

Recommendation

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Fifth Meeting
Bishkek, May 30, 2019

***ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSISTENT UTILIZATION
OF NATURAL RESOURCES: LEGAL SUPPORT***

The Parliamentary Assembly:

Considering that unsustainable consumption of natural resources having a severe impact on human health and people's quality of life;

Taking into consideration concerns over environmental consequences that include higher levels of acidification of soils and water bodies, increased biodiversity loss, more soil erosion and increasing amounts of waste and pollution;

Mentioning international conventions and laws related to environmentally use of natural resources which TURKPA member countries have joined and adopted;

Noting the important role of the "Workshop on Protection of Natural Wealth of Forests and Environmental Use of Natural Resources - Legislation and Practices" held by TURKPA on 23-24 January 2019 in Ankara with the support of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey (GNAT);

Supporting workshops, seminars, forums and other types of events holding in TURKPA member countries on the environmentally use of natural resources;

Realizing the need of joint action directed to achieve the goals of sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss which were indicated in the article 15 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals;

Taking into consideration that Parliaments can play a key role in ensuring natural resources that are managed in a sustainable way and can also act as watchdogs and put pressure on governments to respond quickly and effectively to emerging environmental challenges,

Came to an agreement in the following issues:

- a) *Rational use* of natural resources should be aimed at their economy, gradual abandonment of extensive use and transition to the economical use of non-renewable and sustainable use of renewable resources, as well as the development of alternative energy sources - solar, wind, etc;
- b) *to increase* the social activity of the population, to form of a public ecological world outlook and the awareness of responsibility for the preservation of the natural resource potential which are important and strategic objectives for the development of the country;
- c) *to minimize* the amount of waste based on the introduction of low-waste, resource-saving technologies which is the main task of development;
- d) *to strengthen* some existing national institutions to serve as regional hubs for sustained capacity development;
- e) *to take efforts* aimed at expanding efficient regional and bilateral cooperation among member countries on the matter;
- f) *to identify* priorities of cooperation among the TURKPA member countries in the relevant fields;
- g) *to study* legislation related to the effective use of natural resources in member countries, collect relevant documents and analyze them in order to approximate laws in the relevant sphere.