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COMMISSION ON SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS

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“SUPPORT OF SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE TURKPA COUNTRIES”

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Parliamentary Assembly:

Bearing in mind the global thesis that social development is about improving the well-being of every individual in society so they can reach their maximum potential;

Understanding that the development of social entrepreneurship should make it possible to achieve the main indicators of the Goals of the 2030 Agenda on Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8) and Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10);

Noting the importance of involving socially vulnerable segments of the population in the process of reproduction of the public good, giving them the opportunity to integrate into the system of social relations and feel involved in social life;

Mentioning that the COVID-19 pandemic has a very serious negative impact on the livelihoods of mankind, especially on socially vulnerable segments of the population;

Confirming that involving socially vulnerable segments of the population in entrepreneurial activity is a way of increasing favorable conditions for sustainable development of their life;

Realizing the benefits of cooperation of the TURKPA member countries, their exchange of information and joint action directed to improve and simplify life of socially vulnerable segments of the population;

Recognizing the needs to stimulate social entrepreneurship as an important element of sustainable growth and economic development;

Acknowledging that parliaments and parliamentarians play an essential role in social sector of the national economy by enacting legislation, approving budgets, mobilizing resources;

Taking into account a key role of parliaments, in terms of legislation, in providing institutional, infrastructural and financial support for social entrepreneurship,

Recommends that the parliaments of the TURKPA member countries:

- a) *to improve* legal framework dealing with issues of social entrepreneurship, with subsequent harmonization and approximation of legislation among the TURKPA member countries;
- b) *to conduct* awareness-raising activities among the population on the TURKPA member countries territories to recognize the initiatives of social entities from the TURKPA member countries and spread the concept of social entrepreneurship in society;
- c) *to search* ways of cooperation and synchronization of activities among various governmental structures of the TURKPA member countries taking into account force majeure as the COVID-19 pandemic or similar situations, especially in the field of legislation, for supporting social entrepreneurship initiatives;
- d) *to establish* on the legislative level, the activities between intermediary and support organizations, government agencies and local governments to create a common understanding of social entrepreneurship and attract funds from the public and private sectors to purchase products and services of social enterprises to support them;
- e) *to develop* cooperation with the TURKPA member countries in direction of establishing an effective policy of tax incentives and plans to support employment in the field of social entrepreneurship and exchanging of relevant experience;
- f) *to hold* consultations on a regular basis among experts and lawyers for adopting an inclusive and flexible approach in social entrepreneurship

policy development and eliminating bureaucratic barriers or implementation errors;

- g) to study* national and international experience related to the effective use of programs on social entrepreneurship for women, youth, and persons with disabilities, *collect* relevant documents and *analyze* them in order to approximate legislation of the TURKPA member countries in the relevant sphere;
- h) to disseminate* social entrepreneurial education both in higher education system and at the school level and *conduct* interdisciplinary research covering issues such as corporate (social) responsibility, inclusive enterprises, social and solidarity economics, sustainability, venture philanthropy and human development among the TURKPA member countries in order to increase the level of knowledge in this field, attract new actors to this segment of economy and raise awareness in society;
- i) to collect* and *disseminate* data that will help researchers and practitioners in the field of social entrepreneurship and *identify* priorities of cooperation among the TURKPA member countries in the relevant field.