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1st Standing Committee on Political and Security-related Cooperation

“Countering terrorism and violent extremism”

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The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean,

- a) *Reaffirming* its absolute condemnation to all kinds of terrorism, considering it a major threat to international peace and security;
- b) *Recalling* the innocent victims of the many barbarian acts of terrorism which have struck the Mediterranean region;
- c) *Recalling* the outcome of its activities and debates on this issue, and the its determined commitment to contrast and prevent violent extremism;
- d) *Concerned* by the rapid diffusion of violent extremism worldwide and the increasing number of Foreign Terrorist Fighters returning to MENA and European countries;
- e) *Aware* of the importance of cooperation of and partnership with the UN Security Council, its Counter Terrorism Committee, and the UN Counter Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED) and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime’s Division (UNODC) on this topic;
- f) *Considering* the socio-economic causes that contribute to spreading extremist ideologies;
- g) *Recalling* that social changes, and in particular demographic transformations, require parliamentarians to address a series of new social and economic questions;
- h) *Aware* of the fact that the complexity of the migration issue might be exploited by extremist ideologies;
- i) *Alarmed* by the recent extension of the concept of use of force;

- 1) **Invites** its Member States to undertake specific initiatives to face socio-economic challenges, such as unemployment, lack of efficient and affordable education systems, economic dissatisfaction, as well as the perception of widespread corruption and lack of transparent governance in many countries, which contributes to the consolidation of the terrorist phenomena;
- 2) **Calls on** Member States to adopt measures aimed at ensuring a better control of the internet communication channels in order to avoid the diffusion of violent messages, while taking into consideration the protection of civil rights and freedom of expression of individuals;
- 3) **Encourages** national parliaments to continue working to address the global migration crisis;
- 4) **Urges** Member States to participate actively to international inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue in order to promote the mutual comprehension between different cultures;
- 5) **Calls on** lawmakers in Member States to adopt, where required, an efficient national legislation on terrorism, in particular FTFs, aimed at implementing a long-lasting strategy of prevention, and to cooperate in order to improve the system of information sharing between countries;
- 6) **Requests** Member States to fully implement the UN Security Council resolutions on this issue, and to sustain the efforts of other offices and departments that work in this field, such as CTED and UNODC;
- 7) **Stands ready** to support the cooperation between national parliaments in order to improve national legislation regarding to terrorism and, particularly, FTFs;
- 8) **Urges** Member States to work on the transparency and corruption, as factors that undermine populations' trust for governments.
- 9) **Request** its national parliaments to continue supporting PAM activities aimed at strengthening international and regional cooperation within an integrated approach aimed at ensuring coherent and effective legal mechanisms to fight terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization.