

Joint Declaration

of the Ministers of the Interior of the Salzburg Forum

Graz, July 28-29, 2005

The Ministers of the Salzburg Forum in Graz on 28th and 29th July, 2005 note with satisfaction that cooperation within the framework of the Salzburg Declaration 2001 has been very successful.

In particular the accession of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia as full Members to the European Union opened a new dimension for this process, bearing in mind the increased importance of regional cooperation in the enlarged EU.

Following the agreement of the Salzburg Forum meeting in Budapest on 22 April 2005, the Ministers herewith welcome the participation of Romania in the work of the Salzburg Forum.

With special regard to the present challenges to be faced by the EU, the Ministers of the Salzburg Forum wish to express in the presence of Vice-President FRATTINI their confidence in the continuation of the process of European integration and their firm support to the principles of The Hague Program and its implementation.

Graz, July 29, 2005

Signatures:

for the Republic of Austria
for the Slovak Republic
for Romania

for the Czech Republic
for the Republic of Bulgaria

for the Republic of Poland
for the Republic of Hungary
for the Republic of Slovenia