



Commitment of the Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD)

The nucleus of Parliamentarians from Mediterranean Countries, meeting in Athens on 12-13 December 2002, invited by the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE) and the Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean (GWP-MED) at the

“Mediterranean Regional Dialogue of Parliamentarians, NGOs and other stakeholders on the Protection of the Mediterranean Environment and Prospects for the Sustainable Development of the Region” (12-13 December 2002)

- Aiming at promoting an effective Water Governance in the Mediterranean region through the encouragement of systematic and constructive Dialogues, as a fundamental premise for the promotion of sustainable development in conditions of peace and constructive cooperation among the countries and the people of the Mediterranean region;
- Recognizing their role as elected representatives of National Parliaments of Mediterranean Countries and of the European Parliament in promoting Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean region;
- Concerned about their still inadequate involvement in the effective dialogue on Water and Sustainable Development in general;
- Convinced that an active dialogue with all stakeholders will facilitate the adoption and implementation of more comprehensive regional and national policies on Integrated Water Resources Management and Sustainable Development;

Decide herewith to form a **Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians on Sustainable Development (COMPSUD)** having as its main objectives:

1. The promotion of sustainable development in the Mediterranean region through an integrated resources management approach, securing a healthy and peaceful environment, where the biodiversity and cultural diversity of the region are protected.
2. The strengthening of effective environmental governance with particular emphasis on water governance.

3. The promotion of public dialogue among all relevant stakeholders, civil society organizations and the public at large with Parliamentarians and among themselves.
4. The encouragement of production, dissemination and use of reliable, timely, accurate, complete, relevant and accessible data and information for use by decision makers and as a basis for public information and awareness raising on issues of sustainable development and of integrated water resources management in particular.
5. The promotion of capacity building, training and appropriate education for all those involved directly or indirectly in making critical choices affecting integrated water resources management.

Determined to work closely together and to expand this Circle to all Mediterranean countries and to all those Members of Parliaments who share the same views with us, we, the signatories of the present Commitment, hereby kindly request the Secretariat of MIO-ECSDE to provide the necessary logistical support for this initiative.