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“Job creation and Unemployment in the Mediterranean”

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The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean:

- a) **Aware** that the Mediterranean region is still undergoing major changes after the Arab Uprisings which took off earlier last year;
- b) **Recognising** that human capital is a significant determinant of socio-economic growth which has a vast influence on the labour market and economic output;
- c) **Welcoming** the efforts that number of Mediterranean countries have undertaken to promote strategic policies to enhance job creation on a longer term;
- d) **Recognising** the importance of the effort undertaken by governments, policy makers and Mediterranean Institutions to fight against unemployment in the region;
- e) **Welcoming and encouraging furthermore** the participation of communities and civil society to achieve political reforms in the labour market in the Mediterranean Region;
- f) **Encouraging** the contribution of individuals and communities to achieve political reforms which will define new policies designed on the people's needs;
- g) **Acknowledging** that through close collaboration and genuine commitment of policy makers, the Mediterranean region can develop into an integrated and inter-connected region, where democracy, social rights and economic development can flourish;

- I. ***Urges*** all parliamentarians to guarantee that a framework for regional cooperation on Job creation and combating unemployment can be put in place to foster economic development in the region;
- II. ***Calls on*** all member states to take immediate action to collaborate together to provide decent and long term sustainable jobs to the Mediterranean peoples;
- III. ***Urges*** all countries of the Mediterranean to engage in immediate cooperation and enhance the exchange of skills and knowledge to boost job creation across border, whilst also recognising the need to promote entrepreneurship and strengthen public employment services in the region;
- IV. ***Urges*** parliamentarians to work together to call for a clear strategy on the link between education and the labour market;
- V. ***Calls on*** all PAM parliamentarians for more commitment to make women become an integral part of the economic system of the Mediterranean countries;
- VI. ***Invites*** all PAM parliamentarians to develop a clear and a specific Pan-Mediterranean migration policy;
- VII. ***Emphasises*** the need of facilitating work permits and visa issues for qualified and educated individuals in the Mediterranean region, regardless of their nationality;
- VIII. ***Urges*** all Mediterranean countries to pursue their actions in relation to the promotion of SMEs in the region, being a significant tool for job creation, especially for the youth;
- IX. ***Calls on*** the importance to reinforce Education and Capacity Building, and to strengthen the link between the countries of PAM and the Mediterranean institutions relevant to finance, vocational training and apprenticeship;