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DRAFT DECLARATION

on

SUPPORT FOR NATO MEMBERSHIP FOR THE COUNTRIES OF THE ADRIATIC CHARTER

Proposed by the President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Mr. Pierre Lellouche (France)

The Assembly,

- 1. **Recognizing** the significant progress made by the three countries of the Adriatic Charter towards achieving the goal of NATO membership as demonstrated during the Rose-Roth Seminar held in Tirana, Albania from 22-24 April 2006.
- 2. **Acknowledging** the challenges posed to the stability of the region by the pervasive corruption and organized crime and of the determination to tackle this threat as articulated by the Prime Minister of Albania, Sali Berisha, and the Speaker of the Albanian Parliament, Jozefina Topali at the Assembly's Rose-Roth seminar in Tirana in April 2006.
- 3. Recognizing the key role to be played by Albania and its partners in resolving the status of Kosovo and in building regional stability.
- 4. **Believing** that an invitation to the countries of the Adriatic Charter to join NATO should be issued no later than 2008 and that signals of this intent should be given at the NATO Summit to be held in Riga in November 2006.
- 5. PLEDGES to render Albania and its partners all possible assistance in achieving their goal of NATO membership, and particularly in their fight against corruption and organized crime.