PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN ASSEMBLEE PARLEMENTAIRE DE LA MEDITERRANEE

1st Standing Committee on Political and Security-Related Cooperation Special Task Force on Terrorism

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

- 1. **Bearing in mind** the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy unanimously adopted by the UN General Assembly on 8 September 2006;
- 2. **Aware** that full compliance with the provisions of the international conventions and the United Nations Security Council Resolutions concerning terrorism is crucial for success in countering the threat of terrorism;
- 3. **Convinced** that terrorism has become one of the biggest threats to security and stability in the Mediterranean, in Europe and throughout the world;
- 4. **Condemning** terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, committed by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes;
- 5. **Stressing** that terrorism is defined by its means, methods and practices and that terrorism can not be justified under any circumstance;
- 6. **Noting** the need to combat crimes that might be connected with terrorism, including drug trafficking in all its aspects, illicit arms trade, money-laundering and smuggling of nuclear, chemical, biological and other potentially deadly materials;
- 7. **Affirming** that terrorism has no particular religion, race, nationality or a specific geographic region, and that any attempt to link terrorism with any religion is not only wrong, but also plays into the hands of terrorists;
- 8. **Acknowledging** the need to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, as well as combating terrorism itself;

- 8. **Encouraging** all states to adopt a uniform approach for identifying, defining, condemning, isolating and bringing to justice those who are responsible for terrorist acts;
- 9. **Calling for** increased security and judicial cooperation, including the implementation of the extradite or prosecute" (*aut dedere aut judicare*) principle, to prevent those responsible for acts of terrorism from finding refuge;
- 10. **Recognizing** that international cooperation in the fight against terrorism must comply with the principles of international law, with the respect for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of states;
- 11. **Emphasizing** that the fight against terrorism must be conducted with utmost respect to human rights and the rule of law;
- 12. **Further convinced** that joint effort by parliaments to create an international legal framework is necessary to counter the terrorist threat spread by means of modern information systems and technologies, including the Internet and the electronic mass media, as well as to harmonize national legislations;
- 13. **Expresses its appreciation** for the annexed report entitled "Terrorism" and adopts the present resolution and its annex.