

**TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES and  
TO THE RELEVANT EU INSTITUTIONS**

**DECLARATION**

*Signed by*

The Participants of the 10th Congress of South-East European  
Freight Forwarders and Logistics Operators  
in Istanbul on 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2011

The Participants of the 10th Congress of South-East European Freight Forwarders and Logistics Operators, who gathered in Istanbul on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2011, whilst

- **Expressing** their condolences to Japan for the disastrous effects of the recent earthquake and tsunami;
- **Taking into consideration** the difficulties of their regional economies;
- **Observing** the price increase of minerals, foods and other commodities is lambasting the global economic recovery;
- **Understanding** the importance of the protections of the environment for a better future;

**Believe** the joint efforts of the logistics industry can lead to rapid improvements for the unhindered flow of the goods in Southeast Europe;

**Affirm** that the Forwarding Industry is still under threat from excessive bureaucracy and barriers, which impede the improvement of transport and logistics working conditions;

### Therefore Recommend

- **Swift implementation** of the EU security advance information filing system at the same time in all countries of the region, in order to avoid any business disruption;
- **Protecting** the forwarders' rights in the implementation of the EU security advance information filing system, by facilitating their relationship with carriers and by providing a dual filing system as early as possible;
- **Updating** of simplified customs procedures at border crossings and at nationwide applications, according to the new e-Customs standards;
- **Continue** investments to improve the quality of the existing transport infrastructure, as well as building new infrastructure;
- **Supporting** EU and region wide green logistics practices;
- **Resolving** non-tariff barriers between the countries of the region;
- **Encouraging** innovative thinking and research for alternative transport modes and routes in order to overcome existing bottlenecks;
- **Strengthening** the relationship between Southeast European countries and their neighbours to improve regional cooperation and to develop the relations with the Federation of Economic Cooperation Organization Logistics Providers Associations (ECOLPAF);
- **Harmonising** the safety regulations in all Southeast European Countries;

By signing this declaration, the representatives of the Associations below, approve and accept the above principles.

### SIGNATURES BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE CONGRESS:

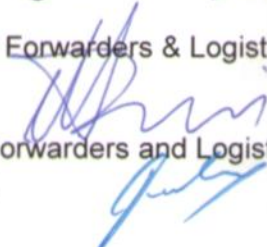
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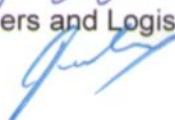
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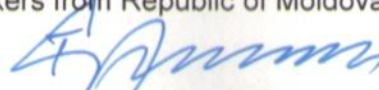
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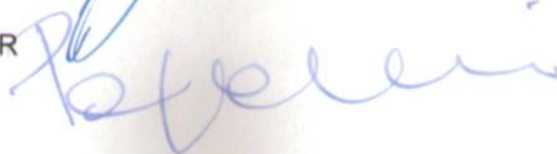
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