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25 Years of Parliamentary Co-operation: Building Trust Through Dialogue

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1. Reaffirming the undiminished validity and historic role of the guiding principles and common values of the Helsinki Final Act signed in 1975, including the commitments on politico-military, economic, environmental, human rights, and humanitarian issues,
2. Recalling the Charter of Paris for a New Europe adopted in 1990, which laid the foundation of permanent institutions and operational capabilities, including the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE, as well as the 1991 Madrid Declaration, which established the working methods and mandate of the Assembly,
3. Welcoming the Ministerial Declaration on Reinforcing OSCE Efforts to Counter Terrorism in the Wake of Recent Terrorist Attacks, adopted at the Ministerial Council in Belgrade in 2015,
4. Regretting, however, that the Belgrade Ministerial Council was unable to reach consensus on any decisions related to the OSCE's three dimensions of security, reflecting a growing trend of gridlock and distrust in the Organization that has been seen in recent years,
5. Acknowledging the final conclusions of the OSCE PA's Helsinki +40 Project and the novel ideas of new tools and methods of moving forward with a particular focus on the role of parliamentary diplomacy in general, and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in particular,
6. Stressing the continuing need for enhanced efforts to settle protracted conflicts in the OSCE area in a peaceful and negotiated manner, refraining from the threat or use of force, in full respect of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the states involved, and in full compliance with the United Nations Charter and the Helsinki Final Act,
7. Reiterating the conclusions of the Ulaanbaatar Autumn Meeting held in 2015, which underscored the role of parliamentarians in generating the needed political will for reaching a long-term solution to the migration crisis in the OSCE area,
8. Stressing the importance of updating and modernizing the Vienna Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in order to increase openness, transparency and predictability in the military sphere, and referring to the resolutions of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE underlining the need to proceed with this work,
9. Condemning transnational terrorism in all its forms and identifying it as a common threat and a shared responsibility for all participating States,
10. Expressing grave concern about the crisis in and around Ukraine, including the illegal annexation of Crimea, and underlining the role of the OSCE in engaging all parties in a

constructive dialogue, monitoring and supporting the implementation of all OSCE principles and commitments on the ground,

11. Recalling the need to increase the representation of women throughout the OSCE, particularly in the politico-military dimension,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

12. Calls upon participating States and Partners for Co-operation to harmonize and co-ordinate their national legislation on anti-terrorism and develop measures aimed at blocking the funding of terrorist organizations;
13. Calls on the OSCE to redouble its efforts to help participating States counter terrorism through pragmatic assistance and promotion of best practices;
14. Encourages participating States and Partners for Co-operation to improve their anti-terrorism legal frameworks in line with OSCE best practices, and invites OSCE Institutions to ensure the respective oversight needed for their implementation;
15. Encourages national legislative initiatives targeting terrorist activities, and stresses that it is central that they uphold key OSCE principles, including freedom of expression;
16. Calls for greater information-sharing and interaction between the anti-terrorist subdivisions of intelligence agencies of OSCE participating States;
17. Urges the OSCE to reform and reinforce its early warning mechanisms and ensure that when triggered, the process will not be undermined by politics;
18. Calls for greater co-operation with the OSCE Partners for Co-operation in tackling human trafficking and their link to terrorism and illegal migration;
19. Urges all parties to fully implement the Package of Measures for the implementation of the Minsk Agreements, adopted and signed on 12 February 2015 in Minsk by all signatories who also signed the Minsk Protocol of 5 September 2014, and the Memorandum of 19 September 2014, which is an essential step towards a peaceful settlement of the crisis in and around Ukraine;
20. Underlines respect for the principles of the inviolability of frontiers and territorial integrity, peaceful settlement of disputes, equal rights, and self-determination of peoples as stated in the Helsinki Final Act, and calls on the Russian Federation to restrain its aggressive practices and reverse the illegal annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea;
21. Calls for an international peacekeeping operation under the auspices of the UN and the OSCE in order to reinforce the Minsk Agreements;
22. Calls on the OSCE and all participating States to strengthen the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine and ensure that it receives sufficient funding and resources to perform its crucial duties;

23. Reiterates its appeal for greater transparency and commitment to the investigation into the downing of Malaysian Airlines Flight MH17, and calls for justice for the victims and their families;
24. Welcomes the creation of the OSCE PA Ad Hoc Committee on Migration and appeals to all participating States and Partners for Co-operation for greater political commitment and co-operation on the ground;
25. Acknowledges the core humanitarian and security aspects of the migration crisis, but appeals to national governments not to politicize the crisis;
26. Calls for concrete measures to be taken in response to the refugee and migrant crisis and proposes to make the OSCE Border Management Staff College in Dushanbe more available to all participating States;
27. Expresses concern over military escalation in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone and welcomes the active engagement of the OSCE Chairmanship in finding a political solution to protracted conflicts in the OSCE region within established negotiating formats and mechanisms;
28. Calls upon parliamentarians to encourage political will from the sides in the region to engage in serious efforts in reaching an agreement on confidence building-measures to reduce the risk for further hostilities along the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone and to negotiate a comprehensive settlement within the framework of the Minsk Group;
29. Calls for stronger political will in addressing the issue of refugees and internally displaced persons as well as greater commitment and swifter implementation of signed agreements, and reaffirms the inalienable right of the populations of the Republic of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine displaced as a result of conflict to return to their homes in safety and with dignity;
30. Urges the Russian Federation to fully implement the EU-brokered Six-Point Agreement of 12 August 2008 which ended the conflict in the geographical regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia;
31. Calls on the Russian Federation to provide for the free access and transit of humanitarian aid to the geographical regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia regardless of the geographical point of entry;
32. Encourages participating States to strengthen international dialogue in regard to the security and stability arrangements in Abkhazia and South Ossetia;
33. Reconfirms the 2004 OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality and its aim to prevent violence against women, advance their participation in political and public life, and promote women's participation in conflict prevention, crisis management, and post-conflict reconstruction;

34. Encourages participating States to promote effective measures that provide comprehensive security guarantees and humanitarian relief for women at all stages of the conflict cycle in accordance with UN Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820;
35. Calls on the Parliamentary Assembly to continue its work and on parliamentarians to be more active and increase their political engagement by means of building trust through dialogue;
36. Calls for democratic and legal accountability in order to address corruption and ensure greater political integrity;
37. Calls for greater international co-operation, including with internet companies and other stakeholders in civil society and the private sector, to more effectively counter violent extremism on the web and online terrorist recruiting while protecting fundamental rights of speech and freedom of information;
38. Urges participating States to encourage and promote educational and preventive co-operation with the media in the OSCE area in order to counter extremist propaganda, specifically by training independent journalists.

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