

PANEUROPSKA UNIJA BOSNE I HERCEGOVINE

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA - SOUTHEAST EUROPE - EUROPEAN UNION CHALLENGES OF INTEGRATION AND REGIONAL COOPERATION IN CONTEXT OF GLOBALIZATION

We, the members of the Paneureopan Union from: Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia, France, Hungary, Macedonia, Germany, Slovenia, Spain and Switzerland, at the International Conference "Bosnia and Herzegovina - Southeast Europe - European Union: Challenges of Integration and Regional Cooperation in Context of Globalization," which took place in Sarajevo from May 27 to May 29, 2016, adopt the:

DECLARATION

- The Paneuropean Union supports Bosnia and Herzegovina filing the EU membership application. This decision
 resulted after increased mediation of the European Union towards Bosnia and Herzegovina, which enabled our
 country to continue its European journey after a delay that lasted for several years, but also thanks to local
 politicians who are becoming more and more aware that the road towards European integrations is the only
 possible path for our country.
- 2. On the other hand, we appeal to political officials of Bosnia and Herzegovina to be more responsible and ready for a consensus on the path to the EU, and to continue with a rapid realization of all activities and procedures required to receive the candidate member status for BiH because of changing geopolitical circumstances on the global level.
- 3. The biggest challenge for Bosnia and Herzegovina is still the agreement about reforms inside the country, from economic to Constitutional ones. The welfare of all nations and citizens of this country must become the priority for all political parties, both the government and the opposition, which should put their particular interests aside and work for the general welfare, and this is primarily receiving the candidate status for the membership in the EU.
- 4. The Paneuropean Union once again supports the German-British initiative towards BiH, which has already produced results. We invite all friends of BiH from the region and from the core of the EU to increase their mediation in BiH during its European journey.
- 5. The Paneuropean Union emphasizes the importance of the Western Balkans Summit, which took place in 2015 in Vienna, which was the continuation of the Berlin process, and during which it was indicated that the work should be done on two tracks simultaneously regional cooperation of Southeast Europe countries and integration of these countries into the EU. Problems in bilateral relations must not be obstacles on the European journey of any country.
- 6. The Paneuropean Union observes with particular attention the interstate relations in the countries of the region and appeals for tensions, which have become evident lately, to be reduced. This part of Europe must be stable because the stabilization is one of the conditions on the European journey for all countries. Hence, we ask for a greater engagement of the EU in implementing the stabilization policy.
- 7. The Paneuropean Union, always encouraging the regional cooperation, gives its full support to European Union strategies: Adriatic-Ionian strategy and Danube strategy. At the same time, we invite the EU to include Macedonia and Kosovo in Adriatic-Ionian initiative.
- 8. The Paneuropean Union invites all countries of the European Union to unity in challenges and crisis that we have found ourselves in. The European Union project is not endangered or questionable. We appeal for the enlargement policy to remain one of the most important policies for the welfare of the entire Europe.

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