



PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN
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الجمعية البرلمانية للبحر الأبيض المتوسط



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM)

And

Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly (MCA)

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (hereinafter PAM) and the Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly (hereinafter MCA), hereinafter the 'Parties' to this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter MoU):

Taking into account the strategic geopolitical importance of the Mediterranean region, given its centrality to the African, Asian and European continents forming the circumference of its shores, where the peaceful cohabitation of its peoples is contingent on stability, security, democracy, harmonious economic, cultural and social development;

Considering as priority objectives the importance of guaranteeing the wellbeing of its peoples, and the furthering of cultural, economic, political, religious and social integration, based on the principles of the rule of law and at the same time promoting respect for human rights;

Confirming the need to develop synergies aimed at furthering the process of deepening mutual knowledge through the exchange of information and understanding of each others' best practices;

Recalling the strategic mission of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, created by the sovereign decision of the national parliaments of its Member States as an independent and equitable international organization operating both within and beyond the catchment area of the Mediterranean basin, and granted the Observer Status at the United Nations General Assembly by GA Resolution A/RES/64/12;

Acknowledging that the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, as a member and/or partner of numerous other international and regional organizations active in the Mediterranean region, plays a well-established and widely-recognized role as a Centre of Excellence and key actor for parliamentary diplomacy dedicated to democratic processes, peace and confidence-

building initiatives, the promotion of synergies to support economic exchange and development, sustainable use of natural resources and protection of the environment, and more generally intercultural integration and interreligious dialogue;

Recalling that the Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly has committed to work towards the emergence of a Mediterranean community of peoples, that the MCA has set out a Founding Charter based on the following values: democracy, freedom, peace, and respect for cultural diversity and environmental responsibility.

Recalling that the Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly is a process of action and collective intelligence by the citizens of the region that transcend the framework of the traditional expertise, and that aims to produce proposals and new elements of consensus.

It is also a long-term process that gathers different social actors - citizens' movements, public and private institutions, firms, associations, trade unions, experts, universities, and research centers.

Acknowledging that the Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly aims to foster the emergence a citizen's voice and action, through the organization of activities, meetings and the creation of spaces for open dialogue.

Acknowledging the objective of the Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly to promote citizens intervention within the framework of a new political, economic, social construction for the Mediterranean region, via supporting the economic and political integration in a regional framework, and acting for the overtaking of mutual fears in order to give a human, political, cultural, environmental and economic sense to a Mediterranean community of peoples.

Agree to sign this Memorandum of Understanding.

I. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this MoU is to lay down the basis for cooperation between the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean and the Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly aiming at further developing and consolidating the relationship between Parliaments, civil society and citizens, through active participation, initiatives and projects aimed at fulfilling the common good of the peoples in the Mediterranean region.

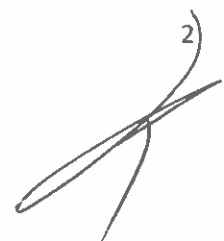
II. RESPONSABILITIES OF THE PARTIES

The Parties agree that it is in the mutual interest of PAM and the MCA to cooperate on activities relating to Mediterranean issues.

Accordingly, they agree to the following:

- a) Exchange of information and consultation

The parties hereby agree to keep each other informed of activities that may be of common interest to the extent permitted by the bye-laws of each Party. Such exchange will include making available reports on meetings, missions, recommendations adopted within the respective organisations, and more generally, any publications on subjects of common interest.



The Parties will at all times endeavour to deepen their cooperation by means of formal and informal consultations on issues of common interest.

At any time, either of the Parties may make proposals to the other Party about particular projects or events undertaken by the other Party, which the recipient Party will take into consideration in good faith.

Moreover, the Parties will organise joint events in areas of common interest on questions relating to Mediterranean issues falling under their respective mandates. These may include, by way of example, conferences, seminars, publications, working groups and field study trips to specific areas of the region.

With a view to exchanging information and furthering cooperation, each Party will designate a focal point that will be responsible for liaising and facilitating information flows.

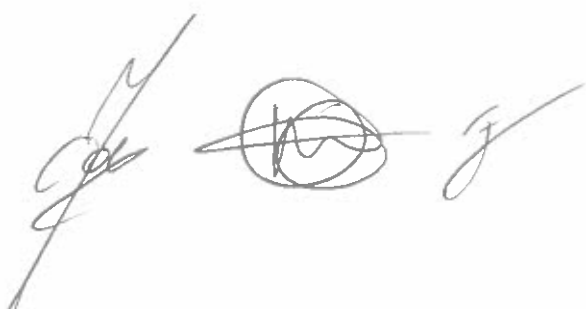
The Parties should use appropriate media means to make public and disseminate the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding as they think fit.

b) Observer Status

Both Parties to this MoU agree to grant each other Observer Status to their respective organizations on a reciprocal basis.

c) Enhanced cooperation

Both Parties agree to enhance their cooperation, among others, through their participations to other party activities or cooperation between MCA local circles and local authorities in the Mediterranean.



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III. ENTRY INTO FORCE, AMENDMENT AND SIGNING

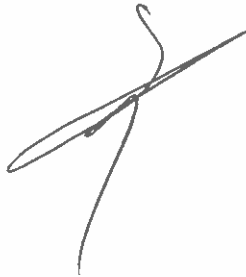
This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force when signed by both Parties and remain valid until such time as either Party informs the other Party of its intention to cancel the Memorandum by giving at least one month's written notice to the other Party.

Any amendments to this Memorandum shall be subject to the written approval by both Parties.

Signed on the 23th November 2013, in Istanbul, Turkey

**Parliamentary Assembly of the
Mediterranean**

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