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Special Task Force on Organised Crime

**"Dumping of Toxic and Radioactive Waste and Human Trafficking
in the Mediterranean"**

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The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean

- a) **Recalling** the United Nations Convention against Corruption of 31 October 2003, the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime of December 2000 and of its Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children;
- b) **Recalling** the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 63/194 of 18 December 2008 (Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons) and Human Rights Council resolution 11/3 of 17 June 2009 (Trafficking in persons, especially women and children);
- c) **Recalling** the 1974 International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974; **Underlines** in that respect the responsibility of the individual/organisation agreeing to pay a ransom to kidnappers, a decision that encourages further criminal activities at sea or elsewhere;
- d) **Recognizing** the duty of a State to protect the life its citizens. This obligation cannot release it from making use of all the available legal instruments to pursue and firmly punish criminal acts, including hostage-taking;
- e) **Recognizing** that activities by criminal groups have, in recent years, benefited from globalization, the opening of borders and technological progress, in particular in the field of communications (telephone use, internet GPPS etc...); **Condemning in that respect** all types of cybercrime including child pornography;
- f) **Recognizing** the positive contributions of institutions such as Interpol and Europe in fighting against organized crime in the Mediterranean region;

- g) ***Underlining*** the links between the various criminal activities such as drug trafficking, arms trafficking, money-laundering, human trafficking and the financing of terrorism;
- h) ***Concerned*** with the human rights violations caused by criminal activities and most importantly by human trafficking;
- i) ***Underlining*** the increased challenges caused by the dumping of toxic and radioactive waste in the Mediterranean Sea;
- j) ***Having regard to*** the aims and activities undertaken by the Maritime Analysis and Operations Center for Narcotics (MAOC-N) based in Lisbon (Portugal) and of the Center de Coordination de la Lutte Anti-Drogue en Méditerranée (CeCLAD-M) based in Toulon (France);
 1. Calls upon the governments which are members of PAM to reinforce their cooperation in the fight against organized crime by sharing information and urges them to pay particular attention to maritime surveillance,
 2. Supports civil society initiatives aimed at fighting pollution in the Mediterranean sea through the dumping of toxic and radioactive waste,
 3. Calls on the governments of the Mediterranean region to conduct studies on the impact of maritime pollution on the health of their citizens,
 4. Calls upon States that have not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto as a matter of priority and to fully implement their provision and to join the Non-Proliferation Treaty and allow nuclear energy inspectors to enter their nuclear facilities where applicable,
 5. Stresses the need to combat organized crime, including gangs involved with hidden immigration, human trafficking and drugs in all Mediterranean countries, as well as of combating the phenomenon of abduction in sub-Saharan Africa. In this context, the importance and need for South-South cooperation and coordination must be highlighted.
 6. Invites parliaments to initiate parliamentary meetings at the national level in order to raise awareness among their public opinions and legislators on these issues, in the presence of their national and of regional experts so as to exchange best practices and legislative activities in the fight against human trafficking and criminal activities linked to the dumping of toxic wastes in the Mediterranean Sea,
 7. Reaffirms its commitment to work in close cooperation with institutions dealing with the fight against organized crime in the Mediterranean region as well as with civil society in order to curb human trafficking and the dumping of toxic wastes in the region.