

# TURKPA

PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF TURKIC-SPEAKING COUNTRIES

## THIRD MEETING OF COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC, TRADE AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

### RECOMMENDATION

#### ON ROLE OF TRANSPORT COMMUNICATIONS IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION

**Realizing** the need to develop and modernize transport infrastructure, which meets the economic, social, environmental and safety requirements for development of economies and dynamic population structures creating a favorable climate for comprehensive economic cooperation;

**Welcoming** the strengthening of cooperation of TURKPA member-states in the field of transport and the establishment of regional infrastructural networks;

**Taking into account** latest activities of Turkic-speaking countries on development of transport infrastructure;

**Welcoming** the adoption of the Joint Protocol on cooperation in the field of transport development in Turkic-speaking states signed at the First Meeting of the Ministers of Transport held on 3 July 2013 in Baku;

**Supporting** efforts aimed at strengthening cooperation between customs services and welcoming the establishment of the working group and the holding of the first and second meetings of the Heads of customs services;

**Bearing** in mind that cooperation matters in the field of tourism will be the main agenda topic of the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> Summit of Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States to be held in June of 2014 in Turkey;

**Welcoming** all three Summits of Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (CCTS) aimed at multifaceted cooperation amongst Turkic-speaking states;

**Stressing** the intention to intensify joint efforts for promotion of efficient, environmentally-sound, safe, secure integrated and sustainable transport systems among the member-states;

**Supporting** the initiatives and programs of the international financial institutions directed to the development of transport infrastructure;

**Reaffirming** its commitment to provide legislative support to the CCTS initiatives in developing transport infrastructure;

**Recommends** the parliaments and the governments of the TURKPA member states:

1. *To promote* further facilitation of legal and technical procedures connected with transportation services in the member states, including rapprochement of the transport and custom legislation and harmonization of standards and technologies on the basis of the UN agreements and conventions;
2. *To support* liberalization of transit road transportation as a goal with a view to further enhancing trade among the Member States and strengthening their competitive multilateral capacities
3. *To improve* the quality of transport services that requires optimization of the transport system on three criteria – time, cost and safety;
4. *To facilitate* carrying the cargo flows through state borders, and also to *promote* practical realization of the TRACECA regional project “Silk Wind”;
5. *To encourage* joint activities directed at improvement of the logistic systems along with increase of transit capacity;
6. *To cooperate* in the field of the development of more ecologically safe transport modes;
7. *To support* coordination activities on the security of all modes of transport in the context of the national security in the region, including safe transportation of energy resources;
8. *To strengthen* activities focused on promoting the international transportation of passengers and goods in frames of a regionally integrated multi-modal transport network;
9. *To establish* TURKPA member states common database for the development of the transport networks based on the international experience, which should include the following:
  - a) assessment of the development dynamics of the transport networks in the region and consideration of joint projects aiming at improvement and extension of present infrastructure;
  - b) analysis of the investment conditions favourable for the participation of the private sector in the construction and operation of modern transport infrastructure;
10. *To develop* mechanisms on facilitation of transit procedures and data exchange, based on modern information technologies between the customs authorities of member states;
11. *To conduct* regular gatherings with participation of the members of national parliament delegations in TURKPA, government agencies and representatives of associations of TURKPA member countries in the field of transport and shipment to study regularly arising issues relating to improvement of transport links, shipment of goods and unhindered passage of transport means via the national borders.