

DECLARATION

of the 2nd Meeting of the Public Broadcasters of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Member States, adopted on the 17th of May 2002 in Chalkidiki

The Public Broadcasters of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Member States:

1. **following** the Recommendation 47/2000 on the Role of Mass Media in Promoting Cooperation in the Black Sea Region adopted by the 16th General Assembly of PABSEC as well as the Recommendation 53/2001 adopted by the 17th General Assembly of PABSEC stressing once more the importance of our cooperation in promoting friendship and understanding, peace and stability in the region, and in raising public awareness about the challenges of the multilateral cooperation in the Black Sea region
2. **being encouraged** by the positive stance of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States towards the above mentioned recommendations
3. **reaffirming** their commitment to the Bucharest Declaration where various fields of cooperation had been decided with a view of boosting the Public Broadcasters contribution to the BSEC objectives
4. **evaluating and appreciating** the work and efforts taking place within the Public Broadcasters of the BSEC Member States as well as the work done by the Coordination Group
5. **recognizing** the particular importance of Radio Organizations in our cooperation since radio is a dynamic means for the realization of our goals

Have decided to:

- a) **set up** an appropriate institutional framework, flexible and efficient, in order to safeguard our successful functioning and ensure a solid basis for our cooperation. The Coordination Group is entrusted to prepare and present to the 3rd Meeting of the Public Broadcasters of the BSEC Member States, the general guidelines of the framework of our cooperation
- b) **cooperate** in areas such as exchanges of television and radio programmes as well as news material, realizing co productions, organizing training courses, spreading technical know how and exchanging experience in the legal field
- c) **strengthen** the role and the mandate of the Coordination Group which functions as a body decisively ensuring the continuity of our work
- d) **promote** our participation in various programmes of the European Union and the European Broadcasting Union, as well as a common approach in international gatherings
- e) **contribute** to the 10th anniversary of the BSEC to be celebrated in Istanbul on the 25th of June 2002 by producing a joint-documentary on the activities of the BSEC in each country to be presented to the Summit of the Heads of State or Government and broadcasted in the Member States on that very date
- f) **hold** the next Meeting of the Coordination Group in Kiev, in autumn 2002
- g) **hold** the next Plenary Meeting of the Public Broadcasters of the BSEC Member States in Turkey, in May 2003

The participants expressed their appreciation to the Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation for the excellent hospitality and conditions provided to the Meeting.