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

“Climate Change challenges: after Paris and Marrakech”

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean,

- a) *Recognizing* that human activity continues to be the leading cause of climate change;
- b) *Alarmed* by the projected negative consequences on all aspects of human life if the issue is not addressed promptly and decisively;
- c) *Concerned* by the particular vulnerabilities of the Mediterranean region to climate change;
- d) *Aware* of the several ways in which climate change can be addressed;
- e) *Convinced* that adequate waste management practices would contribute to significantly reduce greenhouse gases emissions;
- f) *Acknowledging* that the adverse effects of climate change may turn into a destabilizing factor as a source of tensions on agriculture and water resources;
- g) *Having regard* to the results of the COP21 and COP22;
- h) *Welcoming* the entry into force of the Paris Agreement and the Marrakech Action Plan for Our Climate and Sustainable Development;
- i) *Underlining* the importance of cooperation among all actors to contrast the effects of Climate Change;
- j) *Convinced* that parliamentarians have an important role to play on climate change issues;
- k) *Stressing* the utility of the MedCop initiatives organized in 2015 and 2016, in Marseille and Tangier respectively, as a Mediterranean forum that includes all stakeholders active on climate change issues,

- I. **Invites** Heads of States, Governments and National Parliaments to contrast climate change and its adverse effects in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities;
- II. **Reaffirms** its willingness to work in order to ensure that the challenges facing the Mediterranean region are taken into consideration and properly addressed;
- III. **Invites** the 2nd Standing Committee to continue its activities on energy and waste management, being it also a way to address climate change from a practical point of view;
- IV. **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;
- V. **Invites** governments and parliaments of PAM member states that have completed the ratification process to take all the actions to implement the Paris Agreement;
- VI. **Invites** governments and parliaments of PAM member states that have not yet done this, to take the necessary measures to complete the Paris Agreement ratification process;
- VII. **Reaffirms** its commitment to support both mitigation and adaptation efforts in the fight against climate change which will also be in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- VIII. **Invites** member countries to organize a MedCOP meeting in 2017, when the COP presidency will not be held by a Mediterranean country;
- IX. **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 and adaptation processes;