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“Security challenges affecting the PAM region”

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Recommendations

I, the Rapporteur on security, on behalf of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM),

- a) *Recalling* the commitments to dialogue, peace, and security, enshrined in PAM Statutes on political and security-related cooperation, and the international legal obligations for all States under the provisions of UN Security Council resolutions;
- b) *Convinced* that security within the PAM region, and beyond, is profoundly interconnected, and that political will and constructive dialogue, through parliamentary diplomacy, are essential to finding solutions to ongoing political, security, military, and humanitarian crises and achieving stability and security;
- c) *Welcoming* the progress in the political process to find a national solution to the protracted crisis in Libya, the establishment of the Libyan Political Dialogue Forum (LPDF), the new Government of National Unity (GNU), and the scheduling of national elections;
- d) *Concerned* by the slowness of negotiations towards a comprehensive political solution in Syria, and *alarmed* by the volatile humanitarian and security situation in the border areas of the country, and the generalized socio-economic crisis in the region;
- e) *Regretting* the lack of real progress in the Middle East to achieve a sustainable Two-State solution between Israel and Palestine;
- f) *Convinced* that democracy is an essential cornerstone of peace, stability, and security, and *welcoming* the efforts to hold free elections throughout the PAM region;
- g) *Convinced* that stability, security, and development in neighboring regions are essential to guarantee the security of PAM countries, and require enhanced international cooperation;
- h) *Observing with deep concern* the growing instability, the dramatic rise in violence, alarming environmental degradation, and a persistent lack of socio-economic development, in several

parts of Africa, including the Sahel region, Lake Chad Basin, East Africa and Mozambique, and the effects that these developments pose on the security of the PAM region;

- i) *Concerned* by the protracted conflict in Yemen, which has resulted in one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world;
 - j) *Convinced* of the value of parliamentary diplomacy in building the confidence required to support efforts aimed at achieving and strengthening peace and security;
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- I. ***Reiterate*** PAM's call on all actors involved in armed conflicts to comply with relevant UN Security Council resolutions, take steps to de-escalate violence, to refrain from any military action which may cause civilian casualties or displacement of people, and to seek political resolutions to conflicts;
 - II. ***Assert*** the support of PAM to the LPDF and to the Libyan people to ensure the success of the Libya-owned political process, the holding of national elections, post-conflict reconstruction, and the strengthening of national democratic institutions;
 - III. ***Reaffirm*** the determination of PAM to continue to be engaged to promote solutions to security and humanitarian crises in Syria, and to encourage a comprehensive political solution, with the support of the relevant international actors;
 - IV. ***Reaffirm*** the position of PAM that a Two-State solution is the only way for both peoples, Israelis and Palestinians, to achieve their legitimate aspirations, 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;
 - V. ***Reaffirm*** the readiness of PAM to continue, upon invitation, providing support to all electoral processes in PAM member countries;
 - VI. ***Call*** for the strengthening of PAM cooperation with its southern neighbors in the Sahel and Sub-Saharan regions, regional African organizations, and key actors, to promote a strategy of security and development, combined with the allocation of adequate financial resources, to address the root causes leading to instability and violence;
 - VII. ***Call*** on PAM to continue closely coordinate with the UN to identify areas where its actions could be most effective in supporting the political resolutions to end the crisis in Yemen;
 - VIII. ***Call*** on Member Parliaments to continue to utilize PAM as an independent and impartial platform to foster dialogue and confidence building aimed at peace and security through the instrument of parliamentary diplomacy;