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1. Recalling that the 1975 Helsinki Final Act indicates that the participating States recognize the universal significance of human rights and fundamental freedoms, respect for which is an essential factor for the peace, justice and well-being necessary to ensure the development of friendly relations and co-operation among themselves as among all States,
2. Concerned about the regression of human rights and fundamental freedoms in some OSCE regions, and the continued non-compliance of some participating States to their human dimension commitments,
3. Welcoming the Ukrainian Chairmanship's pledge in connection with Helsinki +40 to continue promoting media freedom, reinforcing co-operation with civil society, promoting youth education on human rights issues, and combating trafficking in human beings,
4. Recalling the 2012 OSCE PA Monaco Declaration's call for the OSCE and the OSCE PA to create a civil society board, comprised of representatives of leading NGOs working on OSCE issues,
5. Welcoming the adoption by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in October 2012 of a resolution confirming the definition of political prisoners,
6. Recalling the Monaco Declaration's affirmation that there should not be any political prisoners in the OSCE area,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

7. Reiterates its call on all the OSCE participating States to fully comply with their commitments regarding human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law;
8. Emphasizes that the OSCE relies on the consensus rule but has also adopted tools such as the Moscow Mechanism that should be used in response to clear, gross and uncorrected human rights violations as mentioned in the Prague Document on Further Development of CSCE Institutions and Structures (30 and 31 January 1992);
9. Reiterates the important role that parliamentarians play in leading OSCE election observation missions;

10. Reiterates its call for countries that hold the Chairmanship to fully respect their commitments regarding human rights and to provide a model example to the OSCE region;
11. Encourages the Ukrainian Chairmanship to continue the efforts to reform the Human Dimension and to increase the participation of civil society, the public and the media in key meetings and in the decision-making process;
12. Strongly encourages participating States to benefit from the Helsinki +40 process to promote the Human Dimension values at the core of the Helsinki Final Act;
13. Strongly urges participating States to co-operate with international institutions like the OSCE, in allowing delegations to visit political prisoners, as well as to release and exonerate all political prisoners;
14. Calls on parliamentarians to promote the ratification of the 2000 Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, as well as the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and the 2005 Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings;
15. Invites all participating States to take actions regarding education and raising awareness on the issue of human trafficking and to co-operate fully with the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, relevant OSCE structures and Institutions, including Field Operations;
16. Invites all participating States to develop and implement a National Action Plan to help Combat Human Trafficking through the co-ordination of policies and actions by Government and Non-Government bodies and through education and raising awareness on the issue of human trafficking;
17. Calls on all participating States to establish special anti-trafficking units- comprising of both men and women- with advanced training in investigating such offences involving sexual exploitation, forced labour, child trafficking, and/or trafficking for the purpose of the organ trade, in order to ensure that the participating States response to the trafficking of human beings is effective and equates the scale and scope of the problem in a given participating State;
18. Strongly encourages participating States to implement a Counter Trafficking Database within each Anti-Trafficking Unit which would allow each participating State to collect and analyse data such as the causes, processes, trends and consequences of trafficking within a given participating State, as well as to establish a National Rapporteur or a similar national monitoring and reporting mechanism to ensure data collection, analysis and public debate on the efficiency of anti-trafficking measures;

19. Repeats the need to include civil society, the public and the media in the Human Dimension events;
20. Expects that the Parliamentarians will adopt measures to protect workers' rights to avoid a worsening situation for the rights of women, migrants (both women and men) and children and to prevent human trafficking for labour exploitation, and calls on diplomats and parliamentarians to set an example by ensuring the respect of these rights when applicable;
21. Reiterates its call to OSCE participating States to ensure access to justice and the right to a fair trial, as well as freedom of expression, including for journalists, bloggers and civil society activists;
22. Calls on participating States to ensure access to justice for all those detained, and to ensure that people are not detained indefinitely, under arduous conditions and without adequate legal counsel;
23. Calls on the participating States to adopt decisions stating that internationally recognized freedoms such as expression (both offline and online), assembly, association, and religion, do not change with new technologies and must be respected regardless of future technological advances;
24. Repeats its call for the Ministerial Council to adopt full, effective and long-term, mandates for OSCE field operations;
25. Strongly urges the Permanent Council to re-open the Field Missions in Belarus and Georgia.

