



## PAM - TURKPA Virtual Parliamentary Meeting

### “Cross-regional cooperation in shaping a resilient economic recovery”

Tuesday 30 March 2021

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT

#### SUMMARY

On 30 March 2021, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Turkic-Speaking Countries (TURKPA) jointly organised a high-level virtual meeting on “*Cross-regional cooperation in shaping a resilient economic recovery*”. The event took place in the context of the PAM-TURKPA partnership, which was consolidated in December 2020 through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding. The initiative was also supported by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC).

The objective of the meeting was to exchange policies and legislative strategies to strengthen institutional cooperation and accelerate the economic recovery in PAM and TURKPA regions. The event gathered over a hundred participants, including, *inter alia*, representatives of national parliaments from the PAM, TURKPA and PABSEC Member States, delegates from other regional and international parliaments, and representatives from the scientific community and the private sector. The event also convened wide participation from senior officials of different United Nations Agencies and major international organisations and financial institutions.





## OPENING REMARKS

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### **Hon. Javanshir Feyziyev, Member of the TURKPA Commission on Legal Affairs and International Relations**

Hon. Feyziyev opened the event highlighting the importance of international cooperation in facing the negative economic consequences spurred by the pandemic. *“The Covid-19 pandemic is a global threat which requires global answers,”* stated Hon. Feyziyev, *“this is why it’s very important for interregional cooperation to prevent negative economic trends.”* In his final remarks, Hon. Feyziyev underlined how, despite the difficulties in maintaining traditional international relations during the pandemic, TURKPA and PAM did not suspend international activities and showed renewed commitment to cross-regional cooperation.

## INTERVENTIONS

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### **Hon. Giulio Centemero, MP of the Italian Delegation to PAM and Co-Chair of the PAM Panel on Trade and Investment**

In his introductory speech, Hon. Giulio Centemero reaffirmed the importance of developing a strong science-policy interface to accelerate the revival of national and regional economies. He stressed the urgency of delivering recovery plans that benefit both public and private sectors, by recalling, for instance, the erosion of corporate capital caused by the ongoing pandemic. To conclude, Hon. Centemero introduced the speakers of the high-level expert panel.

### **Hon. Ricardo Baptista Leite, Portugal, Vice President of the Board of the Global Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF**

The first expert of the panel was Hon. Ricardo Baptista Leite. *“The Covid-19 pandemic has truly shaken the foundations of global development and climate action with a reach and rapidity only comparable to an earthquake”*, affirmed Hon. Leite. As is the case during seismic catastrophes, policymakers must be prepared for aftershocks and align recovery strategies with the Agenda 2030 and the Paris Agreement. Parliaments should anticipate possible future shocks and combat defeatist attitudes that consider a sustainable future no longer attainable.

The intervention of Hon. Leite concluded with three suggestions. First, he highlighted the necessity of avoiding the premature withdrawal of economic and social support to businesses, due to the financial frailty of private actors in the delicate phase of the recovery. In this context, he also remarked how crucial transparency and accountability will be in rebuilding national economies. Second, Hon. Leite talked about the need to accelerate the digitalization of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) for their short-term survival and long-term resilience. Finally, by bringing





forth his own professional experience as a medical practitioner, he shared how health-sector investments must address not only vaccine research, but also manufacturing, logistical distribution, and treatment research.

**Ms. Diana Battaglia, Head of the Italian Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPO) at the UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)**

Ms. Battaglia remarked the relevance of private-public partnerships and international management standards in enabling a fair and sustainable industrial transformation. To this end, she highlighted UNIDO's commitment in assisting local organizations and SMEs in technology leapfrogging processes and unlocking the opportunities offered by the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

According to Ms. Battaglia, reinforcing cross-regional cooperation and establishing multidisciplinary partnerships is key to increase knowledge sharing between stakeholders. National parliaments should adopt regulations that ensure safety for Industry 4.0 and promote an investment-friendly environment for SMEs. Furthermore, she also observed the need for policies and initiatives, which promote women empowerment and an adequate educational system focused on complementary skills. To conclude, Ms. Battaglia touched upon policies, which promote clean and renewable energy sources as a driver of economic competitiveness.

**Dr. Edward Calthrop, Senior Head of Climate Policy at the European Investment Bank (EIB)**

In his intervention, Dr. Calthrop focused on how to align national recovery plans with the energy transition. In particular, he underlined the relevance of solar power and the extraordinary opportunities that solar resources pose for the wider Mediterranean region. To this end, he advised policymakers to consider programs of large-scale power auctions coupled with large investments in power grid enhancement to improve competitiveness in their countries. Dr. Calthrop further remarked the necessity of establishing robust power purchase agreements and high safety standards to ensure that investments are sustainable within local communities.

Furthermore, Dr. Calthrop highlighted how investments that do not take into consideration the ability of local communities to adapt to climate change risk to become unproductive in the medium and long term. In this perspective, he suggested building on existing national adaptation plans and strengthening planning priorities and procedures, including through the design of high social and environmental standards. Finally, he emphasised how recovery strategies devised by national parliaments and governments should consider a multidimensional approach to wellbeing, which goes beyond GDP and includes ecosystems and natural capitals.





**Dr. Mukesh Kapila, PAM Senior Adviser and Professor of Global Health and Humanitarian Affairs at the University of Manchester**

“An economic recovery that can be sustained in the face of the permanent presence of the virus requires robust national vaccination systems”, stated Dr. Mukesh Kapila. In his intervention, Dr. Kapila delivered a comprehensive presentation on Covid-19 vaccination strategies, providing data on necessary vaccination coverage to achieve herd immunity, as well as information on the frequency of vaccination to ensure future pandemic relapses.

For the policy consideration of parliamentarians, Dr. Kapila urged deliberation on several critical fronts. He urged parliamentarians to immediately begin tackling vaccination hesitancy through education, social mobilisation, and trust building. In the case of hard-to-reach populations, such as refugees, undocumented migrants, or vulnerable people who do not or cannot reach official vaccination facilities, specific and attentive policies must be adopted to guarantee maximum inclusivity.

To avoid vaccine nationalism and consequential vaccine price increases, Dr. Kapila encouraged greater cross-regional cooperation and the establishment of resilient vaccine pipelines by planning and forecasting vaccine demand at national level in a systematic but realistic manner. Furthermore, he stressed the importance of exclusively delivering vaccines approved by strict pharmaceutical authorities such as the European Medical Authority (EMA) or the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). In his closing remarks, he observed how national parliaments might consider opening discussions on compulsory vaccinations compared to voluntary mechanisms backed by strong communication campaigns. He also mentioned the possibility of introducing vaccine passes to allow for the gradual revival of businesses.

**Mr. Arnault Prêtet, Deputy Head of the Central Asia Unit at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**

The presentation of Mr. Arnault Prêtet on recovery financing strategies built upon Dr. Kapila’s reflections on the cruciality of herd immunity for a successful economic recovery. Indeed, Mr. Prêtet presented a series of OECD projections according to which the efficacy of recovery plans will depend greatly on the success of national vaccination campaigns, as well as on the financing mechanisms for investments in digitalisation and environmental sustainability. In his analysis, Mr. Prêtet discussed how most countries across the world have preferred debt as a financing strategy, whereas previous crises were faced through fiscal consolidation policies. Looking at the recovery, he highlighted how national parliaments must develop and implement structural reforms, including debt and financial management, but also direct structural tax reforms towards, for example, increased digitalisation.





Mr. Prêtet praised legislators' efforts in providing short-term emergency expenditures to tackle the socio-economic difficulties generated by the pandemic. However, he called on national parliaments to begin embracing a longer-term perspective that reinstalls traditional legislative practices and assesses Covid-19 crisis management policies in terms of efficiency, transparency, parliamentary feedback, and stakeholder consultations.

In his concluding remarks, Mr. Prêtet urged policymakers to strengthen international tax cooperation, for instance through the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes. The forum is a 162-member multilateral framework under the OECD that aims to implement international tax transparency standards addressing tax evasion, offshore financial centres, money laundering and tax information exchange agreements. As suggested by Mr. Prêtet, stronger fiscal information sharing at the international level can help accelerate the economic recovery by assuring accountability, transparency, and reliability of financing strategies.

**Mr. Khaled Khalifa, Senior Advisor and Representative to the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**

As a follow-up to discussions on financing the recovery, Mr. Khaled Khalifa presented the advantages and opportunities of Islamic Finance and Islamic Philanthropy. In particular, Mr. Khalifa provided the audience with data on the current Islamic Finance market and its potential for international growth, emphasising the role of Islamic Philanthropy in achieving cross-regional economic empowerment.

Mr. Khalifa explained how, in Islamic Finance, money has no intrinsic value and must therefore be converted into an asset to be considered useful. Investments must thus be backed by solid assets within the limits of Islamic Law, which prohibits, for example, investments in alcohol, weapons, drugs, gambling, speculation, and unethical trade methodologies. Therefore, the scope of action of Islamic Finance focuses exclusively on socially responsible investments.

Mr. Khalifa highlighted how the Islamic Finance model presents a great opportunity for Muslim and non-Muslim communities in the Global South, as it has the capacity to reach otherwise financially marginalised people. He concluded his remarks by noting how socially and environmentally responsible investing has grown in popularity worldwide, and how replicating the Islamic Finance models within traditionally non-Muslim banking systems could allow for a greater response to ethical investors' needs.

**Hon. Pedro Roque, PAM President Emeritus and President of the Second Standing Committee of Economic, Social and Environmental Cooperation**





At the end of the expert panel, Hon. Pedro Roque heartily called for increased cooperation among countries and regions to successfully emerge from this crisis. His remarks focused on two crucial policy areas: the transition to a climate-positive economy and the need for robust vaccine cooperation. In relation to climate action, Hon. Roque highlighted the unique opportunity provided by recovery packages in helping achieve the targets set by the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda and urged policymakers to take fullest advantage of the recovery efforts by promoting decarbonization, circularity, and digitalisation of SMEs and local economic activities. He concluded his statement recalling the perils of vaccine nationalism and noting that “*no inward-looking national measure will be enough if cooperation on vaccination strategies is absent*”.

### **Mr. Asaf Hajiyevev, Secretary General of PABSEC**

On a similar note, Mr. Asaf Hajiyevev applauded the reinforcement of cross-regional cooperation brought forth by the event and expanded on the benefit of the cultural and religious heterogeneity provided by the joint discussions of PAM, TURKPA, and PABSEC. He also stressed the centrality of interparliamentary diplomacy in the development of inclusive and sustainable policies. Finally, owing to the similarity of local economies and common ambitions between PAM, TURKPA, and PABSEC member states, Mr. Hajiyevev advocated for increased synergies in the energy, ICT, and tourism sectors.

## **DEBATE**

The debate that followed the high-level expert panel provided parliamentarians and attendees with an opportunity to discuss the above-mentioned policy areas. Delegates from Turkey, Croatia, Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Palestine, Tunisia, and Qatar contributed with their insightful national experiences on the legislative strategies adopted to fight the Covid-19 pandemic. Among those who took the floor, there was consensus on stronger vaccination cooperation and better investment strategies in line with a digital and a net-zero emissions future. There was also general apprehension on the state of the tourism industry and the necessity to rethink tourism in a responsible and sustainable manner.

### **Hon. Atay Uslu, Member of the Human Rights Inquiry Commission of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, Head of the Turkish Delegation to PAM**

Hon. Uslu provided considerations on how the pandemic did not discriminate across borders, yet it had a significantly worse effect on those economies that were already struggling before the Covid-19 crisis. In this regard, Hon. Uslu reflected on Turkey’s efforts to provide humanitarian aid and development cooperation, serving as a corridor from Europe to Central Asia.





**Hon. Salaidin Aidarov, Deputy Chairman of Commission of the Delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic to TURKPA**

Hon. Aidarov gave an extensive overview of the Kyrgyz economy. In particular, he focused on those industries that have allowed the country to witness some economic respite, such as online retail shopping, while recalling also those sectors that are still suffering the effects of the pandemic, such as tourism. In his intervention, Hon. Aidarov highlighted that Kyrgyzstan continues to invest in education and digitalisation and provide emergency welfare support for the Kyrgyz population.

**Hon. Ljubica Maksimčuk, Head of the Croatian Delegation to PAM**

Hon. Maksimčuk concentrated her contribution to the debate on the recovery strategies that the Croatian parliament is planning to deploy, taking into consideration not only the crisis that stemmed from the Covid-19 crisis, but also the economic burden that earthquakes in 2020 placed on the country. Hon. Maksimčuk stressed that Croatia's first priority remains the containment of the pandemic through a solid vaccine roll-out plan and acknowledged that a climate-neutral and inclusive recovery will open new opportunities for citizens and businesses.

**Hon. Amirkhan Rakhimzhanov, Director of the Library of the First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan – Leader of the Nation and Member of the Kazakhstan Delegation to TURKPA**

*“This pandemic is a lesson for us to learn from our weak points and re-analyse the way we work and form collectively new buffers to prevent new crises”*, stated Hon. Rakhimzhanov. Furthermore, he underlined the extraordinary opportunities that renewed cooperation towards green and digital investments offer to accelerate countries' contributions to the Agenda 2030 and the Paris Agreement.

**Hon. Jedidi Sboui, Member of the Tunisian Delegation to PAM**

Hon. Sboui focused his intervention on financing for SMEs, vaccination agreements, cooperation on lowering economic pressure through debt relief, and research on digitalisation in the field of artificial intelligence. He stressed the importance of sharing policies that foster economic recovery through innovation and environmental protection.

**Hon. Nurbaev Abdyvahap, Member of the Committee on International Affairs, Defense and Security of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic and Member of the Delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic to TURKPA**

*“The pandemic has shown that bad sanitary conditions, poverty, and the lack of clean water are exacerbated in a situation of economic crisis. Recovering from the pandemic will thus not mean returning to the old normal but allowing our population to live better.”* Hon. Nurbaev delivered a speech on labour relations and decent working conditions, citing Sustainable Development Goal 8





“Decent work and economic growth”. He insisted on greater connections between recovery policies and the goals, targets, and indicators of the Agenda 2030. Hon. Nurbaev concluded his speech citing other internationally relevant issues, such as statelessness, inclusivity, and migrant protection.

**Hon. Eng. Ali Abdulatif Almesned, Member of the Shura Council of Qatar**

Hon. Almesned illustrated Qatar’s successes in terms of vaccine rollout and emergency welfare aid to its population, but also the challenges the country is facing in organising the Football World Cup in complete safety. *“The lesson we learned is the importance of coordination of all the different levels of government and international institutions.”*

**Hon. Recep Akdağ, President of the Health, Family, Labour and Social Affairs Committee of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and Member of the Turkish Delegation to TURKPA**

Hon. Akdag remarked the necessity of a coordinated and cooperative strategy on vaccine provisions, pointing out that inward-looking strategies are counterproductive to achieve long-term herd immunity. He also stressed Turkey’s availability in contributing to different vaccine productions.

**Hon. Belal Qasem, PAM Vice-President and Head of the Palestinian Delegation to PAM**

Hon. Qasem spoke about the difficulties that Palestinian territories are facing in delivering an efficient vaccine rollout and explained actions local authorities have taken to protect the population from the pandemic. He underscored the paramount importance of cooperation not only in the field of vaccinations but also at the social and economic levels.

**Hon. Katica Glamuzina, Member of the Croatian Delegation to PAM**

Hon. Glamuzina emphasised how the Covid-19 pandemic exacerbated gender inequality. *“The pandemic has erased decades of progress in the field of gender equality: in the past year, evidence of escalating domestic violence, disrupted schooling, job losses, exploding burdens of unpaid care have affected women far more than men”*, stated the Croatian MP. To contrast this situation, Hon. Glamuzina advocated for policies that specifically target girls and women, such as support to women entrepreneurship projects and the care economy.

**Hon. Kenza Ajala, Member of the Tunisian Delegation to PAM**

*“It’s not easy to establish a recovery plan without the help and support of international financial institutions and without Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs) in SMEs. Tunisia has invested in the green and digital economy, prompting scientists and students to advance research pertaining to the health system, space engineering, and decarbonisation”*. In light of the slow and limited





vaccination delivery to Tunisia, Hon. Ajala recalled the importance of greater international cooperation and solidarity on vaccination campaigns.

## CLOSING REMARKS

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Closing remarks were delivered by PAM Secretary General, **Ambassador Sergio Piazzi**, who thanked panellists and guests for providing a fruitful and engaging debate and recalled future PAM initiatives to build a green and resilient renaissance across the Mediterranean and beyond. “*We have the duty to work together: economic recovery from Covid-19 is not a national issue. The success of our neighbor is our success*”, stated the Ambassador. He concluded his intervention by praising the new partnership with TURKPA and the continuous support offered by PABSEC, addressing how such cross-regional partnerships have the power to deliver more synchronised and harmonious policies to address global issues.

In his final statement, the Secretary General of TURKPA, **Mr. Altynbek Mamaiusupov**, expressed TURKPA’s willingness to cooperate on developing science-based policies in the two regions and its continued openness towards partnerships and collaborations for a sustainable post-Covid recovery. “*I want to emphasise that inter-parliamentary dialogue increases mutual understanding and promotes flexibility and confidence in various matters*”, affirmed Mr. Mamaiusupov, highlighting how “*joint PAM-TURKPA initiatives and mutual participation in each other’s activities will give us additional opportunities to further strengthen ties based on framework cooperation.*”

The event was the first occasion to successfully enforce the collaboration between PAM and TURKPA. As a follow-up to this event, the two Assemblies committed to organising a high-level in-person conference on economic recovery in October 2021 in Antalya (Turkey) in collaboration with the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## REFERENCES

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Link to the videorecording of the Virtual Event:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bV3asmDCXsM>





## AGENDA

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### I. Welcome by Amb. Sergio Piazzi, PAM Secretary General (5 min)

### II. High Level Opening (20 min)

- **Hon. Pedro Roque**, PAM Vice-President and President of the PAM 2<sup>nd</sup> Standing Committee on Economic, Social and Environmental Cooperation
- **Hon. Javanshir Feyziyev**, Member of the Committee for International Relations and Interparliamentary Connections of the Milli Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Member of the TURKPA Commission on Legal Affairs and International Relations
- **Mr. Asaf Hajiye**v, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC)

### III. Expert Panel (50 min) moderated by Hon. Giulio Centemero, Co-chair of the PAM Panel on Trade and Investment

- **Hon. Ricardo Baptista Leite**, Vice-president of the board, Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & International Monetary Fund
- **Ms. Diana Battaglia**, Head of the Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPO) Italy, UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- **Mr. Edward Calthrop**, Senior Head of Climate Policy at the European Investment Bank (EIB)
- **Dr. Mukesh Kapila**, Professor at the University of Manchester and PAM Senior Advisor
- **Mr. Arnault Prêtet**, Deputy Head of the Central Asia Unit at the Organisation for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Mr. Khaled Khalifa**, Senior Advisor & Representative to the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

### IV. Parliamentary debate (60 min)

- Interventions from delegates and guests.

### V. Conclusions and closing Remarks (15 min)

- **Amb. Sergio Piazzi**, Secretary General, PAM
- **Mr. Altynbek Mamaiusopov**, Secretary General, TURKPA





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