



PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF TURKIC STATES

COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION

TENTH MEETING

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RECOMMENDATION

INTEGRATION OF THE TRADE AND ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF THE TURKPA MEMBER COUNTRIES: THE FUTURE TRANSPORT CARCASS IN THE NEW REALITY

The Parliamentary Assembly:

Welcoming the integration of the trade and economic potential of the TURKPA member countries;

Realizing that the new conditions of the geopolitical and international socio-economic situation will affect the cooperation of the TURKPA, because of that **reaffirming** its readiness to make every effort to use transport and transit opportunities in the TURKPA region under the conditions of the new situation;

Recognizing the need to fulfill the transit conditions passing through the TURKPA territory established in international treaties that approved by the TURKPA member countries;

Expressing its intention to facilitate international transportation in the TURKPA region and support the development of international trade in the TURKPA region;

Realizing the benefits of cooperation of the TURKPA member countries, their exchange of information and joint action directed to improve the transport framework in order to stimulate the integration of the trade and economic potential;

Confirming the desire to accelerate the movement of transit goods transported by all modes of transport in the TURKPA territory and mutual consumer goods of the TURKPA member countries and the transportation of people;

Understanding the need to improve the transport infrastructure in order to stimulate the integration of the trade and economic potential as an important element of sustainable growth and economic development;

Taking into account that parliaments and parliamentarians play an essential role in the trade and transport sectors of the national economy by enacting legislation, approving budgets, mobilizing resources;

Considering a key role of parliaments, in terms of legislation, in providing institutional, infrastructural and financial support for the transport and transit sector,

Recommends that the parliaments of the TURKPA member countries:

- a) *to improve* legal framework dealing with transport and transit issues, with subsequent harmonization and approximation of legislation among the TURKPA member countries;
- b) *to search* ways of cooperation and synchronization of activities among various governmental structures of the TURKPA member countries taking into account force majeure as the COVID-19 pandemic or similar situations, especially in the field of legislation, for supporting transport and transit initiatives;
- c) in order to strengthen passenger traffic between the TURKPA member countries *to consider* and *implement* opportunities for creating regular air traffic between their capitals and large cities;
- d) *to study* the consequences of the formation of “bottlenecks” at the junctions of transport and transit routes in the TURKPA member countries and *identify* solutions together with stakeholders;

- e) *to analyze* the issues of mutual synchronization of the activities of sea and “dry” port hubs in the TURKPA region and *carry out* the necessary measures with the competent authorities for systematization;
- f) *to hold* consultations on a regular basis among experts for adopting a comprehensive and flexible approach in the development of transport and transit policy and eliminating bureaucratic barriers or implementation errors in this field;
- g) *to study* national and international best practices related to the effective use of investment programs aimed at stimulating the integration of trade and economic potential for stakeholders, *collect* relevant documents and *analyze* them in order to approximate the legislation of the TURKPA member countries in the relevant field;
- h) *to promote* the measures aimed at creating favorable conditions for road carriers of the TURKPA member countries, which ensure the movement of transit goods and mutual consumer goods of the TURKPA member countries;
- i) *to consider* quota issues and opportunities for creating convenient conditions for permission documents related to transit for carriers of the TURKPA member countries in order to maximize the movement of potential of transit goods transported by all modes of transport in the TURKPA territory;
- j) *to hold* regular meetings of the Joint Expert Group on overcoming the shortage of rolling stock and locomotive traction fleets in the TURKPA member countries in order to maximize the use of transport and transit potential in the TURKPA region and *give* priority to solving this problem;
- k) *to collect* and *disseminate* data that will help researchers and practitioners in the field of trade and economic integration and *identify* priorities of cooperation among the TURKPA member countries in the relevant field.