

MINUTES №10
of the Assembly Meeting
of the International Black Sea Club

September 24, 1999

Nikolaev, Ukraine

I. The following representatives of the International Black Sea Club (hereinafter referred to as the IBSC) member-cities took part in the X Assembly Meeting:

Bourgas, Varna (Bulgaria)
Trieste (Italy)
Galatz (Roumania)
Azov, Taganrog (Russia)
Samsun (Turkey)
Kherson, Mariupol, Nikolaev, Odessa, Yuzhniy (Ukraine)

The representatives of the following IBSC member-cities:

Kavala, Piraeus, Thessaloniki (Greece)
Constanta (Roumania)
Izmit, Trabzon (Turkey)
Ilichevsk, Yalta (Ukraine) were absent for valid reasons.

II. The representatives of the following organisations and departments took part in the X Assembly Meeting as guests (Annex №1).

III. After discussions, the following Agenda of the X Assembly of the IBSC was accepted (Annex №2).

IV. After discussions on the items of the Agenda, the X Assembly

DECIDED:

1. To approve the proposal of the President of the IBSC Mr. S.I.Shilo to render possible assistance to the City of Izmit which suffered from the destructive earthquake of 17 August 1999 following the actions of Varna (Bulgaria), Kavala (Greece) and Trieste (Italy).

To adopt the Appeal to the United Nations and to the Black Sea Economic Cooperation with the request to render the necessary international assistance in rebuilding the City of Izmit (Annex №3).

2. To consider as an urgent necessity the effective development of land cadastre in the IBSC member-cities with the purpose of complex analysis and management of municipalities by means of GIS-technologies.

To recommend the Mayors of the IBSC member-cities to consider the possible investigation and implementation of the experience of the City of Taganrog in managing land resources on the basis of the latest technologies and methods used by “Taganrog Cadastre Bureau”.

3. To approve the draft Agreement on the stage-by-stage development of an interregional united market – “Black and Mediterranean Sea Free Trade Zone” proposed by the IBSC Executive Directorate (Annex №4).

To charge the Organising Committee to appeal in front of the Permanent International Secretariat of BSEC to carry negotiations with interested countries and to prepare proposals for the establishment of international free economic zone in the regions of the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.

To ask the Mayors of the IBSC member-cities to determine the sites for the establishment of local (regional) free economic zones and/or customs zones (ware houses) and basic residents (companies, enterprises) of those zones. Those actions should be followed by technical and economic investigation of the effectiveness of the establishment and the functioning of each local free zone and business-plan, as well as to accept in the corresponding manner the local legislative regulations for rendering discounts to the established local zones.

To accept an Appeal to the Parliaments and the Governments of the BSEC participating states (Annex № 5)

4. To accept an Appeal to the Union of Local Authorities in Strasbourg with the proposal about co-operation between the Union and the IBSC regarding questions about support of Local Government (Annex №6).

5. To consider as appropriate for IBSC the participation in the activity of the Association of Black Sea and Azov Sea Ports as an Observer.

To charge the IBSC Executive Office to prepare the necessary documents and the application to the Association of Black Sea and Azov Sea Ports.

6. To establish the IBSC Business Council and to approve the Regulations on the IBSC BC (Annex №7).

To nominate Mr. S. Bidash, the General Director of the Taganrog Metallurgical Plant, as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the IBSC BC.

To charge the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the IBSC BC with the preparation of a proposal on the programme of the IBSC activities by the XI Assembly of

the IBSC.

7. To take into account the information on the financial situation in the IBSC provided by the IBSC Controller Mrs. T.I.Bugaenko.

To recommend the Mayors of the IBSC member-cities to pay their membership fees to IBSC till 01 November 1999.

8. To approve the initiative of the cities of Nikolaev and Taganrog regarding the first issue of the IBSC newspaper “IBSC News”.

To express gratitude to the Editor in Chief of the newspaper “IBSC News” Mrs.Larissa Pavlovna Danovskaya for her high professionalism and artistic approach during the publishing of the first issue of the newspaper.

To agree with the proposed members of the Editorial Council of the “IBSC News” (Annex №8).

9. To approve the activity of the city of Odessa regarding the preparation of the materials necessary for the presentation of the project Black Sea Encyclopaedia Dictionary in UNESCO through the National Commission of Ukraine in charge of UNESCO.

10.To accept the proposal of the city of Galatz for implementation and development of information technologies.

To charge the Executive Directorate to establish the IBSC Commission for the implementation of communication technologies.

11. To accept the proposal of Mr. Radoul Kovatchev – Managing Director of IBSC Permanent Executive Office in Varna for the participation of IBSC in the Fifth Framework Programme of the European Union for RTD and to assign Prof.Dr.Peter Bogdanov from Varna as an IBSC Director for International Programmes with the IBSC Permanent Executive Office in Varna.

12. To support the initiative of the city of Nikolaev for carrying out of an annual festival “Sea Horse” with the purpose of development of the artistic potential of children and youngsters in IBSC member-cities.

To ask the Mayors of the IBSC member-cities to support the activity of the Festival Organising Committee.

13. To agree with the proposal of the City of Nikolaev to establish the Nikolaev Branch of the IBSC. To charge the Executive Directorate with the preparation of the documents necessary for the registration of the Branch in accordance with the legislation of Ukraine.

14. To approve the Appeal of the IBSC to the President of Ukraine (Annex №9).

15. To carry out the next XI Assembly in Trieste (Italy) in March/April 2000.

For Bourgas (Bulgaria)

_____ R. Kovatchev

For Varna (Bulgaria)

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For Triest (Italy)

_____ F. Neri

For Galati (Roumania)

_____ G. Kahu

For Azov (Russia)

_____ M. Ionov

For Taganrog (Russia)

_____ S. I. Shilo

For Samsun (Turkey)

_____ A. Gungonmus

For Mariupol (Ukraine)

_____ R. Babash

For Nikolaev (Ukraine)

_____ A. Oleinik

For Kherson (Ukraine)

_____ N. Ordynskiy

For Yuzhny (Ukraine)

_____ V. Morozov

For Odessa (Ukraine)

_____ A. Prokopenko