

**CURRENT PROBLEMS IN THE FIGHT
AGAINST TERRORISM, ENERGY SECURITY
AND INTERNATIONAL LAW”**

**Third international parliamentary conference on
the fight against terrorism**

Brussels, 27 and 28 November 2006

JOINT DECLARATION

The participants of the International Parliamentary Conference gathered in Brussels on the 27th and 28th November 2006,

having discussed the following themes :

- energy security in the face of terrorist threat;
- the protection of crucial infrastructure: public- private partnership in the fight against terrorism;
- regulation of migration, State security and the terrorist threat:

considering that

the parliamentary forums, dedicated to the fight against terrorism, have acquired a regular character ;

the number of participants is steadily growing;

the themes under discussion are intimately connected with the vital interests of the international community and our countries, and that the elaboration of common approaches can contribute in solving today's world most important problems;

reconfirming

the agreements reached and fixed in the Joint declarations of the International Parliamentary Forums that were held in Brussels on 25 and 26 October 2004 and in Moscow on 18 and 19 October 2005;

the central role of the United Nations in the global fight against terrorism, and the OSCE's role as it was underlined at the Bucharest Ministerial Council, in 2001, Action Plan against terrorism;

the rejection of terrorism by our countries and nations;

considering that

respect for and compliance with international law and principles of the Charter of the United Nations remain central to efforts to prevent and combat terrorism;

respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, universal democratic values and the rule of law is at the core of our fight against terrorism;

energy security has become an urgent and crucial problem, of a complex nature;

the global character of energy security requires the development of intensive partnerships between all parties involved;

threats emerging from regional conflicts not only concern the States involved and the neighbouring States but may also give rise to terrorism;

the intensification of migration fluxes throughout the world and the coexistence of different cultures in a society offer growing opportunities as well as new threats and challenges;

agree that

terrorism constitutes one of the most serious threats to our countries and is a major cause of instability;

our parliaments should elaborate a complex concept to ensure overall, common and indivisible security as a response to the global threat of terrorism to security;

an active interaction between States, civil society and the world of business may substantially consolidate the international anti-terrorist coalition and enhance the effectiveness of our efforts in the fight against terrorism;

terrorist acts against crucial infrastructure of our States constitutes a serious threat to the health and security of our people, to their provisioning and the global economy, while energy and chemical plants are particularly vulnerable;

every State has the unquestionable right to define its own priorities and policy in the field of migration;

the lack of integration of migrants in our society and the non-respect of individual rights may harm stability and security;

reaffirm their support to

the UN conventions and resolutions, as well as UN Security Council Resolutions that constitute the global legal framework for combating terrorism, the implementation of international conventions and the broadening of the international co-operation in this field;

a dialogue based on mutual respect between different cultures and religions, while respecting fundamental human rights and freedom of individuals;

joint actions to assure global energy security and to efforts to detect and repair weak spots to avoid energy crisis situations;

the fight against illegal immigration through adequate legislation and international co-operation to control migration;

express their confidence

that the development of international law and the harmonisation of national legislation in the field of combating terrorism and its root causes will accelerate and strengthen common approaches to overcome these problems;

are convinced

that international collaboration in the fight against illegal immigration must be reinforced considerably;

launch an appeal

to all participants to continue to examine the theme of terrorism within the framework of yearly interparliamentary conferences.