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**3<sup>rd</sup> Standing Committee on Dialogue among Civilizations and Human Rights**

"PAM MPs for Human Rights"

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The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean,

- a) *Concerned* about the situation of human rights in the Euro-Mediterranean region and *stressing* the importance of the role of national and international parliaments in promoting human rights and humanitarian principles;
- b) *Guided* by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;
- c) *Recalling and reaffirming* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant international Human Rights instruments, and the importance of compliance with them;
- d) *Recalling* the Human Rights Council report 38/25 and the Draft Principles on Parliaments and Human Rights, and the PAM resolution "PAM MPs for Human Rights", adopted on 22 February 2019 during its 13<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session in Belgrade, Serbia;
- e) *Recalling* the report of the UN Human Rights Council A/HRC/40/74 of 28 February 2019 and the UN General Assembly Resolution A/ES-10/L.23 of 11 June 2018 on providing international protection to the Palestinian civilian population;
- f) *Committed* to promote and assist the UN Secretary General's ambition of moving the international community from a pattern of reaction to a culture of prevention of violations of human rights, in particular by having Parliaments acting as key partners to realize his vision of preventing conflict and other negative impacts on well-being and ensuring sustainable and inclusive development;

- I. **Reaffirms** its attachment and commitment to human rights in the region;
- II. **Calls** on its parliaments to fulfill their responsibility, as highlighted in the Human Rights Council report 40/65, to ‘hold the executive to account for the human rights impact of measures, policies and practices’ and to ‘draw on the existing international human rights framework to enhance accountability in relation to, and monitoring of, the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals’;
- III. **Encourages** its member parliaments to contribute implementing recommendations on Human Rights principles, to hear the members of their Government on these questions, to prevent violations of human rights, to provide better protection for the population, in particular vulnerable groups, and to ensure that adequate resources are allocated for the protection of human rights in parliament, in particular by entrusting the parliamentary committee, where established, with the responsibility for monitoring human rights, and to create an enabling environment for effective cooperation among national and international parliaments, as well as together with the national judiciary power, the academic world, national bodies dedicated to the protection and promotion of human rights, and with national Human Rights councils, where existing, the private sector, civil society and media, in the field of human rights, ensuring the participation of independent human rights experts in their work;
- IV. **Encourages** its member parliaments to renew their commitment to strengthening international cooperation to prevent and combat terrorism, in accordance with international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, international Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law;
- V. **Urges** its member parliament to call on their governments to help resolve the fate the children, living in detention camps in Northeastern Syria, born from ISIS terrorists fighters and who are living in extreme conditions and at risk of radicalization, by putting protection of children at the center of their policies, so that their rights are respected, their nationality determined and repatriation and rehabilitation provided;
- VI. **Recalls** the obligation by the international community to provide international protection to the Palestinian people in accordance with the UN General Assembly Resolution A/ES-10/L.23 of 11 June 2018;
- VII. **Requests** PAM Secretariat to continue regularly organizing, in cooperation with the OHCHR and the European Court of Human Rights, specific seminars, study visit to the countries of the Mediterranean region, and election observation parliamentary missions to sensitize its parliamentarians to the importance of human rights issues, familiarize them with the framework of their work and to share experiences and practices related to their mechanisms;
- VIII. **Invites** its member Parliaments to host in 2020 a PAM dedicated meeting focusing on the role of parliamentarians on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence in the Euro-Mediterranean region;

- IX. Encourages* its member countries to utilize the Budapest Convention in collecting electronic evidence in terrorism investigations, as it provides the necessary safeguards that address the balance between security concerns and human rights;
- X. Urges* its parliamentarians to promote legislative action to eliminate political, social and economic obstacles leading to unemployment and precarious jobs preventing a person from living a life with dignity by paying particular attention to young people in order to guarantee their access to vocational training and employment;
- XI. Urges* its member parliaments to enhance cooperation in combating irregular migration and trafficking in human beings, working together to provide protection for migrants in countries of destination, and tackling racist crimes and xenophobia;
- XII. Reaffirms* the need for its parliamentarians, when they request it, to join their national delegation in charge of submitting the national report to the Human Rights mechanisms of the United Nations;
- XIII. Invites* its delegates in monitoring the speedy development of Artificial Intelligence (AI), by ensuring the new technologies developed to be compliant with national and international human rights framework;
- XIV. Encourages* its parliamentarians to establish a special task-force on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, under the aegis of the 3<sup>rd</sup> PAM Standing Committee, in order to analyze its increased use and its potential to reinforce or threaten the protection of Human Rights.