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2nd Standing Committee on Economic, Social and Environmental Cooperation

Activities of the PAM Panel on Trade
and Investments in the Mediterranean - 2014
Rapporteur: Hon. Nevena Stojanovic (Serbia)

Resolution unanimously adopted during the 9th PAM Plenary Session in Monaco, 3 February 2015

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean,

- a) *convinced* that economic growth is fundamental to achieve social peace and political stability in the Mediterranean region, and *vice versa*;
- b) *underlining* the importance of regional economic integration in order to stimulate investments and generate employment;
- c) *concerned* by the unemployment rates in several member countries;
- d) *further concerned* by the negative economic growth in some countries of the region;
- e) *considering* Energy-related issues as vital for the social and economic development, as well as crucial to reach political stability in the entire region;
- f) *having regard to* the outcome of the PAM Panel international conference “Waste Management in the Mediterranean countries: social, environmental and financial benefits resulting from a better use of resources”, held in Caserta, Italy, on 30 May 2014;
- g) *having regard to* the outcome of the Meeting of the Steering Committee of the PAM Panel on Trade and Investments in the Mediterranean, held in Caserta, Italy, on 31 May 2014;
- h) *underlining* the importance for PAM to strengthen its ties with European institutions;
- i) *considering* youth unemployment, tourism, support to SMEs and infrastructure as priorities to be tackled, discussed and addressed;
- j) *aware* of the fact that the activities of the PAM Panel are subject to the availability of PAM member parliaments and partner organizations to host or organize PAM Panel events;
- k) *Recognizing* the value of cooperation with International Financial Institutions, such as the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the European Investment Bank and the World Bank;

- I. **Remains** committed to further support all initiatives focusing on economic growth and integration, through the action of the PAM Panel on Trade and Investments in the Mediterranean.
- II. **Reiterates** its commitment to continue working in close cooperation with the UN, particularly the UNECE, the UNIDO and the Inter-Agency Cluster on Trade Productive Capacity, the EBRD, the WB, the EC, EIB and the other major economic and financial institutions to contribute to address the economic challenges faced by the region;
- III. **Requests** the PAM Secretariat to follow-up on the outcome of the PAM Panel conference “Waste Management in the Mediterranean countries: social, environmental and financial benefits resulting from a better use of resources” and to monitor the progress of the Mediterranean integration in the waste management sector;
- IV. **Welcomes** the strengthening of the ties between PAM and European and Arab institutions on economy-related issues; and **Calls** the PAM Secretariat to continue its work in reinforcing these relations;
- V. **Invites** all member parliaments to promote the legislative procedures to implement the recommendations emerged on the occasion of the PAM Panel meetings, such as support to SMEs, trade facilitation, harmonization of rules and procedures and support to job creation;
- VI. **Calls** all member parliaments to seek the active involvement of all relevant national economic and financial actors, such as Trade and Investment Promotion Agencies, banking institutions, Chambers of Commerce and Business Associations in the activities of the PAM Panel;
- VII. **Invites** national member parliaments to involve the relevant national parliamentary committees in the work of the PAM Panel;
- VIII. **Invites** member parliaments to host events of the PAM Panel;
- IX. **Requests** the PAM Panel to monitor, participate in, and contribute to all relevant sub-regional initiatives on economic matters;
- X. **Invites** the PAM Panel on Trade and Investments in the Mediterranean to organize meetings – at the sectorial group level – to tackle specific issues of concern for the economic development of the region, according to the availability of member parliaments and partner organizations to contribute in the organization of such events;
- XI. **Requests** the PAM Panel to continue working in cooperation with all relevant players, in order to facilitate the exchanges of best practices and to support the economic process at large, particularly through legislative action.