

# TURKPA

PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF TURKIC-SPEAKING COUNTRIES

## COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

### SECOND MEETING

### RECOMMENDATIONS

## ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE: CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES FOR MEMBER COUNTRIES

The Parliamentary Assembly:

*Bearing in mind* that climate change is one of the major global challenges that requires conceptual and long-term policies at the national and regional level regarding elimination of climate change-related consequences and relevant adaptation,

*Realizing* that climate change is closely connected with sustainable development of the member countries and addressing risks posed by the climate change will contribute to the peace and security,

**Concerned** that human activities has been substantially increasing the atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases and that these increases enhance the natural greenhouse effect,

*Acknowledging* that the global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible cooperation by all countries and their participation in an effective and appropriate international response, in accordance with their common but

differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and their social and economic conditions,

*Taking into consideration* global cooperation within the UN platform and reaffirming commitment of the TURKPA member countries to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and Kyoto Protocol, as well as other UN related documents accepted by the member countries,

*Aware of* the need to determine the major aspects of climate change in the member countries and to find appropriate solutions,

**Recommends** the national parliaments and the governments of the TURKPA member countries:

- a) **to strengthen** climate adaptation by developing participatory National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPA) if exists, involving a wide spectrum of stakeholders from both the public and private sectors;
- b) **to consult** regularly on issues related to climate change and sustainable development in the context of meetings of the Subsidiary Bodies and Conferences of the parties to the UNFCCC.
- c) **to improve** educational and scientific potential in the field of adaptation to climate change in the member countries;
- d) **to invest** more in innovative, renewable energy solutions, such a wind, water, sun and geothermal, with the aim of reducing overall Greenhouse Gas Emissions;
- e) **to implement** Pilot field projects on climate adaptation in climate „hot spots“, ensuring adequate funding from the international donor community;
- f) **to develop** and disseminate information materials on climate change adaptation, including through the media and raise the awareness of public institutions, local authorities, private sector and civil society on the best practices of adaptation to climate change;
- g) **to reinforce** regional cooperation and take measures on information coverage problems associated with climate change and its consequences;

- h) **to raise** ecological culture, the culture of consumption of natural resources, including energy;
- i) **to provide** advice on scientific programmes, international cooperation in research and development related to the climate change;
- j) **to identify** priorities of cooperation among the TURKPA member countries in the field of environmental protection and use of natural resources.