for their energy supplies;
23. Encourages the participating countries to create machinery to address crisis situations and supply difficulties;
24. Underlines the need to reconcile the imperatives of economic growth and energy security with protection of the environment;
25. Strongly urges the Member States to favour sustainable forms of energy and to make more rational use of energy resources;
26. Underlines the importance of substitute forms of energy and the need to develop research policies in the area of energy technology;

27. Recommends that the parliaments of the Member States work towards the signing and ratification of the Kyoto Protocol;
28. Strongly urges the international community to assist with the plans to build a new “sarcophagus” for the Chernobyl plant and urges the Member States to be transparent and prepare coordination plans in the event of a nuclear accident.