SUMMIT OF THE CHAIRMEN OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEES OF THE PARLIAMENTS OF SOUTH-EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

Pristina, 20 September 2010

STATEMENT

The chairmen and representatives of the Foreign Relations Committees of the countries of the region: Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Turkey, and Kosovo, meeting at the Summit of Chairmen of Foreign Relations Committees of the Parliaments of South-East Europe, held in Pristina on 20 September 2010, at the conclusion of their discussion on “Regional Cooperation and European Integrations”, adopted the following statement:

1. We express our commitment to intensifying regional inter-parliamentarian cooperation in all areas of parliamentarian activity;

2. We strongly support the policies of Euro-Atlantic integrations and cooperation aimed at attaining democratic standards and European values;

3. We are committed to the free movement of people in the European area, and support the liberalization of visas for the citizens of all the countries of the Western Balkans;
4. We share the position that Kosovo’s independence has become a factor of stability in the region, opening up prospects for regional and European integrations, and, to this end, we call upon the neighbouring countries and others which have not yet done so to recognize the independence of Kosovo;

5. We remain committed to promoting the dialogue in the interest of people and countries of the region and in the spirit of the Resolution of the General Assembly of UN of the date September 9, 2010 we encourage the dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia on the issues of common interest.

In Pristina, on 20 September 2010

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