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- Today's meeting in Sarajevo is of double importance: firstly we meet in a historic city, which has been marked by devastating wars and bloodshed in this century. Secondly, we are gathered here to signal the beginning of a new era of hopefully-lasting peace and security for Southeastern Europe.
- The recent war fought over Kosovo should be the end of the era of exclusion for the countries of the region from the Euro-atlantic structures.
- Countries of Southeastern Europe are an integral part of our Continent and are justifiably willing to participate in our common future and institutions.
- Greece, the only EU and NATO member-state in Southeastern Europe is particularly happy for the launching, today, of the Stability Pact and is ready to work closely with its neighbours in order to develop security, stability, human rights, democracy and economic cooperation in the area.
- Greece at the beginning of the crisis presented a comprehensive proposal for its resolution. We are happy to see that many of the aspects of our proposal are included in the Stability Pact.
- Politically we are striving for a multiethnic and democratic Kosovo, within the borders of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, where all inhabitants can live in peace and security.
- Reconstruction should start from Kosovo but should also expand to the whole region, affected by the recent conflict, as soon as circumstances permit. The aim must be to promote democracy, civil society, economic and social development and integration of the region into Europe.
- The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, once having met our conditions, should also be included in our reconstruction projects. This is absolutely necessary not only because of the impact of Belgrade's exclusion to the neighbouring countries but also because we believe that a democratic Yugoslavia belongs to Europe.
- A coordinating international effort is needed for the reconstruction of Southeastern Europe. It is also necessary for building confidence, mutual understanding, stability and security in the region and thus in Europe.
- Greece feels the pulse of its neighbors and is willing to assist their efforts with all possible means.

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- Parallel to the economic development and of equal importance is the establishment of democratic institutions. The international organizations which are going to take the lead in forming the necessary structures will enjoy our full support in their efforts. Greece is ready to actively contribute to the relevant Working Table.
- Greece has established both bilateral and multilateral cooperation with all its neighbours in the region. Furthermore we are ready to work on specific projects of interest to the whole area, through smaller and more flexible arrangements. Thus, we are convinced that the establishment of the seat of the European Reconstruction Agency in Thessaloniki is strengthening the contribution of Europe to the reconstruction of the peninsula.
- Finally, Greece believes that the Stability Pact will provide a coherent, mechanism for the coordination between the various initiatives and efforts for building a democratic, secure and economically developed Southeast Europe, which is our common goal.