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in South-Eastern European Countries

The Zagreb Declaration

**International Workshop "Climate Change in SEE Countries IV: Adaptation Strategies for Economy and Society"
19-20 October, 2009, Zagreb, Croatia**

We, representatives of international organizations, environmental agencies, research and academic institutions, NGOs and private businesses from South Eastern Europe who assembled at the International Workshop on "Climate Change in South-Eastern European Countries IV: Adaptation Strategies for Economy and Society" in Zagreb, Croatia on October 2009;

Reaffirming the principles, objectives and commitment under the **Kyoto Protocol and UN Framework Convention on Climate Change**, the key agreements for counteracting and adaptation to climate change on international level;

Recalling that **SEE countries are fully committed** to responding appropriately to climate change and to preparing for the Post-Kyoto phase within the framework of the United Nations;

Recognizing with concern that the **scientific evidence** of global warming, as set out in the Fourth Assessment Report: Climate Change 2007 (AR4) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change 2006, has put the reality of **human-induced global warming** as unequivocal and benefits of strong, early action on climate change considerably outweigh the costs;

Recognizing the importance of **climate change adaptation** as enabling people to manage risks that arise from climate change by information, climate proofing, disaster risk management, changing habits and poverty reduction;

Reaffirming that **the scope of regional action and research in SEE is critical and necessary** for the development and implementation of sustainable development policies and strategies and, particularly, in relationship to mitigation and adaptation measures and policies to tackle climate change;

Reaffirming that **integrating climate change policies into broader sustainable development strategies and policies within the SEE region** makes implementation easier and more efficient;

Recalling that there are still **sharp differences across Europe's regions to cope with and adapt to climate change**, that some systems, sectors and regions are likely to be especially affected by climate change, and that adaptive capacity, unevenly distributed across and within sectors and regions, is intimately connected to social and economic development;

Resolve that, in order to respond to the challenges faced now and in the future in SEE region, research on climate change and its adverse effects should be continued and access to climate-related data within and across countries should be improved.