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ON

**“ENLARGING THE PARTNERSHIP WITH NON
MEMBER MEDITERRANEAN STATES TO INCLUDE
THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY”**

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1. Noting the on-going political upheaval in the Mediterranean region, in particular in the Arab countries, brought on by the peaceful and civic protest of the populations of those countries, and calling upon the importance of reinforcing the Mediterranean Partnership in a context of respect for the rule of law and the human rights,
2. Acknowledging the risk of spring turning cold if regressive forces were to assume control, with negative effects on the rights of women, minorities and others, responding by deepening our dialogue with the Arab world, and mindful of the centrality of the Palestine question in Middle Eastern politics,
3. Expressing the urgent need, in view of this new geopolitical context, to reach a just and sustainable solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict, and emphasizing that this is the key to permanent peace and stability in the Middle East,
4. Emphasizing that international recognition of the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people is conducive to achieving sustainable peace,
5. Noting the dwindling prospects of the two-state solution with the ongoing expansion of illegal Jewish settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory,
6. Acknowledging the privileged relation of the OSCE with six Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation, namely Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia,
7. Emphasising the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's interest in the Mediterranean region as shown by the Parliamentary Mediterranean Conference of Madrid (2002), followed by the Mediterranean Forums in Rome (2003), Rhodes (2004), Sveti Stefan (2005), Malta (2006), Portoroz (2007), Toronto (2008), Athens (2009) and Palermo (2010) and Dubrovnik (2011),
8. Recalling the Helsinki Final Act (1975), which states the CSCE Members' intention to "seek, by further improving their relations with the non-participating Mediterranean States, to increase mutual confidence, so as to promote security and stability in the Mediterranean area as a whole", as well as to "maintain and amplify the contacts and dialogue as initiated by the CSCE with the non-participating Mediterranean States to include all the States of the Mediterranean, with the purpose of contributing to peace, reducing armed forces in the region, strengthening security, lessening tensions in the region, and widening the scope of co-operation, ends in which all share a common interest, as well as with the purpose of defining further common objectives."

9. Recalling further the Helsinki Document 1992; the Budapest Document 1994; the Charter for European Security 1999; the 2003 OSCE Strategy to Address Threats to Security and Stability in the Twenty-First Century; Permanent Council Decision No. 571 on further dialogue and co-operation with the Partners for Co-operation and exploring the scope for wider sharing of OSCE norms, principles and commitments with others; Sofia Ministerial Council Decision No. 17/04 on the OSCE and its Partners for Co-operation; Madrid Ministerial Declaration of 2007 on the OSCE Partners for Co-operation; Astana Commemorative Declaration of 2010, which underlined the importance of enhancing the level of interaction with the Partners for Co-operation; Vilnius Ministerial Council meeting 2011, which reconfirms participating States openness to considering future potential applications for partnership from interested countries, in line with Permanent Council Decision No. 430 of 19 July 2001 and other relevant documents and decisions, which underlined the importance of dialogue and co-operation with the Partners for Co-operation, exploring the scope for wider sharing of OSCE norms, principles and commitments with them,
10. Recalling continued challenges to security and stability within and around the OSCE area, reiterating the interdependence between the security of the OSCE area and that of the Partners for Co-operation, and encouraging further efforts to strengthen the relationship between the Partners for Co-operation and the participating States in order to increase our ability to respond to new and traditional threats to security,
11. Recalling the Charter of Paris for a New Europe (1990) aiming at “promoting favourable conditions for a harmonious development and diversification of relations with the non-participating Mediterranean States”,
12. Stressing the importance of mutual transparency and confidence as principles guiding the relations between the OSCE and its Mediterranean Partners,
13. Recalling the previous resolutions of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE on the Mediterranean area,
14. Taking into consideration the efforts of the Palestinian National Authority to establish the institutional framework of a State by mid-2011 according to the plan it adopted in 2009,
15. Noting the UN assessment based on the report (April 2011) of the Office of the UN Special Co-ordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, according to which “the Palestinian Authority is ready to govern a potential Palestinian State”,
16. Considering the World Bank statements and its assessment of September 2010 which indicates that “If the Palestinian Authority maintains its current performance in institution building and delivery of public services, it is well positioned for the establishment of a State at any point in the near future”,
17. Considering the recent IMF report which concludes that “the Palestinian Authority is now able to conduct the sound economic policies expected of a future well-functioning Palestinian state”,

18. Noting the latest assessment of the Office of the UN Special Co-ordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (March 2012) that the Palestinian Authority has continued to realize progress in a range of different areas, including, for example, the capacity of the security forces in the West Bank and in the provision of basic services, and addressing the needs of the most vulnerable members of Palestinian society, and that this deepening of institutional progress represents a further step forward in strengthening the institutions of a future Palestinian state,
19. Considering the address of Mr. Barack Obama, President of the United States, at the UN General Assembly in September 2010, wishing a Palestinian UN membership in 2011,
20. Acknowledging the historic step taken by UNESCO in October 2011 when Palestine was offered membership of that organization,
21. Taking into consideration the recent decisions taken by France, Spain, Ireland, Portugal and the United Kingdom to upgrade the status of the Palestinian diplomatic representation to a full diplomatic mission,
22. Drawing attention to the decision of the Icelandic Parliament in November 2011 to entrust the Government of Iceland to recognize the independence and sovereignty of Palestine,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

23. Calls upon the OSCE to grant the Palestinian National Authority the status of Mediterranean Partner for Co-operation, following their request of November 2004;
24. Stresses the importance for the OSCE to live up to the profound democratic changes going on in the Mediterranean region by associating the Palestinian National Authority as a non-member partner;
25. Emphasizes the importance of building two independent, viable and stable states within a framework that guarantees the safety of the population of both States, i.e. the State of Israel and the State of Palestine;
26. Urges the OSCE participating States and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation to initiate a constructive dialogue on peace in the Middle East within the framework of the OSCE.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION

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