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**2nd Standing Committee on Economic, Social and
Environmental Cooperation**

Special Task Force on Environment

“Climate Change: perspectives for the Mediterranean after Doha and Warsaw”

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The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean,

- a) *Recognizing* that climate change has a direct impact on the health and on the social, political and economic life of the citizens of its region;
- b) *Welcoming* the efforts of the UNFCCC to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere in order to prevent dangerous interferences with the climate system;
- c) *Having regard* to the provisions of the Kyoto Protocol;
- d) *Concerned* by the consequences of climate change in terms of heat waves, extreme weather events and rise of the sea level, and their repercussions on fundamental productive sectors, such as agriculture;
- e) *Underlining* the peculiar characteristics of the Mediterranean region, which exacerbate the impact of climate change, especially in terms of heat waves, availability of drinkable water and coastal flooding;
- f) *Recalling* the high population growth rate of the MENA region expected by 2025 and its consequences;
- g) *Having regard* to the outcome of the Doha 2012 and Warsaw 2013 Climate Change Conferences;
- h) *Welcoming* the extension, agreed in Doha, of the Kyoto Protocol until 2020;

- i) *Underlining* the urgent necessity to achieve significant progress to reach a comprehensive, shared and legally binding agreement on Climate Change;
- I. *Urges* Heads of States, Governments and National Parliaments to work towards a successful outcome of the negotiations on climate change, at all levels;
 - II. *Reaffirms* its willingness to work, alongside governments and civil society, to ensure that the specific challenges facing the Mediterranean region are taken into consideration, that the voices of the citizens of the region are properly heard and their concerns properly addressed;
 - III. *Reaffirms* its willingness to work together with other international and regional parliamentary assemblies to provide citizens of the world yet another channel to voice their concerns;
 - IV. *Urges* governments and parliaments of PAM member states to take all the actions necessary to reach the maximum objective in terms of emissions reduction, at the national and international level;
 - V. *Invites* the industrialized countries to implement targeted environmental policies in order to meet the 60%-80% emissions reduction objectives (compared to the 1990 level) by 2050;
 - VI. *Calls* upon developing countries to plan their development policies taking into account the objective of a 15% to 30% of emissions reduction;
 - VII. *Reaffirms* its commitment in supporting the efforts of the international community, and the UNFCCC particularly, for a constant and shared reduction of the emissions;
 - VIII. *Reiterates* its intention to continue promoting, at the regional level, the exchange of best legislative practices and lessons learned in order to facilitate the emissions reduction process;
 - IX. *Invites* member parliaments to promote campaigns, at the national level, to inform and educate the citizens on the importance of the action of individuals and communities with regard to Climate Change;
 - X. *Calls* all the parties involved to maintain the commitment of reaching a comprehensive, shared and legally binding agreement by 2015 at the COP21 in Paris;
 - XI. *Requests* the PAM 2nd Standing Committee to continue to monitor progress in the negotiations and regularly report to the Assembly.

