



Final Declaration of the Participants at the Fifth Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the South East Europe Delegations to the OSCE PA on Cybersecurity

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As agreed in the previous forums in Tirana, Podgorica, Kastoria and Rome, we, the participants from the South East Europe Delegations to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, reaffirm our unwavering commitment to strengthening co-operation and fostering friendly relations among the countries and peoples of our region.

Recognizing the growing importance of cybersecurity in safeguarding democratic institutions, critical infrastructure, and economic development, we pledge to make full use of the platform provided by the OSCE PA. This forum serves as a key venue for our delegations to engage in meaningful dialogue, deepen collaboration, and promote a secure and resilient digital environment for South East Europe.

This initiative aligns with our broader commitment, as outlined in the Bucharest Declaration, which “welcomes the initiative of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly to launch the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of South-East Europe with the aim of enhancing parliamentary and comprehensive co-operation among Western Balkan countries, reaffirming the core principles of co-operation, dialogue, and mutual respect fundamental to the OSCE, and expresses full support for OSCE field operations in South East Europe.”

We underscore the urgent need for greater regional co-operation in the field of cybersecurity to strengthen resilience against cyber threats, combat cybercrime, and protect critical digital infrastructure. Enhanced information sharing, capacity-building, and harmonization of legislative frameworks are essential to improving collective preparedness and response to evolving cyber risks.

Regional and national co-operation in cybersecurity also plays a crucial role in supporting innovation, digital transformation, and economic growth. By working together, we can more effectively address challenges such as cyberattacks, disinformation, and the misuse of emerging technologies, while ensuring the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms in the digital sphere.

The parliamentarians of this forum stand united in their commitment to advancing cybersecurity policies, strengthening regional digital resilience, and supporting a safe, open, and secure cyberspace in South East Europe, for the benefit of all its citizens.

Agreed by the participating delegations at the Third Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Cybersecurity in Ohrid, North Macedonia.