

**JOINT DECLARATION
BY MINISTERS
ON THE OCCASION OF TRADE MINISTERS MEETING OF
SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES COOPERATION PROCESS**

(Istanbul, 30 March 2010)

We, Ministers have gathered in Istanbul, on 30th March 2010, on the occasion of Trade Ministers Meeting of the South East European Countries Cooperation Process (SEECP) to review the existing economic and commercial cooperation among the SEECP countries as well as to propose policy guidelines for future cooperation.

We are convinced that fostering regional economic cooperation constitutes an essential dimension of good neighborly relations and security and stability in the region and we reaffirm our commitment to strengthening economic and commercial cooperation, in particular to enhance intra-regional trade.

We believe that SEECP constitutes an appropriate platform for exchanging views and further investigation of cooperation opportunities in order to strengthen economic and commercial cooperation among our countries, especially enhancing intra-SEECP trade.

We reiterate the crucial importance of the active participation of the private sector in economic cooperation among the region and support the involvement of private sector in SEECP activities.

We reiterate our will to continue to make joint cooperation for encouraging free flow of goods, removal of obstacles to trade and investment, harmonization of trade and transport policies, and facilitation of business contacts.

We recognize the importance of facilitation of visa to promote trade in the SEECP region.

We emphasize the importance of the cooperation in the areas of investment, finance, energy, transportation, infrastructure and tourism which need to be addressed to increase intra-SEECP trade.

We express our aim to improve the investment environment in the SEECP region, to foster private sector development and diversification both at the regional and domestic level and to strengthen the dialogue between the economic policy makers and private sector representatives of the SEECP countries.

We, the undersigned Ministers declare our desire for further economic and commercial cooperation among our countries for the benefit of our people and for sustainable development.

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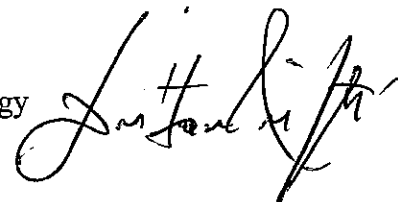
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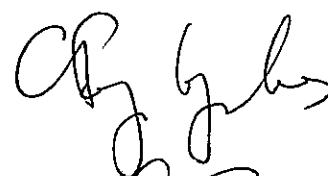
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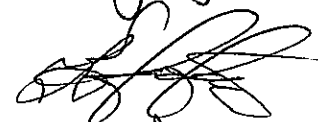
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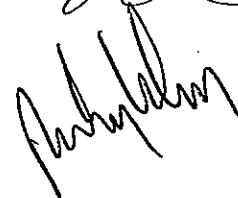
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