

Final Declaration of the Participants at the Second Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Delegations from South-East Europe to the OSCE PA in Podgorica

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As agreed in the First Forum in Tirana, we, the participants from the South-East European Delegations to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, affirm our unwavering commitment to fostering enhanced co-operation and friendly relations among countries and peoples within the region.

Recognizing the importance of constructive dialogue, we pledge to utilize the platform provided by the OSCE PA to its fullest extent. This forum serves as an invaluable arena for members of delegations from our region to engage in meaningful exchanges, fortify collaboration, and plan a more prosperous trajectory for the South-East European region.

This initiative has already been integrated into our **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 are committed to encouraging the governmental tourism agencies of South-East Europe to co-operate in the field of tourism. Co-operation between the countries of Southeast Europe to improve infrastructure is of utmost importance for enhancing the region's economies through the development of tourism as a key economic sector.

Regional co-operation in South-East Europe can foster the sustainable development of tourism and promote greater regional integration through the free movement of people and goods.

By working together in the field of tourism, we can also collectively take better care of the environment, which is especially important in light of the current global environmental challenges.

The parliamentarians of this forum are united in their commitment to continuously work together to improve the quality of life for the people and strengthen the economies of the region.

Agreed by the participating delegations at the Second Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the South-East Europe Delegations to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.