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DRAFT RESOLUTION

ON

“ENLARGING THE PARTNERSHIP WITH NON MEMBER MEDITERRANEAN STATES TO INCLUDE THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY AND LEBANON”

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1. Noting the current political upheaval in the Mediterranean region, in particular in the Arab countries, welcoming the collapse of the dictatorships in Tunisia (January 2011) and Egypt (February 2011) thanks to peaceful and civic protest of the populations of those countries and calling upon the importance of reinforcing the Mediterranean Partnership in a context of respect for the rule of law and the human rights,
2. Expressing the urgent need, in view of this new geopolitical context, to reach an equitable and sustainable peace in the Israel-Palestine conflict,
3. Acknowledging the privileged relation of the OSCE with six Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation, namely Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia,
4. Emphasising the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's interest in the Mediterranean region as shown by the Parliamentary Mediterranean Conference of Madrid (2002), followed by the Mediterranean Forums in Rome (2003), Rhodes (2004), Sveti Stefan (2005), Malta (2006), Portoroz (2007), Toronto (2008), Athens (2009) and Palermo (2010),
5. Recalling the Helsinki Final Act (1975), which states the CSCE Members' intention to "seek, by further improving their relations with the non-participating Mediterranean States, to increase mutual confidence, so as to promote security and stability in the Mediterranean area as a whole", as well as to "maintain and amplify the contacts and dialogue as initiated by the CSCE with the non-participating Mediterranean States to include all the States of the Mediterranean, with the purpose of contributing to peace, reducing armed forces in the region, strengthening security, lessening tensions in the region, and widening the scope of co-operation, ends in which all share a common interest, as well as with the purpose of defining further common objectives.",
6. Recalling the Charter of Paris for a New Europe (1990) aiming at "promoting favourable conditions for a harmonious development and diversification of relations with the non-participating Mediterranean States",
7. Stressing the importance of mutual transparency and confidence as principles guiding the relations between the OSCE and its Mediterranean Partners,
8. Recalling the previous resolutions of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE on the Mediterranean area,

9. Taking into consideration the efforts of the Palestinian National Authority to establish the institutional framework of a State by mid-2011 according to the plan it adopted in 2009,
10. Noting the UN assessment based on the report (April 2011) of the Office of the UN Special Co-ordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, according to which “the Palestinian Authority is ready to govern a potential Palestinian State”,
11. Considering the World Bank statements and its assessment of September 2010 which indicates that “If the Palestinian Authority maintains its current performance in institution building and delivery of public services, it is well positioned for the establishment of a State at any point in the near future”,
12. Considering the recent IMF report which concludes that “the Palestinian Authority is now able to conduct the sound economic policies expected of a future well-functioning Palestinian state”,
13. Considering the address of Mr. Barack Obama, President of the United States, at the UN General Assembly in September 2010, wishing a Palestinian UN membership in 2011,
14. Taking into consideration recent decisions taken by France, Spain, Ireland, Portugal and the United Kingdom to upgrade the status of the Palestinian diplomatic representation to a full diplomatic mission,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

15. Calls upon the OSCE to grant the Palestinian National Authority the status of Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation, following their request of November 2004;
16. Calls upon the OSCE to grant the status of Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation to Lebanon as well;
17. Stresses the importance for the OSCE to live up to the profound democratic changes going on in the Mediterranean region by associating both the Palestinian National Authority and Lebanon as non-member partners;
18. Emphasise the importance of building two independent, viable and stable states within a framework that guarantees the safety of the population of both States, i.e. the State of Israel and the State of Palestine;
19. Urges the OSCE participating States and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation to initiate a constructive dialogue on peace in the Middle East within the framework of the OSCE;
20. Encourages members of parliaments of OSCE participating States and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation to take an active part in the upcoming Mediterranean Forum of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly to be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, in October 2011.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION

on

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