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FOR A MORE PEACEFUL AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE”

Distinguished President,
Dear Members of Parliament,
Dear Secretary General,
Honorable Guests,

I would like to express my great pleasure for the opportunity to take part in this important meeting and address you on behalf of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation at one of the most vital issues of our time.

Today, we come together to discuss the role of science, technology and innovation in shaping a more peaceful and sustainable future. We must recognize that these tools have great potential for positive change, which is a necessity today.

It is anticipated that more than 5 trillion US Dollars will be spent worldwide in 2024 for information technologies, which have a major impact on the development of countries. Science and technology, being used for right purposes, can provide transformative settlements in the areas such as health, renewable energy, education and agriculture.



However, these improvements are also essential not only for economic growth, but also for social peace and a sustainable future. While the progress in areas such as digitalization, artificial intelligence, renewable energy, defense and advanced health technologies offer new opportunities for humanity, these progresses also carry, within themselves, the potential of creating a more sustainable world.

The contribution of science, technology and innovation to peace is directly linked to the democratization of means of communication and access to information. Digital transformation in the global perspective paves the way for improvement of deeper understanding between peoples, strengthening dialogue between different cultures and deepening international cooperation. However, the full potential of science, technology and innovation needs to be considered in conjunction with ethical values and utilized for the benefit of entire humanity.

In the wrong hands, technological advances can cause unprecedented destruction, while in the right hands these advances become important tools for the good establishment of peace, justice and democracy. In this context, I would like to emphasize that the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza remind us the dual nature of science and technology.

The war in Ukraine and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza are painful examples of each on how science and technology, in which humanity depends, can be used for destructive purposes.



As the international community it is then incumbent on us to cooperate in order to use these tools for the benefit of humanity, to increase the welfare of societies and to establish lasting peace.

Esteemed Participants

It is now imperative to strike a delicate balance between promoting innovation and technological advances, while maintaining ethical and security considerations. In this context, I would like to emphasize once again that we must stand firmly with Ukraine in its struggle for sovereignty and with the Palestinian people in their quest for self-determination.

The Black Sea Region has a high scientific and technological potential. Within the framework of the PABSEC, issues of artificial intelligence, information technologies and scientific cooperation among the member states of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization were discussed and recommendations containing the steps to be taken in this field were prepared and submitted to the parliaments.

Sustainable progress is possible not only through technological advances, but also through political will and cooperation at all levels including national, regional and global. We must ensure that our investments in science and technology are aligned with the principles of peace, equality and sustainability, so that we can bring future generations a more livable and just world, free from the problems of today.

Thank you for your attention.