

On the Third Regional Conference of Parliamentary Bodies for the Oversight of Intelligence Agencies in South-East Europe, held in Belgrade, Serbia, on 7 and 8 September 2011, participants - representatives of the Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Bulgaria, Republic of Croatia, Montenegro, Republic of Romania and Republic of Serbia, adopted the following:

CONCLUSIONS

I

Participating countries agree that the conferences held thus far have justified the existence of this regional forum, and that the cooperation between parliamentary bodies for the oversight of intelligence and security services in South-East Europe should continue in this form in future as well, in order to further enhance the improving relations in the region and the neighborhood.

II

Participating countries agree that the participation of other EU Member States representatives significantly contributed to the improvement of this forum's quality. The organiser of the next conference is suggested to continue the practice of inviting the representatives of other EU or NATO Member States' Parliaments, provided that the framework set when the forum was established is preserved.

III

The goal of the conference held in Belgrade was, besides the exchange of experience between the countries of the region, to contribute to the exchange and improvement of the lessons learned and to introduce the best practice regarding the protection of data confidentiality, as well as standards in the use of confidential data, or to contribute to the limitation of rights to data access and of security checks for the accession to confidential data.

IV

The Third Conference has, in general, contributed to the continuation of close cooperation between parliamentary committees of the countries in the region responsible for the oversight of the intelligence and security sector. This type of meetings significantly enhances the mutual understanding between the parliaments of the regional countries.

V

Parliamentary oversight of security and intelligence sector should be further improved in future with the aim of developing trust in democratic institutions and overall national security system of the regional countries.

VI

Participating countries reiterate their readiness to hold the conferences once a year, with each country covering the costs of travel and accommodation of its delegation, whereas other expenses of the conference will be covered by the host country. The organiser will have the option to cover all the costs of the conference either using its own or donated funds.

VII

Participating countries agree that the current host of the conference (in this case the Republic of Serbia) should assist the organiser of the next conference.

VIII

Participating countries agree that the host of the next conference will be the Republic of Albania.

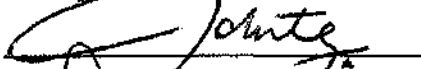
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Participating countries agree that the topic of the next conference will be defined by its host (the Republic of Albania), upon consultations with the current host (the Republic of Serbia).

Belgrade, September 8, 2011

Signed by the countries that participated in the Conference:

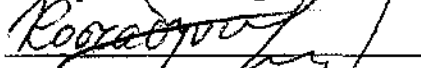
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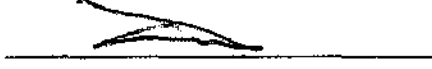
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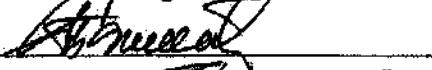
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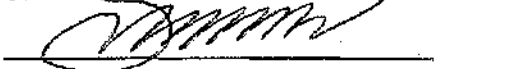
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5. Montenegro



6. Romania



7. Republic of Serbia

