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“Follow up to the COP25 and the need to act for enhanced Climate Action”

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The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean,

- a) *Concerned* about the insufficient results of the COP25 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
  - b) *Recognizing* that the awareness of the people, with regards to the fight against climate change, is a strong requirement of our times, which parliamentarians must always take into account;
  - c) *Alarmed* that efforts to limit the increase in global average temperatures to 1.5° C above pre-industrial levels are currently lagging, and that warming indicators for the Mediterranean region are well above the current global trends;
  - d) *Noting* that climate change is posing unprecedented challenges to the future of the Mediterranean basin and economies of its countries, in a region which has been identified as one of the most vulnerable in the world;
  - e) *Stressing* the urgency of enhanced ambition, in particular by developed countries, to ensure the highest possible mitigation and adaptation efforts, including their commitment to mobilize USD 100 billion per year, by 2020, to address the needs of developing countries;
  - f) *Emphasizing* the importance of enhancing waste management practices in relation to marine litter, microplastics and hazardous human activities, which represent major threats for the Mediterranean ecosystem and its integrity;
  - g) *Alarmed* that the consequences of climate change have impacts on natural resources, including water and food security, which might become source of conflict;
  - h) *Further concerned* about the water, sanitation and energy crisis in Gaza, which continues to deteriorate, and acknowledging the need to enhance the capability of Gaza’s solar energy production and storage;
  - i) *Convinced* that national and international parliaments play a key role to raise countries ambition plans to address climate related issues;
- I. *Invites* its member countries to reinforce their efforts towards achieving a Mediterranean sustainable eco-friendly economy;

- II. **Expresses** its support to develop and implement more efficient renewable energy strategies;
- III. **Calls** on PAM national parliaments to become the engine of a new dynamic phase adopting efficient and scientific-based legislative and regulatory frameworks in line with the best available science knowledge provided by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), recognizing that action taken to address climate change is most effective if based on best available scientific research and continually re-evaluated in light of new findings;
- IV. **Calls** upon PAM national parliaments to ensure that member countries are enhancing their climate action towards achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement, including through enhancing sustainable climate finance, technology transfer and capacity building from developed to developing country members;
- V. **Stresses** the importance of the private sector and International Financial Institutions to shift their investments in support of green and sustainable business models;
- VI. **Invites** its member countries to benefit from climate funds and investment instruments for the sustainable exploitation of agricultural lands, and effective and durable use of water resources;
- VII. **Invites** its member countries to guarantee livelihood business environments in rural regions;
- VIII. **Expresses** its full support to the new UN Special Envoy for 2021 Food Systems Summit, Ms. Agnes Kalibata of Rwanda, to make food systems inclusive, climate adapted and resilient;
- IX. **Encourages** its member countries to develop sustainable tourism, including ecotourism practices on coastal areas, to halt coastal erosion and prevent the leakage of plastics litter in the Mediterranean;
- X. **Stresses** the impact of repeating droughts in the Mediterranean region, as well as the importance of effective management of food security, agriculture and water resources, including the improvement of existing warning systems and infrastructures, together with the development of a joint plan or work programme in connection to weather-related phenomena in the region;
- XI. **Recognises** the strategic role of the PAM Economic Panel sectorial groups related to climate change to increase structured synergies between relevant stakeholders;
- XII. **Reiterates** its commitment to the mission of the UNFCCC COP, continuing to contribute to regional and global consultations on climate change, such as the UNEP/MAP Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development, in order to facilitate a fair legislative harmonization in support of a climate resilient and sustainable future;
- XIII. **Invites** the PAM Secretariat to continue its model cooperation with MedECC and the World Meteorological Organization.