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

“TRANSPARENCY IN THE OSCE”

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Draft Resolution

1. Welcoming the work of the IPCC on global warming and its security consequences,
2. Taking note of the report of the economist Nicholas Stern on the long-term cost of global warming,
3. Noting the ever greater threats to the environment posed by intensive farming, uncontrolled industrialization, and industrial or nuclear accidents,
4. Recalling the Belgrade Declaration on “Environment for Europe” and the opportunity offered by environmental cooperation to help establish relations of confidence and develop peace processes,
5. Recalling the December 2007 Madrid Ministerial Council Declaration on Environment and Security,
6. Welcoming the role that the OSCE can play in promoting environmental security and its complementary action with the United Nations in combating climate change,
7. Welcoming the adoption of Recommendation 1823 of the Council of Europe on global warming and ecological disasters,
8. Taking note, with the adoption of the European Climate Plan, of the driving role of the European Union in combating climate change,
9. Welcoming the OECD report “Environmental Outlook to 2030”,
10. Recalling the conclusions established in the report of the High Representative and the European Commission on security risks posed by climate change, at the European Council session of March 2008,

THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY:

11. Calls on non-signatory participating States to sign and ratify the Kyoto Protocol;
12. Urges Member States and partners to support the process initiated in Bali in order to secure an international agreement on climate change after 2012, notably the establishment of quantitative targets and binding commitments with respect to the reduction of greenhouse gases;
13. Appeals for encouragement to be given to research and the development of technologies that are less carbon-intensive while improving energy efficiency;
14. Encourages participating States to develop alternatives to fossil fuels, in particular by promoting renewable energy sources and nuclear power generation;
15. Endorses the development of less polluting forms of transport, with encouragement for rail and river transport and tax incentives for the purchase of “clean” vehicles;

16. Invites participating States to launch new housing programmes, with emphasis on heating or air-conditioning by means of clean energy sources and improving the energy efficiency of homes;
17. Appeals to participating States to make of sustainable development a priority;
18. Endorses the incorporation in agricultural policy of climate change and environmental risks, notably by promoting integrated farming, avoiding deforestation, and preserving the natural heritage, biodiversity and clean water resources;
19. Urges integrated management of catchment basins and the promotion of cross-border cooperation in respect of watercourses;
20. Encourages the setting up of surveillance and early warning networks for floods or droughts;
21. Calls on participating States to undertake better waste management through recourse to recycling and by limiting waste production;
22. Urges participating States to draw up plans of coordination in the event of nuclear accident, and to intensify cross-border cooperation in civil security;
23. Calls on Member States and partners to support the action of the OSCE, in particular the Environment and Security Initiative and its programmes in Central Asia, South Eastern Europe and the Caucasus.

