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**COMMISSION  
ON ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND HEALTH PROTECTION**

**SIXTH MEETING**

**MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND LAND**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Parliamentary Assembly:

**Confirming** that preservation and management of water resources and land is of utmost importance due to the fact that the world's water resources and land are finite and under pressure from a growing population;

**Approaching** with special sensitivity to the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and its effects on humanity and environment, especially water resources and land;

**Mentioning** that the recent global COVID-19 pandemic has both negative and positive effects on the environment;

**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;

**Noting** the importance of international cooperation and international conventions and laws which have linkages to water resources and land management which TURKPA member countries also have joined and adopted;

**Supporting** the activities of the international institutions and UN specialized agencies dealing with water and land related issues, such as Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), World Health Organization (WHO) and so on;

**Stressing** an urgent need for better and more effective integration on international initiatives, because of the lack of a consolidated agreement and framework for action on sustainable land and water management;

**Recalling** five recommendations of Commission meetings and three concluding reports of workshops held by TURKPA Secretariat which were indicated in the introduction part of this Commission report regarding environmental issues and related with management of water resources and land;

**Taking into account** a key role of parliaments, in terms of legislation, in ensuring preservation and management of natural resources, including water and land;

The Assembly recommends that the parliaments of the TURKPA member countries:

- a) *to improve* legal framework dealing with management of water resources and land, with subsequent harmonization and approximation of legislation among member countries;
- b) *to harmonize* the environmental legislation with the internationally accepted standards of environment protection, including management of water resources and land;
- c) *to search* ways of cooperation and synchronization of activities among various relevant structures of member countries during the COVID-19 pandemic or similar situations, especially in the field of legislation;
- d) *to hold* consultations on a regular basis among experts and lawyers for defining the main problems and further actions in the future;
- e) *to increase* the social activity of the population and closely work with non-governmental organizations to form the awareness of responsibility for the preservation of the water resources and land which are important and strategic objectives for the country;
- f) *to identify* priorities of cooperation among the TURKPA member countries in the relevant fields;
- g) *to reinforce* regional and bilateral cooperation in the areas such as exchange of information and experience, training and collaborative research programmes;
- h) *to consider* the establishment of a joint Seed Gene Bank of Turkic-speaking countries in Turkey and take appropriate steps in this area;
- i) *to study* legislation related to the effective use of water resources and land in member countries, collect relevant documents and analyze them in order to approximate laws in the relevant sphere.