



**Final Declaration of the Participants at the 4th Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the
SEE Delegations to the OSCE PA on Organized Crime
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Following the fruitful discussions of the previous forums in Tirana, Podgorica, and Kastoria, we, the participants from the South-East European Delegations to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, reaffirm our unwavering commitment to strengthening co-operation and fostering friendly relations among the countries and peoples of our region.

Recognizing the serious threat posed by organized crime to regional stability, democratic governance, and the rule of law, we pledge to make full use of the platform provided by the OSCE PA. This forum serves as a crucial venue for our delegations to engage in meaningful dialogue, enhance mutual understanding, and forge common strategies to effectively combat organized criminal networks operating in and across our countries.

This initiative builds upon our broader commitment, as outlined in the Bucharest Declaration, which “welcomes the initiative of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly to launch the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of South East Europe with the aim of enhancing parliamentary and comprehensive co-operation among Western Balkan countries, reaffirming the core principles of co-operation, dialogue, and mutual respect fundamental to the OSCE, and expresses full support for OSCE field operations in South-East Europe.”

We emphasize the need for intensified regional co-operation in the fight against organized crime, including through improved information sharing, harmonization of legal frameworks, and the strengthening of cross-border law enforcement efforts. We are particularly concerned with the illicit trafficking of drugs, weapons, other goods as well as human beings and infiltration of criminal networks into political and economic structures.

A coordinated and sustained regional response is essential to dismantling these networks and restoring trust in democratic institutions. We also recognize the importance of addressing the social and economic root causes that foster organized crime, and the role of parliaments in ensuring transparency, accountability, and the rule of law.

The participants of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the South East Delegations to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

1. Call on all members of the Assembly and national parliaments to support, during the vote in Porto, the spirit and objectives of the resolution advancing a sustained agenda of confidence-building measures, as jointly promoted by the Assembly's Special Representative for South-East Europe.
2. Invite the Special Representative on South East Europe to integrate the resolution into his programme of consultations with all countries in the region, with a view to facilitating the implementation of the forum's conclusions.
3. Encourage the Special Representative on South East Europe to place particular emphasis on the issue of organized crime as a key priority within the Assembly's policy framework for South-East Europe.
4. Invite the Special Representative on South East Europe to actively promote the OSCE's initiatives on combating organized to all national parliaments in the region.

The parliamentarians of this forum stand united in their commitment to enhancing regional security, promoting justice, and safeguarding democratic values in South East Europe, for the benefit of all its citizens.

Agreed by the participating delegations at the Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Organized Crime in Rome, Italy.