



PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF TURKIC STATES

COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND HEALTH PROTECTION

EIGHTH MEETING

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RECOMMENDATIONS

PROTECTION OF BIODIVERSITY IN TURKPA MEMBER STATES

The Parliamentary Assembly:

Bearing in mind that biodiversity is one of the most serious ecological and socio-economic problems which might present the main threat to successful social-economic development of TURKPA member states;

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 biodiversity which TURKPA member states have joined and adopted;

Considering biodiversity to be one of the most significant elements of the human quality of life, and therefore an essential factor in the development of every state in the TURKPA region;

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

Supporting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) adopted by the UN General Assembly in September 2015, as well as the Convention on Biological Diversity which is the international framework that endows special importance to global partnership and regional collaboration for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity;

Taking into consideration that Parliaments can play a key role in ensuring sustainable management of natural resources by urging governments to respond quickly and effectively to emerging environmental challenges;

Noting that cooperation among the parliaments of member states through bilateral or multilateral agreements, as well as their collaboration with international and regional specialized organizations;

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

- a) *to improve* legal framework dealing with management of biodiversity, with subsequent harmonization and approximation of legislation among member countries;
- b) *to increase* the social activity of the population, to form 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 take efforts* aimed at expanding efficient regional and bilateral cooperation among member countries on the matter;
- d) *to identify* other priorities of cooperation among the TURKPA member countries in the relevant fields;
- e) *to reinforce* regional and bilateral cooperation in the areas such as exchange of information and experience, training and collaborative research programs;
- f) *to study* legislation related to the protection of biodiversity in member countries, collect relevant documents and analyze them in order to approximate laws in the relevant sphere.