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23-24 October 2009
ISTANBUL - TURKEY



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*Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean
Turkey, 23-25 October 2009*

Message from H.E. Mr. Mehmet Ali ŞAHİN, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey



On behalf of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, I would like to welcome all distinguished guests to Istanbul, 2010 European Capital of Culture, a city which brings civilizations together.

It gives us great pleasure to host the “4th Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean”, where colleagues from around the region gather to finalize the activities of the previous year and determine the calendar for 2010.

The Grand National Assembly of Turkey aims at creating an international atmosphere in which countries of the world enjoy peace and prosperity based on good relations, stability, and cooperation.

For this purpose, our Parliament gives utmost importance to enhancing relations at all levels with parliaments that represent nations and strives for conducting an efficient parliamentary diplomacy.

The Grand National Assembly of Turkey, which believes in the importance of the contribution of parliaments in providing solutions to today’s problems and preserving peace and stability, actively contributes to organizations instituted to this end.

The Mediterranean region hosted many civilizations throughout the history of mankind and played a unique role in the improvement of the democratic system. The most obvious sign of this is that the world’s oldest democratic parliament is located in Patara, a small town affiliated to Kaş, a district of the city of Antalya.

As the parliaments of the Mediterranean region have such a longstanding democratic history, I strongly believe that the work we will perform together for our common future is of great importance.

In today’s world where all local and global components are more and more interrelated, Mediterranean parliamentary diplomacy offers a fresh approach to international diplomacy, based on its common and rich historical heritage.

Turkey has always supported and will continue to support initiatives towards enhancing cooperation and dialogue in the region.

Distinguished Colleagues, I wish that you will enjoy your time in Istanbul, bridge among different faiths and cultures and with a history of thousands of years.

Mehmet Ali ŞAHİN



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St. Julians, 26 August 2009

CONVOCAATION TO THE IVth PLENARY SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN
23-24 October 2009, Conrad Hotel, Istanbul (Turkey)

Mr./Madam President,

We are pleased to inform you that, at the kind invitation of H.E. Mehmet Ali Şahin, President of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, the IVth Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean will be held at the Conrad Hotel, Istanbul (Turkey), on 23-24 October 2009.

Purpose of the Plenary Assembly

During the Plenary Session of the Assembly in Istanbul, delegates shall adopt **reports and resolutions** prepared by the three Standing Committees and their respective Special Task Forces and *Ad Hoc* Committees, of PAM and voted upon during our last Standing Committee meetings held in Lisbon, Portugal from 24-26 June 2009.

Information for Delegates

All information regarding the Plenary Session shall shortly be forwarded to you together with the formal invitation. **Delegates are called upon to give particular attention to the necessary requirements relating to composition of delegations, the issuance of visas and hotel accommodation.**

First meeting of the Secretaries General of the PAM Members

Please also note that the IVth Plenary Session will be followed by the **1st meeting of the Secretaries General of the PAM Members on 25 October**, and the Secretary General of your parliament has been invited to participate.

Please accept, Mr./Madam President, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Rudy Salles
President

Dr. Sergio Piazzi
Secretary General



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4th PLENARY SESSION

Conrad Hotel, Istanbul

ISTANBUL (TURKEY) 23 - 24 October 2009

Agenda

Friday 23 October

- 10-12.30 **Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) Bureau Meeting**
Lunch break (free)
- 14.00 Registration
- 14.15 **Official opening of the IVth Plenary Session**
Welcome address by H.E. Mr. Mehmet Ali Şahin, Speaker of Grand National Assembly of Turkey
Introductory Address by Hon Rudy Salles, PAM President (France)
Adoption of the agenda
Inaugural addresses by
H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Prime Minister of Turkey
- 15.30 *Coffee break and Family Picture*
- 16.00 **Presentation of the work of the 1st Standing Committee** (Political and Security-related Cooperation),
Hon. José Junqueiro, PAM Vice President and President of the 1st Standing Committee (Portugal)
Address by Mr Robert Walter, President of the European Security and Defence Assembly, Assembly of WEU
Briefing on a PAM Bureau delegation visit to NYC and Washington DC (Sept/Oct 2009), **Hon. Rudy Salles**, PAM President (France)
- 16.30 Adoption of the following Resolutions and Reports:
a) Middle East : Hon. George Vella (Malta)
b) Organized Crime : Hon. Angela Napoli (Italy)
c) Reflexion Group on Terrorism : Hon. Aşkın Asan (Turkey) / Hon. Tayseer Quba'a (Palestine)
- 17.30 **Identification of key activities, tentative dates and venues for the 1st Standing Committee and its Special Task Forces in 2010**
- 17.45 **Report by the PAM Secretary General on the financial situation of the Assembly**
- 18.00 Any Other Business

- 18.45 *Departure from the hotel by bus*
- 19.30 *Dinner hosted by H.E. Mr. Mehmet Ali Şahin, Speaker of Grand National Assembly of Turkey*
Çırağan Palace Kempinski

Saturday 24 October

- 9.00 **Presentation of the work of the 2nd Standing Committee** (Economic, Social and Environmental Cooperation), Hon Suleiman Ghneimat, PAM Vice President, President of 2nd Standing Committee (Jordan)
- Adoption of the agenda
- Keynote address by: Dr. Sima S. Bahous, Assistant Secretary General, League of Arab States**
- 9.45 Adoption of the following Resolutions and Reports
- a) Energy: Hon. Mohammed Abou El Enein (Egypt)
- Regulatory approach and Climate Change challenges**, M. Carlo Crea, Secretary General, MEDREG *
- b) Water: Hon Jacques Blanc (France)
- c) Environment and Climate Change: Hon. Elissavet Papadimitriou (Greece)
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.15 Adoption of the following Resolutions and Reports
- d) Disaster Management: Hon. José Junqueiro (Portugal)
- e) Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises: Hon. Ridha Bouargoub (Tunisia)
- 12.00 **Identification of key activities, tentative dates and venues for the 2nd Standing Committee and its Special Task Forces in 2010**
- 12.15 **PAM Communication & Outreach Strategy**
- 12.30 *Lunch Break (free)*
- 14.00 **Presentation of the work by the 3rd Standing Committee** (Dialogue among Civilizations and Human Rights), Hon. Mohamed Titna Alaoui, PAM Vice President, President of 3rd Standing Committee (Morocco)
- Adoption of the agenda
- Keynote addresses by**
Mrs. Karen AbuZayd, UNRWA Commissioner General
- 14.45 Adoption of the following Resolutions and Reports

* The «Mediterranean Working Group on Electricity and Natural Gas Regulation (MEDREG)» is an Observer to PAM

- a) Dialogue of Cultures and Religions: Hon. Sónia Sanfona (Portugal)
- b) Migrations: Hon. Mahmoud Muhaidat (Jordan)
- c) Gender and Equality Issues : Hon. Aşkın Asan (Turkey) / Hon. Houda Bizid Blaiech (Tunisia)

- 16.00 *Coffee break and signature of the PAM Letter of Engagement on Intercultural Dialogue*
- 16.30 **Identification of key activities, tentative dates and venues for the 3rd Standing Committee and its Special Task Forces in 2010**
- 16.45 **Vth PAM Plenary Session Morocco – 2010**
Hon Titna Alaoui PAM Vice President and President of the 3rd Standing Committee (Morocco)
- 17.00 **Laureates of the “2009 PAM Prize”**
- 17.15 **Closure of the IVth Plenary Session**
- 18.30 Departure from Hotels by bus for yacht tour on Bosphorus
- 19.00 *Yacht tour and Dinner hosted by Hon Aşkın Asan, Head of the Turkish delegation to PAM and Vice President of 3rd Standing Committee*



1st Meeting of the Secretaries general of the PAM Member Assemblies

Conrad Hotel, Istanbul

ISTANBUL (TURKEY) 25 October 2009

Draft Agenda*

Sunday 25 October

9.30 Registration

10-1pm **1st Meeting of the Secretaries General of the Member Assemblies of PAM**

Welcome by Mr. Ali Osman Koca, Secretary General of the Grand Assembly of Turkey

Welcome by Mr Sergio Piazzi, PAM Secretary General

Introductory Address by Hon Rudy Salles, PAM President (France)

Adoption of the agenda

“The PAM, its activities and its ambitions” by Mr. Sergio Piazzi, PAM Secretary General

Roundtable on **“Best practices and lessons learned”** (presented by a number of national delegations) on how to:

- Provide best support national delegations,
- Enhance cooperation among Member Assemblies,
- Create synergies of actions between the PAM Secretariat and the secretariats of the Member Assemblies,
- Increase PAM visibility and impact at national and regional levels.

“Cooperation prospect among Mediterranean Parliaments, Towards a structured cooperation of the Secretaries General”, Mr. Alain Delcamp (France)

“Relations between the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and Parliaments of Member States - functioning of national delegations”, Mr. Wojciech Sawicki, Director General of PACE

13.00 *Departure by bus*

13.30 *Lunch hosted by Mr. Ali Osman Koca, Secretary General of the Grand Assembly of Turkey*
Place: Feriye Restaurant

* As of 13 October



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GENERAL INFORMATION

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE CITY OF ISTANBUL

In its south stretches Marmara Sea and in its north is Black Sea. Its west part is in Europe and east part is in Asia. The important waterline dividing Istanbul into two is the Bosphorus... The only alternative to reach the Aegean Sea and the Mediterranean Sea, therefore to open sea is to use Istanbul and the the Bosphorus...

Istanbul is both the nearest Asian city to Europe and the nearest European city to Asia. What adds to Istanbul's significance is its being a port city and all trade paths' passing through the city for thousands of years...

Turkey is located in the northern hemisphere between the 36° - 42° northern parallel and the 26° - 45° eastern meridian.

It has an area of 783,562 square km.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Turkish is the only official language in Turkey.

TIME ZONE

Standard Time Zone :UTC / GMT + 2 hours

WEATHER

There is no definite climate type for the whole Istanbul Province. Because of its geographic location and physical geographic features, it carries different climate features than the ones in the same latitudes.

| ISTANBUL | Min (C°) | Max (C°) | Rain (cm) | Min (F) | Max (F) | Rain (inch) |
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| October | 13 | 20 | 8.1 | 55 | 68 | 3.2 |

Fall (September / October) is a splendid time in Istanbul. Being not too hot or too cold it is actually the better summer. You may enjoy your boat-trip and join all the cheerful people on the streets, terraces and Cafés. Usually rainfall in Istanbul can be short-lived.

VENUE

All the meetings of the Fourth Plenary Session will be held at the "Junior Ballroom".

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INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation will be available for the meetings in English, French, Arabic and Turkish.

CREDIT CARDS

All major credit cards are accepted at hotels, restaurants and shops.

PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION

The delegates of respective member countries are requested to fill in all the forms enclosed to this booklet and return them in due time.

REGISTRATION

The registration desk, located at the entrance Junior Ballroom of Conrad İstanbul will be opened in the afternoon, at 5.00 pm on Thursday, 22 October 2009. The delegates may collect their badges and meeting documents from the the registration desk.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Visas will be issued by embassies or consular missions of Turkey, a list can be found on the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs web-page : www.mfa.gov.tr .

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE IN ISTANBUL

The welcome service will assist the delegates at Conrad İstanbul. Any means of transportation will not be provided from or to the İstanbul Atatürk Airport by the organisers.

TRANSPORTATION

Participants are kindly requested to take a taxi or use public transport between the airport and hotels.

TAXI

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| From / to | Atatürk Airport- Hotels ; approx. 30 minutes, | 25.-€ |
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PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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| From / to | Atatürk Airport- Taksim Navette (HAVAŞ) approx: (Every 30 minutes – Tickets can be purchased in the buses) and then | 4.-€ |
| | Taksim - Hotel(s) (by taxi) | 5.-€ |

BADGES

Badges will be submitted to delegates upon their registration. All the participants are requested to wear the badges during all the activities.

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| <u>Blue</u> | : | Parliamentarians |
| <u>Yellow</u> | : | Accompanying staff / Advisors / Secretariat |
| <u>White</u> | : | Accompanying persons |
| <u>Orange</u> | : | Assembly organisers and supporting staff |
| <u>Green</u> | : | Media |
| <u>Red</u> | : | Security |

MEDIA

Media members are required to fill in the accreditation form and forward it before the deadline.

Complementary information will be supplied to the media members at the time of their registration.



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İstanbul, Turkey

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23rd 2009

10:00 **Departure by bus from the Conrad Hotel İstanbul to “Dolmabahçe Palace”:**

During the six hundred years of Ottoman rule, the seat of the empire changed several times, from Bursa to Edirne and later to İstanbul. The site of the imperial 'palace', center of Ottoman government, changed also over the centuries in İstanbul itself. The earliest palace to post-date the Ottoman conquest of İstanbul was the Saray-ı Atik-i Âmire (the Old Palace - 1453/1478). After which the Ottoman imperial seat of government removed, at some point, to Topkapı Palace, known as the Saray-ı Cedid-i Âmire (Built between 1478 and 1856). In subsequent eras, the sultans inhabited Topkapı, the Çırağan Palace, the shore palace at Beşiktaş and Beylerbeyi Palace at various intervals, until the completion of Dolmabahçe Palace in 1856, when this became the official Ottoman seat.

In 1877 the sultan moved once again, this time to Yıldız Palace, where the Ottoman court remained until 1909. From that date until the dissolution of the sultanate in 1922, Dolmabahçe regained its status as official imperial residence. The Palace of Dolmabahçe, completed in 1856, is the third largest Ottoman Palace in İstanbul. It embodies, in its very form the social and cultural structure of the period, of which it is stylistically typical. Dolmabahçe was a prestigious addition to the urban silhouette of İstanbul built on a prominent site at the entrance to the Bosphorus. It stands at a focal point in the fast growing 19th century city, and was built at a time of increasing enthusiasm for all things occidental...

Dolmabahçe Palace has 285 rooms, 46 lounges, 6 Turkish Baths, 68 toilets, 45.000 m² of use area and 4454 m² of laid out carpet.

12:30 Guest will return to hotel by bus



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Istanbul , Turkey

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th 2009

14:00 Departure by bus from the Conrad Hotel İstanbul to “Grand Bazaar”:

İstanbul Grand Bazaar (*Kapalı Çarşı*, or Covered Market) is Turkey's largest covered market offering excellent shopping: beautiful Turkish carpets, glazed tiles and pottery, copper and brassware, apparel made of leather, cotton and wool, meerschaum pipes, alabaster bookends and ashtrays, and all sorts of other things.

It has been claimed that it has 4000 shops. Because of consolidation and replacement of shops by restaurants and other services the number is certainly lower, but you get the idea: it has lots of shops. Not all of them, by the way, are for tourists; locals shop here as well, lending a welcome dose of authenticity.

17:00 Guests will return to the hotel by bus



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23-25 October 2009
Istanbul , Turkey

EXCURSION PROGRAMME
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th 2009

10:00 Departure by bus from the Conrad Hotel İstanbul to
"Turkish – Islamic Arts Museum":

[Turkish and Islamic Works Museum](#)

- Turkish and Islamic Works Museum has been awarded with the Special Jury Award of Museum of the Year Competition of the European Council in 1984 and with the prize given by European Council - Unesco for its studies for making the children love the culture inheritance.

Turkish and Islamic Works Museum, that is among the important museums of the world in its class has works from almost all periods and all types of Islamic art with its collection exceeding forty thousand works.

[Blue Mosque](#)

- This mosque was built by Sultan Ahmet I during 1609-1616 in the square carrying his name in Istanbul. The architect is Sedefkar Mehmet Aga. It is the only mosque in Turkey with six minarets. The mosque is 64 x 72 m in dimensions. The central dome is 43 m in height and is 33.4 m in diameter. 260 windows surround the mosque. Due to its beautiful blue, green and white tilings it has been named the "Blue Mosque" by Europeans. The inscriptions were made by Seyyid Kasim Gubari.

[Hagia Sophia](#)

-Hagia Sophia is considered a unique monument in world architecture, and it's magnificence and functionality has been a good example in construction of countless Ottoman mosques. Hagia Sophia with its exceptional history constitutes a synthesis between east and west. This monument is one of the wonders of the world that has remained intact until the present day. One can find many attractions in Hagia Sophia - interesting forms of Byzantine architecture, mosaics of the Christian period as well as structures added during the Ottoman era.

[Topkapı Palace](#)

- Topkapı Palace is located on the promontory of the historical peninsula in Istanbul which overlooks both the Marmara Sea and the Bosphorus. The walls enclosing the palace grounds, the main gate on the land side and the first buildings were constructed during the time of Fatih Sultan Mehmet (the Conqueror) (1451 - 81). The palace has taken its present layout with the addition of new structures in the later centuries. Topkapı Palace was the official residence of the Ottoman Sultans, starting with Fatih Sultan Mehmet until 1856, when Abdulmecid moved to the Dolmabahce palace, functioned as the administrative center of the state. The Enderun section also gained importance as a school.

14:00 Lunch at "Konyalı Restaurant" at Topkapı Palace Museum

15:00 Return to the hotel



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