

**SEEC PA GENERAL COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND  
SECURITY COOPERATION**

**9-10 FEBRUARY 2015**

**İSTANBUL**

**RESOLUTION**

**Reaffirming** our commitment to the continuous contribution for fulfilling the letter and spirit of the Bucharest Charter of Good Neighborly Relations, Stability, Security and Cooperation in South East Europe, as well as of the other relevant international documents ratified by our parliaments;

**Following** the Declaration on the inauguration of the SEEC PA Parliamentary Assembly adopted on 10 May 2014;

**Guided by** the Rules of Procedure of the SEEC PA Parliamentary Assembly adopted on 10 May 2014 which establish the functioning of the SEEC PA Parliamentary Assembly;

**In accordance** with the Work Program 2014/2015 adopted on 11 May 2014 and the Working Group Report adopted by the Working Group of the SEEC PA parliamentary dimension and approved during the Inaugural Session on 10 May 2014;

**Having regard to** the existing practices in the area of justice in the SEEC PA participating states;

**Guided by** the objective of identifying the opportunities for cooperation in the area of justice in the SEEC PA participating states;

**Acknowledging** the existing mechanisms of cooperation at the governmental level in the field of justice;

**Emphasizing** the relevance and significance of the development of effective mechanisms for the enhancement of parliamentary cooperation in the field of justice;

**Adhered to** the aim of achieving common high standards for speed and effectiveness of the justice systems in the SEEC PA participating states;

**Recognizing** the need to work on achieving integrated actions of judges, prosecutors and other judiciary bodies in order to establish better regional cooperation in the field of judicial cooperation;

**Emphasizing** that sustainable quality of judiciary system guarantees the predictable judiciary practice, economic growth and foreign investments, and it is based on efficient governing structure and stable administrative capacities;

**Recognizing** the progress achieved in the international judicial cooperation in combatting cross border organized crime through effective mechanisms such as the Southeast European Prosecutors Advisory Group (SEEPAG) and the Southeast European Law Enforcement Center (SELEC);

**Welcoming** the policies adopted and the various measures taken by the SEECP PA participating states with regard to the Syrian and other refugees in their territories including all forms of humanitarian and legal arrangements;

**The SEECP PA General Committee on Justice, Home Affairs and Security Cooperation, at its meeting held in İstanbul on February 9-10, 2015,**

**Calls** on the SEECP participating states to participate fully at the existing cooperation mechanisms in the field of justice;

**Invites** all participating states to consider being a member of the SEEPAG and SELEC,

**Recommends** participating states to take relevant measures in order to facilitate fulfillment of mutual judicial assistance and information requests within the shortest time;

**Advises** participating states to share good practices in the field of justice;

**Strongly recommends** that the participating states assign focal points for parliamentary cooperation in the field of justice from within their respective parliaments;

**Urges** participating states to make every effort for the introduction of a mechanism that envisages joint meetings of the representatives of their parliamentary committees dealing with legal and judicial matters;

**Encourages** the work of universities in the region on the point of development of regional capacities for implementation of legal reforms, strengthening the scientific research, drafting regional legal publications and regulations;

**Recommends** participating states to support the efforts of the member states with regard to the Syrian and other refugees in their territories.