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**Statement  
by the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the OSCE  
(Permanent Council, 6 February 2008)**

Mr. Chairman.

On 27 February 2008 the last meeting of the Regional Table of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe and the inaugural Meeting of the Regional Co-operation Council took place in Sofia. A Declaration for the establishment of the RCC and the endorsement of the RCC Statute was adopted.

On 28 February 2008 the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the South East European Cooperation Process Participating States met to mark the successful completion of the transformation process of the regional cooperation in South Eastern Europe as well as to discuss recent developments in the region.

They expressed warm gratitude to Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact Dr. Erhard Busek and his staff for the excellent work done so far and commended the invaluable contribution of the Stability Pact to the peace, stability and security in SEE.

The participants confirmed their support to the newly established RCC that has to build on the successful work of the Stability Pact.

The SEECF Participating States reaffirmed that regional cooperation and good neighborly relations remain one of the milestones on the way towards European and Euro-Atlantic integration and a prerequisite for the stability and security in SEE. In this respect, the SEECF Participating States remain engaged in the further development of the regional cooperation in view of the longstanding interests of the countries in SEE, the region as a whole and its European Perspective.

The ministers took note of the proposal of the Republic of Turkey to take over the SEECF Chairmanship-in-office from the Republic of Moldova in 2009.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.