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**FOR THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON
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AND ENVIRONMENT**

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1. Recognizing the foresight of the Helsinki Final Act's emphasis on energy co-operation, food and water security, as well as "changes in climate," and recalling the pledge that participating States made in 1975 to utilize "every suitable opportunity to co-operate in the field of environment," including on issues related to water supply, air pollution and land use,
2. Highlighting the importance that the Helsinki Final Act attached to "the progressive development, codification and implementation of international law as one means of preserving and enhancing the human environment, including principles and practices, as accepted by them, relating to pollution and other environmental damage,"
3. Recognizing food as a fundamental right as expressed by Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and recalling OSCE PA resolutions on food security adopted at the 2009 and 2014 Annual Sessions,
4. Welcoming the OSCE Ministerial Council decision No. 5/14 on the prevention of corruption adopted at the 21st OSCE Ministerial Council in Basel, Switzerland,
5. Welcoming the Swiss and Serbian OSCE Chairmanships' prioritization of sustainable water management in their joint 2014-15 work plan, as well as the efforts of the Office of the Co-ordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) in promoting a comprehensive security approach to water governance,
6. Welcoming the opportunity provided by Expo Milano 2015, being held in Milan, Italy, under the theme "Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life," to address problems of nutrition and planetary resources with a view towards opening dialogue between international actors on these challenges,
7. Noting that the end of 2015 marks the target date for the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and welcoming the fact that many MDGs have already been met, including on reducing poverty and increasing access to improved drinking water sources, while other MDG targets are within reach, including the goal of reducing hunger and increasing access to technologies and health services,
8. Reiterating the OSCE PA 2014 Baku Declaration's call for OSCE participating States to continue working towards a new universal climate agreement ahead of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 21) being held from 30 November to 11 December 2015 in Paris, France,
9. Recalling the Baku Declaration's emphasis on the burden that economic migration has placed particularly on Southern European States and the tragic loss of life associated with the dangerous journeys these migrants make in vessels that are often unseaworthy,

10. Also noting the recent spike in irregular migration in North America, including by unaccompanied minors, and the considerable difficulties this poses to border communities,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

11. Calls on all OSCE participating States to redouble their efforts, in the spirit of Helsinki, to identify and pursue comprehensive solutions to our common environmental and economic challenges, including food and water security, climate change, energy security, migration, and improved management and oversight of financial institutions;
12. Urges the OSCE and its participating States to develop innovative and co-operative measures to combat corruption, boost public and private investment in environmentally friendly industries, and implement alternatives to austerity that emphasize social cohesion and economic growth;
13. Implodes participating States to pursue policies on the local, national and regional levels to mitigate and adapt to climate change, as well as to forge bilateral and multilateral agreements toward this end, while continuing to negotiate a new universal climate accord with binding limits on greenhouse gas emissions for final agreement at the COP 21 in Paris, France;
14. Urges participating States to place climate change high on their political agenda, particularly within the framework of the G7 and G20 meetings, as well as of the United Nations General Assembly, and to support a low level carbon emission economy resilient to climate change and to disasters through development co-operation initiatives;
15. Considers water an indispensable element of national, regional and international security, an essential strategic resource that should serve as a basis for co-operation rather than competition;
16. Calls on the OSCE and its participating States to develop best practices on reducing wasteful water use, upgrading irrigation techniques, promoting less water-intensive agricultural practices, encouraging a co-operative approach to sharing water resources, and protecting water resources from all forms of pollution, including the groundwater contamination associated with fracking;
17. Urges participating States to commit in principle and practice to reducing food waste, encouraging co-operation between farmers, producers, and distributors to allow for better projections of consumer demand, and promoting sustainable forms of agriculture and food production in light of climate change;
18. Encourages energy producer and consumer countries to promote greater balance in the distribution of energy resources, promote transparency in the extractive industries, adopt energy-efficiency measures on the local and national levels, reduce energy consumption, pursue scientific and technological advances in energy generation;
19. Calls on parliamentarians of OSCE participating States to ensure robust regulations and oversight of the financial sector and to promote economic policies that invest in scientific research, renewable energy technologies, green-growth development, infrastructure improvements, and to spare no efforts in sectors such as transport and the construction industry, where improved energy efficiency can be achieved, by developing and using new and renewable sources of energy;

20. Recommends the introduction of financial transaction taxes on stock trading and other financial purchases, which would both generate significant public revenue and curb short-term speculation;
21. Encourages the OSCE and its participating States to develop best practices on managing migration to alleviate the disproportionate burden assumed by some countries;
22. Urges the OSCE to use the Helsinki +40 process to strengthen economic co-operation with its Mediterranean Partners to promote growth and attract investment in the Mediterranean region.

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