



Swiss Delegation to the OSCE PA



SILK ROAD SUPPORT GROUP

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

ANDERMATT DECLARATION

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We, members of the Silk Road Support Group (SRG) of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA), participating in the third International Conference on **“THE BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE (BRI) AS A DRIVER FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG)”**;

jointly organized from 5 to 7 September 2019 in Andermatt (Switzerland) under the auspices of the Delegation of the Federal Assembly of the Swiss Confederation to the OSCE PA and the SRG of the OSCE PA;

Acknowledging that the Belt and Road Initiative has the potential to bring OSCE participating States, China and the countries along the routes closer together, promoting the flow of goods and services, ideas and values, and multiplying peaceful people-to-people relations;

Welcoming all initiatives and projects which can insure sustainable development following the BRI and based on sustainability principles, human and environmental aspects and proclaimed SDG;

Recognizing that improving infrastructure and connectivity, addressing energy needs and managing the digital transformation are key priorities of our time;

Committed to the primacy of the rule-based international order, the objectives and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the international human rights agreements, the Millennium Declaration and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

Underlining the importance of building an international partnership for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the need to actively involve parliamentarians in sustainable development processes;

Reaffirming the commitment to the goals and principles of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Helsinki final act of 1975;

declare the following:

1. **We endeavour** to promote justice, the rule of law, good governance, human rights, gender equality and women empowerment, peace, high social and labour standards, sustainability and people’s participation also in regards to the BRI;



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2. **We believe** that with the United Nations, the World Trade Organization and other multilateral platforms, the nations of this world have a common vision of peace, security, social progress and better standards of life in freedom. This common vision should also guide the cooperation in the frame of the Belt and Road Initiative;
3. **We agree** that institutionalized and well structured Parliamentary Oversight is key for guaranteeing sustainable, inclusive and effective infrastructures and for holding the governments accountable;
4. **We work together** to fight against corruption and bribery in all their forms;
5. **We stress** that great opportunities also carry risks which should not be underestimated within the framework of the BRI. They have to be thoroughly addressed and mitigated.
6. **We recognize** that infrastructures should be planned, developed, built and implemented in compliance with international standards, practices and norms. Economic viability and long-term social and environmental sustainable growth should be based on mutual benefits, inclusiveness, transparent and non-discriminatory procurement processes and a level playing field. National development of the concerned countries should be in line with the common pursuit of the UN Sustainable Development Goals;
7. **We acknowledge** the importance of promoting a stable and equitable international financial system, as well as openness and connectivity among financial markets;
8. **We support** the development of efficient and secure multimodal transport corridors along the East-West and North-South axes;
9. **We foster** a favourable environment and predictability for infrastructure investment by private capital; promoting public-private partnership in areas that create more jobs and generate greater efficiency; welcoming international financial institutions to increase support and investment for infrastructure development;
10. **We enhance** cooperation in ensuring the protection of the environment, of biodiversity and of natural resources, in addressing the adverse impacts of climate change, in promoting resilience and disaster-risk reduction and management, and in advancing renewable energy and energy efficiency;
11. **We reaffirm** the effectiveness of the work of the Silk Road Support Group (SRG) of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly as a good platform for parliamentary involvement, dialogue and oversight;



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- 12. We express** our gratitude to the Swiss hosts for the hospitality and organization of the Conference;
- 13. We welcome** the initiative of hosting the fourth international SRG conference in Istanbul in April 2020.