

Народна скупштина Републике Србије



National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

***CONSOLIDATED VERSION***

***Possible Compromise Proposal of the (Parliamentary Assembly – SEECP PA)***

***Aims and Objectives***

The primary objective of the (Parliamentary Assembly – SEECP PA) is to strengthen the cooperation and coordinate the efforts among the Parliaments of all Participating States, with an aim to promote further the region into an area of peace, security, stability and cooperation.

(The Parliamentary Assembly−SEECP PA) offers a broad platform for debating topics of significance for the region, a vehicle for prompt response to current issues of particular importance for SEE countries and their citizens, as well as various forms of interaction with regional and international partners.

The Assembly draws up opinions, resolutions, recommendations, reports and other advisory instruments in order to realize its aims and objectives..

***Basic Guidelines***

The first and most important guideline in compliance with the principle of regional ownership is the political will of SEECP parliaments to initiate various forms of exchange of legislative experience, harmonization of legislation, coordination of policies and positions vis-à-vis the government dimension and more active dialogue with civil society.

The second guideline involves the objectives and priorities defined by the rotational Chairmanships-in-Office of the Process focusing on annual basis the efforts of SEE countries on topical issues of regional importance.

The third guideline pertains to the Strategy and Working Program of the Regional Cooperation Council that assigns the parliamentary cooperation with an overarching role aimed at achieving synergy of action among parliaments, governments and the variety of existing regional initiatives and formats in priority areas as defined by the Strategy – economic and social development, infrastructure and energy, justice and home affairs, cooperation in the security sector, building human capital.

The South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP) Parliamentary Dimension is hereby transformed into (The Parliamentary Assembly−SEECP PA)**.**

(The Parliamentary Assembly−SEECP PA) continues its collaboration and cooperation with the SEECP Summit (the Heads of State and Government, Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Political Directors) with stronger partnership.

(The Parliamentary Assembly−SEECP PA) is one of the focal points for regional representation of the respective national parliaments in parliamentary diplomacy as well as in regional and international cooperation activities.

***Membership and Composition***

Members of (The Parliamentary Assembly−SEECP PA) arethe Parliaments of the SEECP participating states.

Each Parliament is represented by a delegation headed by the Speaker of the Parliament/Chamber. Each delegation has to have at least 30% of less represented gender.

To be deemed valid, a session requires the presence of (no less than two-thirds) of its members. The session is chaired by the Speaker of the host-parliament.

Observer status shall be granted to any other Parliament or organization with the approval in the plenary session by all the member parliamentspresent and voting in the Plenary*,* provided the application is presented at least two months prior to plenary. Special guests shall attend the session upon the invitation of the President, with the consensus of the Member Parliaments.

***Chairmanship***

The principle of one-year rotational (SEECP) Chairmanship-in-Office is to be applied following the established practice.

The representatives of the SEECP Troika constitute the leadership of the Standing Committee consisting of a Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons. When designating official delegations of the Parliamentary Conference to take part in the work of various inter-parliamentary organizations the parliaments of the SEECP Troika are represented on a priority basis.

***Decision Making /Voting***

Each member of delegation of the (The Parliamentary Assembly−SEECP PA) shall have one vote. Members shall vote as individuals. Quorum of the meetings is a half of the total number of the national delegations.

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Conference decisions are adopted by consensus*.* The terms of reaching consensus will be stipulated in the Rules of Procedure.

***Organizational Structure***

* Plenary
* 3 Commitees*:*

1. Economy, Infrastructure and Energy

2. Justice, Home Affairs and Security Cooperation

3. Social Development, Education, Research and Science

* Ad hoc Working Groups

- Standing Committee

* Presidency-according to SEECP-Troika

(President from acting SEECP CiO, acting as Vice- President)

***Secretariat***

Permanent Secretariat /International Secretariat

Should be defined scope of activities and budget estimates for each model of the Secretariat (Permanent/International).

Members of the WG asked RSPC in Sofia to prepare the comparative estimates for the two proposed solutions of the work of the Secretariat for the next meeting of the SEECP PD WG to be held in Skoplje. Members of the WG agreed that RSPC have to consult the WG members from Parliament, Ankara in preparing these issues for the next meeting in Skoplje.

***Budget***

Directly related to the previous issues.