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**1<sup>st</sup> Standing Committee on Political and Security related Cooperation**

“Political and security developments in the MENA region and Western Balkans”

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The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean,

- a) *Concerned* about the prolonged political, military and humanitarian crises affecting the Euro-Mediterranean region;
- b) *Convinced* that finding a political solution to conflicts and crises, is essential for the security and stability of the entire Euro-Mediterranean region;
- c) *Welcoming* the efforts of the UN, and the Astana guarantors, *to* establish a Syrian-led and Syrian-owned Constitutional Committee in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 2254;
- d) *Alarmed* by the continued instability and political crisis in Libya, and *deeply concerned* about the high levels of criminal activity on its territory, including terrorism, migrant smuggling, and human trafficking;
- e) *Welcoming* the efforts of the UN and the international community to facilitate the process of national reconciliation in Libya, as outlined in the Libyan Political Agreement, with the aim to hold national elections in 2019;
- f) *Deeply concerned* by the heightened tensions, civilian casualties, and the lack of progress towards peace between Israel and Palestine;
- g) *Concerned* about the large deficits in the regular budget of UNRWA;
- h) *Noting with concern* the slowness of political and economic integration in the Western Balkans;
- i) *Recognising* that free and fair elections and strong democratic institutions are the cornerstones of global and regional security and stability;

- j) *Convinced* that parliamentary diplomacy plays an important role in conflict de-escalation, confidence building, and support of humanitarian actions;
- I. *Reaffirms* its intention to continue closely monitoring all the conflicts, crises, and major political developments occurring in the Euro-Mediterranean region;
  - II. *Calls* for reinforced international efforts, including at the inter-parliamentary level, to support the revitalization of the Middle East Peace Process between Israel and Palestine as well as the peace processes and national reconciliation in Syria and Libya;
  - III. *Expresses* its support for the process of national reconciliation in Syria, and *encourages* all relevant actors to expedite this process by convening a credible, balanced and inclusive constitutional committee, as the next step leading to a comprehensive political solution, according to UN resolutions;
  - IV. *Urges* the relevant parties to expedite the implementation of the Libyan Political Agreement, including the passing of necessary legislation to facilitate national elections;
  - V. *Reaffirms* its position that a two-state solution is the only way for both peoples, Israelis and Palestinians, to achieve their legitimate aspirations to govern themselves, to live side by side within safe and recognized borders, in peace and security: the State of Israel and the independent State of Palestine, in accordance with the relevant international resolutions;
  - VI. *Remains available to* assist in national reconciliation and democratisation processes;
  - VII. *Calls* on the international community for financial support for UNRWA
  - VIII. *Urges* all relevant actors in the Western Balkan region to resort to dialogue to resolve any substantial issues
  - IX. *Remains ready* to support democratic processes in its member states through parliamentary monitoring of national elections
  - X. *Remains at the disposal* of its member countries to implement the instrument of parliamentary diplomacy to foster peace, stability and dialogue in the region.