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**FOR THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS,
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***Strengthening the OSCE's Effectiveness and Efficiency –
A New Start After the Astana Summit***

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1. Actively supporting the concept, adopted by the OSCE, of common, comprehensive and indivisible security, which encompasses the politico-military, the human, and the economic and environmental dimensions,
2. Emphasizing the interrelationship that has been demonstrated by history between economic hardships and political extremism, xenophobia, instability and even international upheavals,
3. Recognizing that the consequences of the economic crisis have had a disproportionate impact on the most vulnerable members of society, including migrants, women, young people, and members of minority groups,
4. Noting that the emergency measures taken by governments in response to extraordinary events (the global financial crisis, natural disasters, civil and military conflicts in a number of countries) are reducing the effectiveness of parliamentary oversight, and convinced that this calls for additional efforts by national parliaments to assist governments in their emergency measures,
5. Welcoming the role that the OSCE can play in helping to ensure environmental security, and its complementary work with the United Nations in combating climate change,
6. Understanding that circumstances of utter helplessness and lack of prospects in the countries of origin – i.e., problems which were not resolved as one century turned into the next, and which all too often were further exacerbated – are the key stimulus to migration, and that these problems have been compounded by additional ills arising from civil conflicts in the OSCE region’s neighbouring countries,
7. Noting that the arguments and proposals set out in the resolution on “Migration as a Continuing Challenge for the OSCE” (Oslo Declaration of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly of 2010) have lost none of their relevance over the past year, and that regulation of migration issues is an absolute necessity in order to avoid irregular situations which cause harm both to the migrants and, in a broader sense, to the countries of origin and the countries of destination,
8. Reaffirming that OSCE participating States are obliged to co-operate in the preparation and implementation of migration mechanisms in accordance with universal human rights,
9. Reaffirming the Astana Declaration of 2008 and the Oslo Declaration of 2010 and their resolutions on cyber crime and cyber security, which recognize that cyber attacks are a great challenge to governments, and that the results of a cyber attack against vital State infrastructure and commercial infrastructure are equivalent in nature to those of a conventional act of aggression,

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10. Recommends that the OSCE offer itself to participating States as a leading international organization not only in the sphere of democratization, free elections and respect for human rights, but also with regard to issues such as preventing tensions over energy security in the OSCE region;
11. Calls on governments to view the economic and environmental area of the OSCE's work as one of the most promising from the standpoint of the long-term interests of participating States, in the context of the consequences of the global financial crisis and the increasing frequency of natural disasters;
12. Proposes to participating States that they step up the processes for the creation within the OSCE region of open, integrated markets that function on the basis of joint or unified rules, which could further enhance economic co-operation and integration in the OSCE region;
13. Calls for investment in environmentally friendly sectors and the development of energy saving technologies and renewable sources of energy, and also the incorporation of new environmentally sound methods of economic activity in the initiatives for post-crisis economic recovery, in the interests of curbing climate change;
14. Notes in the context of the global energy dialogue the need to strengthen co-operation and balance the interests not only of energy producers and consumers but also of transit countries, thereby ensuring a secure supply;
15. Emphasizes the importance of energy infrastructure planning in the OSCE region, taking into account environmental threats and nuclear safety in vulnerable areas, as well as the interests of neighbouring countries and other States;
16. Calls on the international community to participate in the process of completing the construction of a new "sarcophagus" for the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, as was planned earlier, and also calls on participating States to prepare co-ordinated action in the event of new nuclear incidents at atomic power plants in the OSCE region or in the vicinity of the region;
17. Urgently recommends that the governments of the OSCE participating States begin elaborating proposals for establishing a global system for preventing and eliminating the consequences of natural disasters, which would involve the set of measures outlined in the Brussels Declaration of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly of 2006;
18. Calls on participating States to sign and ratify three conventions: the European Convention on Nationality, the Convention on the Participation of Foreigners in Public Life at the Local Level and the European Convention on the Legal Status of Migrant Workers, and also to sign and ratify the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, adopted by the United Nations in 2000, for the purpose of combating illegal migration;
19. Calls for the signing of bilateral or regional agreements between the countries of origin and the host countries, providing, among other things, for, on the one hand, access to

savings accounts to foster investment and the secure transfer of migrants' remittances to their home country, and, on the other hand, a commitment to co-operate with diasporas and the observance of international standards for employment abroad;

20. Calls on the international community to increase co-operation and information exchange in the field of cyber security, to agree on specific measures to counter the cyber threat and to create, where possible, universal rules of conduct in cyberspace;
21. Emphasizes the need to assess the effectiveness of the existing norms with a view to finding common responses, on the basis of OSCE standards and values, to the rapid development of new information technologies and the increase in the threat of cyber crime;
22. Welcomes the consultative, financial and other assistance by international organizations and institutions with the relevant experience and resources to support the efforts of participating States to reduce poverty and ensure sustainable development in the OSCE region.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION

On

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