



COMMISSION ON LEGAL AFFAIRS

RECOMMENDATION ON

ACTIVITIES OF THE TURKPA MEMBER COUNTRIES ON LEGISLATIVE HARMONIZATION

1. The Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic Speaking Countries stresses its main objective to shape an integrated legislative framework for developing multifaceted cooperation among the member countries.
2. TURKPA reaffirms its commitment to the Istanbul Agreement and underlines the issue of approximation of legislations of the member countries as one of the priority tasks of the Assembly.
3. TURKPA is aware that legislative harmonization in the TURKPA framework should be carried out with due consideration of specific national policy of each member country and the Assembly should work out a constructive, coherent and flexible process of legislative harmonization.
4. TURKPA emphasizes the importance of expert consultations in legislative harmonization of the member countries that would contribute to the elaboration of model laws in perspective.
5. The Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic Speaking Countries therefore recommends the national parliaments:

- i) *to use* the existing experience of Turkey in harmonization of its legislation with the European Union and experience of other member countries in the framework of cooperation within Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States;
- ii) *to organize* expert consultations and round tables on regular basis in precedence of the TURKPA Commissions' meetings with the view to elaborating draft model laws and other decisions;
- iii) *to organize* meetings of specialized committees of the national parliaments on constant basis in order to work out proposals on harmonization of legislation in respective fields;
- iv) *to establish* a common TURKPA information/research center on national legislation of the member countries in order to facilitate the work in determining priority areas of legislative harmonization and assessing main obstacles to this process and related challenges;
- v) *to discuss* in the Assembly the prospects of legislative harmonization and adoption of draft model laws in the fields of culture, trade and investment, health and environmental protection, fight against corruption, terrorism, money laundering, as well as in the field of military legislation and other particular fields;
- vi) *to launch* discussions over legal terminology, including development of unified law dictionaries and glossaries and conduct of comparative legal analysis;
- vii) *to invite* representatives of academic institutions to participate in the expert consultations with their further involvement in the elaboration of recommendations and other decisions of the Assembly;
- viii) *to ensure* adequate involvement of pertinent committees of the national parliaments, such as Constitutional, Legal and Economic and others, in coordinated action aiming to facilitate and improve bilateral and multilateral cooperation between the member countries.