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Addresses by observers of the BSPC



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Address by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC), Secretary General of the PABSEC

Speech of Mr Asaf Hajiyev, Secretary General of the PABSEC

at the Digital 29th BSPC on 24 August 2020

Asaf Hajiyev thanked the president, secretary-general, the members of parliaments for the high honour and privilege to address the BSPC on behalf of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Cooperation (PABSEC). He wished his Baltic colleagues good work for their general assembly.

Noting that the pandemic had reduced the frame of their cooperation, he was grateful for IT enabling them to continue their activity. He informed his audience that during the last two months, the PABSEC had organised three meetings of committees and also the general assembly which had taken place at the beginning of August 2020. Three further committee meetings were planned for September and October. A topic in all of these discussions would be the coronavirus pandemic, its economic, political and social aspects. It was their hope that in early December, on 9/10 December, the general assembly would take place in Athens, Greece. Mr Hajiyev also offered his hope that a representative from the BSPC could participate in the PABSEC meeting.

The speaker said that the relation with the Black Sea Parliamentary Conference was very good, and he was glad it had been mentioned in the intervention of the president of the BSPC, Mr Valerijus Simulik. Mr Hajiyev hoped that their joint meeting which had been planned for Stockholm would take place physically, although none could know when that would be.

He went on to say a few words about the damages the coronavirus had wrought because today, the damage to the world economy was estimated to be more than 2.5 trillion US dollars. This sum, he underlined, was unimaginably huge. Therefore, it was vital to pay attention to local business. It was very important in this period. A very good example could be Turkey, Mr Hajiyev said, because they were developing their local business as well as e-trade and also e-business. As a parliamentary assembly, he thought it was their obligation to pursue this.

Once again, Mr Hajiyev wished the Baltic parliamentarians good work and hoped that their good relations would continue. To all of his listeners, he wished success and very importantly good health. He thanked them for the invitation to participate in this meeting.