

20th General Assembly of COPEAM

FINAL RESOLUTION

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In a phase of democratic political transition affecting the whole Mediterranean Region, promoting closer ties between the Mediterranean countries is a priority for a peaceful and prosperous development of the countries of the Region.

The deep changes could not put into question the long common history and the consolidated cooperation process between countries and between the European Union and its Mediterranean partners.

Furthermore, the new global challenges need, more than ever, a shared vision and common answers, underpinned by a real democratic process driven by civil society. Acting today means to meet the expectations of all those who aspire to a plural and harmonic Mediterranean.

The ongoing reforms will achieve their goals only with the support of civil society, fully aware and involved in a democratic debate, throughout a real access to information and to transparent decision processes.

Traditional and new media are an essential part of this inclusive approach: media could accelerate the rhythm of the reforms in the fields of human rights, fundamental freedoms, democratic governance and freedom of expression.

Public Radio and Television, in particular, stand as an extraordinary vehicle for cultural exchange and sharing, considering their specific mission and added value in editorial terms. Their educational role is an important key element of democracy and in the perception of individual responsibility.

On the basis of these principles, the participants of the 20th COPEAM General Assembly call Governments, European and Arab Institutions for the relaunch the Euromed institutional framework and spirit, supporting:

- 1) cultural diversity;
- 2) access to education for everybody
- 3) freedom of expression
- 4) right to information and internet access
- 5) universality of public service,, in particular in this transitional phase.
- 6) gender equality
- 7) audiovisual cooperation and creative cultural industries

With the view of ensuring shared prosperity, mutual profitable cooperation, peaceful and sustainable Mediterranean relations, Europe needs the Mediterranean and the Mediterranean needs Europe.