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Environmental Cooperation**

Special Task Force on Environment

**“The Mediterranean environment in jeopardy: a call for urgent action”**

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The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean:

- I. **Welcomes** all initiatives demonstrated by governments, national and international institutions in the fight against disaster reduction and environment degradation;
- II. **Recognizes** that climate change, environment degradation and the increasing vulnerability of urbanized areas exacerbate the impact of natural and technological disasters, and that a comprehensive approach for disasters risk reduction is therefore necessary;
- III. **Urges** all Governments of PAM member states to set disaster risk reduction as a national and international top priority to be integrated and harmonized within poverty eradication and sustainable development policies and programmes;
- IV. **Calls** upon all PAM national parliaments to take measures to identify, assess and monitor the disaster risk and the multiple social, economic and environmental vulnerabilities of their country by relying on serious probabilistic models, which will facilitate more considered decisions in the long-term based on a correct assessment of the costs, benefits and trade-offs internalized in public investment;
- V. **Encourages** all PAM national parliaments to strengthen the cooperation of their relevant national entities with expert centres of excellence and institutions specialised in climate change and disaster management and prevention (namely MAP, WMO, UNISDR and CNRS) in the Mediterranean Region as an essential component of risk assessment;
- VI. **Invites** all PAM national parliaments to create a favourable political environment capable of promoting the implementation of the *Hyogo Framework of Action* (2005-2015) advocated by the UNISDR;
- VII. **Requests** that all PAM Member States engage "*community participation*" in the fight against environment degradation by, among other things, raising awareness and

implementing a strategy for Mediterranean Education for Sustainable Development (MESD) so as to build a real "culture of prevention" among the Mediterranean Region and between its peoples, in line with the "Horizon 2020 Initiative";

VIII. ***Urges*** all PAM national parliaments to strengthen international cooperation in the fight against technological and natural hazards, regardless of their political, economic, social and cultural differences, and to redouble their efforts to reach agreements on the most sensitive topics (e.g. water).