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SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

DRAFT RESOLUTION

ON

CHERNOBYL

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Draft Resolution of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

1. Referring to the OSCE Ministerial Declaration on the 20th Anniversary of the Disaster at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant (MC.DOC/3/05Corr.1 as of December 6, 2005), as well as the Madrid Declaration on Environment and Security (MC.DOC/4/07 as of November 30, 2007),
2. Conscious of the long-term nature of the consequences of the disaster at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, which was a major technological catastrophe in terms of its scope and complexity and created humanitarian, environmental, social, economic and health consequences and problems of common concern, requiring for their solution wide and active international cooperation and coordination of efforts in this field at the international and national levels,
3. Expressing profound concern at the ongoing effects of the consequences of the accident on the lives and health of people, in particular children, in the affected areas of Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine, as well as in other affected countries,
4. Acknowledging the importance of the national efforts being undertaken by the Governments of Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine to mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster,
5. Stressing the exceptional Chernobyl-related needs, in particular in the areas of health, environment and research, in the context of the transition from the emergency to the recovery phase of mitigation of the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster,
6. Noting that the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant continues to pose a potential threat in the centre of Europe,
7. Commending the international community for the efforts to raise funds and attract scientific and technical potential to increase safety of the "Shelter",
8. Noting the need to continue efforts of the OSCE participating States to mobilize resources for providing assistance to activities aimed at rehabilitation of the Chernobyl affected areas, community-based development projects, promotion of investment, creation of new jobs and small and medium businesses, information activities,
9. Acknowledging that the OSCE in the framework of its mandate can constructively contribute to the international cooperation to alleviate the consequences of the Chernobyl accident, including through participation in and support of relevant projects, and to provide appropriate assistance and expertise in consultation with the States concerned.

The Parliamentary Assembly,

10. Welcomes the contribution made by States and by multilateral intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to the development of cooperation to mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, as well as bilateral activities in

working out concrete projects and mobilizing resources, and underlining the need to continue activities in this directions;

11. Highly appreciates the efforts of the OSCE in cooperation with relevant international organizations to support regional and transboundary cooperation on rehabilitation of the land contaminated as a result of the Chernobyl disaster both to prevent the radionuclide migration and to promote the natural recovery process;
12. Acknowledges the difficulties faced by the most affected countries in minimizing the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster;
13. Takes note with satisfaction of the progress made by the Governments of the affected countries in implementing national strategies to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, and calls upon the OSCE participating States, multilateral and bilateral donors to continue to align their assistance with the priorities of the national strategies of the affected States, and stresses the importance of working together on their implementation;
14. Welcomes the initiative of the UN General Assembly to proclaim the third decade after the Chernobyl disaster (2006-2016) as the Decade of Recovery and Sustainable Development of the Affected Regions, to be focused on achieving the goal of a return to normal life for the affected communities as far as is possible within this time frame;
15. Requests the OSCE Secretary General to continue coordination, within the existing resources, of the efforts of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in implementing concrete Chernobyl- and Decade-related programmes and projects;
16. Requests the Coordinator of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities in cooperation with the Governments of the affected countries to continue the activities on minimization of health, environmental, social and economic consequences of the Chernobyl catastrophe and improvement of awareness-raising among population;
17. Recommends the President of the Assembly to nominate a Special Representative on Chernobyl to politically assist the promotion of issues specified in the present Resolution.

AMENDMENT TO SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

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