



## PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF TURKIC- SPEAKING COUNTRIES

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### COMMISSION ON LEGAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

#### NINTH MEETING

*Online, 9 June, 2022*

#### “ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN FOREIGN POLICY COOPERATION”

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Parliamentary assembly:

***Considering*** that parliaments play a leading role in the development of friendly relations between states and peoples;

***Emphasizing*** that inter-parliamentary dialogue plays a key role in strengthening mutual understanding among TURKPA Member States;

***Emphasizing*** the importance of TURKPA's potential role in coordinating the efforts of national parliaments in resolving economic, social, humanitarian and environmental problems for the benefit of the entire region;

***Recognizing*** that the strengthening of the dialogue in foreign policy cooperation will contribute to the promotion of unity and solidarity as well as to the development of peace and stability in the TURKPA Region;

***Noting*** that the development of relations between national parliaments and regional parliamentary assemblies has positive implications for the international political climate;

***Emphasizing*** that the cooperation between the TURKPA Member Parliaments facilitates the strengthening of national efforts and international cooperation in order to achieve the common goals regarding the stability of the Turkic world;

**Being aware** that the regular meetings of TURKPA and the reciprocal visits of its national delegations are serious steps towards establishing a common ground for foreign policy cooperation between the parliaments of the member states;

**Seeing** TURKPA as an important platform for promoting constructive dialogue between the parliamentarians of the TURKPA Member States, through negotiating the most current issues in the region;

**Recognizing** that TURKPA has over the past years become an important organization that aims to contribute to the development of relations and strengthen cooperation between member states,

**Recommends** the Parliaments and Governments of TURKPA member states:

- a) *To increase* the foreign contacts of a parliamentary commission or friendship group to which the members of the parliament belong or with foreign delegations visiting them;
- b) *To make* contacts in foreign countries by being appointed by parliamentarians by their own parliaments or governments;
- c) *To improve* the possibilities for a parliamentary commissions to pose written or oral questions to members of government on a foreign policy issue;
- d) *To prepare* reports of parliamentary commissions in the field of international relations;
- e) *To develop* cooperation in line with the sharing of experience among the parliamentarians and experts of the parliaments of the TURKPA member countries;
- f) *To further* support TURKPA's effective efforts in this area, as inter-parliamentary institutions coordinate parliamentary diplomacy efforts, encourage inter-parliamentary cooperation and have a great influence in the formation of the global agenda;
- g) *To develop* mechanisms for TURKPA member countries to mutually support each other and take a common stance on foreign policy issues of common interest, within the framework of leading international forums;

- h) *To hold* regular meetings of delegations of TURKPA member states in leading inter-parliamentary organizations, creating a useful mechanism for consultation and promotion of common interests;
- i) *To accept* mutual support of each other as the cornerstone of their foreign policies in terms of being prosperous, politically and economically stable of TURKPA member countries;
- j) *To organize* the "First Meeting of the Heads of the Foreign Affairs Commissions of the TURKPA Member Parliaments" held on March 9, 2022 within the body of the Legal Affairs and International Relations Commission, with the perseverance and determination of the member countries, every year;
- k) Inter-parliamentary friendship groups as a special tool of bilateral cooperation between parliaments play an important role in the development of parliamentary diplomacy and in promoting actions to intensify relations and common interests in the political, economic and socio-cultural fields. In this spirit, *to support* the holding of Meetings of the Presidents of the Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Groups of the Member Parliaments;
- l) *To accept* the date of 21 November, the founding day of TURKPA, as the Turkish World Parliamentarism Day in all member countries.