



## **COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **ON BASIC ASPECTS AND PROSPECTS OF TURKPA'S INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

1. TURKPA, being at the qualitatively new stage of inter-parliamentary cooperation, continues its activities on the development and strengthening of political dialogue between the states by means of parliamentary diplomacy, strengthening an equal and mutually beneficial cooperation with other countries and international organizations, enhancement of socio-economic, political, cultural, humanitarian and legal relations among the parties concerned.
2. TURKPA expresses its intention and interest to enhance cooperation and develop through the TURKPA Secretariat joint projects with such leading international and regional organizations, as the UN General Assembly, Parliamentary Assembly of OSCE, Inter-Parliamentary Union, Parliamentary Union of Islamic Cooperation, European Parliament, NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Asian Parliamentary Assembly, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, parliamentary dimension of the Southeast European Cooperation Process, Nordic Council, Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of CIS, Parliamentary Assembly of the BSEC, GUAM Parliamentary Assembly and Baltic Assembly.
3. TURKPA considers that the active interaction between all dimensions of the cooperation process of Turkic-speaking countries will enforce the relations with international organizations on a long-term basis.
4. TURKPA's relationships with non-member Turkic-speaking states are another priority aspect in the field of international cooperation. Moreover, engagement of other national parliaments in the TURKPA activities is an opportunity for better recognition of the parliamentary dimension of Turkic-speaking states by the international community.
5. Commission proposes the following actions aiming at more comprehensive cooperation of TURKPA with international organizations:

i) *to promote* cooperation with international organizations, basically with those mentioned above in Para 2, in the fields of mutual interest for reinforcing coordination activities and facilitating discussions on major regional issues, as well as *to develop* through the TURKPA Secretariat joint projects with them.

ii) *to strengthen* relations with international parliamentary institutions, in which TURKPA is represented as a guest or not represented in any capacity, in order to facilitate a process of granting an observer status on reciprocal basis.

iii) *to intensify* interaction between the TURKPA secretariat and secretariats of international organizations through exchange of information and documentation relating to specific matters or activities of common interest.

iv) *to continue* active interaction with European Parliament and its institutions through OPPD with the view of implementing initiatives and programmes on experience exchange, as well as other joint projects aiming at the development of parliamentary diplomacy.

v) *to elaborate* concrete mechanisms of institutionalized cooperation with UN and its specialized agencies, and, in case of positive outcome in granting TURKPA an observer status in the UN General Assembly, *to present* draft documents on this issue at the 3d plenary session in Bishkek.

vi) *to enhance* interaction with TURKKON and TURKSOY in order to shape a pattern for economic, political and cultural cooperation of Turkic-speaking states with the international community.

vii) *to intensify* cooperation with Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan by establishing permanent contacts with their national parliaments.

viii) *to improve* coordination activities with the international organizations through the TURKPA Secretariat on addressing the priority issues of economic cooperation, especially in the energy and transport fields.

ix) *to develop* connections with the national parliaments of the countries, which are interested in establishing political and economic dialogue with TURKPA.

x) *to consider* possibility of cooperation with international organizations on elections in the framework of the TURKPA international observers mission.

xi) *to organize* within the next period international conferences to be devoted to such topics, as “Role of youth leadership in development process of interstate cooperation” and “TURKPA: new stage of inter-parliamentary cooperation”.