



COMMON DECLARATION
OF SEECP MINISTERS OF JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS

Regarding the endorsement of
the Regional Strategic Document 2011-2013 and the Action Plan for its implementation

Budva, 18 March 2011

We, the Ministers of Justice and Home Affairs of the South-East European Cooperation Process Participating States,

Reaffirming our willingness to vigorously continue the cooperation on strengthening the rule of law, ensuring good governance, transparent legal framework, fight against corruption and organized crime throughout the region,

Aware of the fact that tangible results and sustained improvements to the *rule of law* can be achieved only through coherent, integrated and transparent regional cooperation in the area of justice and home affairs,

Commending the RCC Secretariat role in coordinating the drafting process of the Regional Strategic Document by the delegated representatives of national judicial and home affairs institutions from SEECP countries, regional organizations, European Union institutions and agencies, international organizations, national and international experts, non-governmental organizations and professional associations,

Acknowledging that the aim of the *Regional Strategic Document 2011-2013*, its *Action Plan* and the accompanying *Annexes* is to provide synthetic guidance, facilitate harmonization of donors' activities thus avoiding overlapping and duplication, and focus on the identified regional needs and priorities,

Have agreed the following:

1. To endorse the *Regional Strategic Document*, the *Action Plan 2011 – 2013* and its *Annexes*, thus declaring our support and commitment to their successful implementation.
2. To entrust representatives of the national judicial and home affairs ministries from SEEC countries, members of the *Steering Group on Regional Strategy (SGRS)*, to periodically meet under the coordination of the RCC Secretariat and regularly assess the implementation of the Action Plan, and review, update and consolidate regional strategic choices, challenges and priorities.
3. The *Steering Group on Regional Strategy (SGRS)* will establish the reporting mechanism on regional activities and regional monitoring tools to assess the level of regional cooperation within justice and home affairs area.
4. The RCC Secretariat is entrusted to report on the implementation of the Regional Strategic Document for each of the SEEC Ministerial Meetings on justice and home affairs.