

## **MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HYDROCARBONS DIMENSION OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY**

**The Ministers of the Governments of the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Slovenia and State Secretaries of the Governments of the Republic of Italy and Romania,**

**Being the Signatories of this document, recording political intent alone:**

**Assembled in Zagreb on 3 April 2007 in the presence of the European Commissioner for Energy;**

Taking into consideration the Treaty Establishing the Energy Community;

Affirm their support for the development of the hydrocarbons dimension of the Energy Community and in particular affirm their support for the Candidacy of Slovenia to host the Gas Forum as envisaged in Article 63 of the Energy Community Treaty;

Affirm their support for the creation of the Trieste Oil Forum, which could be part of the Energy Community but based on political co-operation as formalised in a Memorandum of Understanding, which the Signatories encourage the Commission to consider drafting;

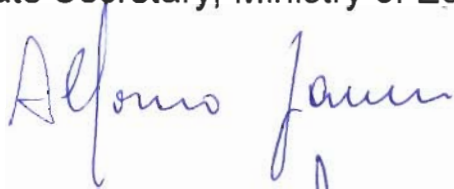
Affirm their continuing support that the preparation and expert meetings / consultations related to these two Forums continue to be held in the Republics of Croatia and Serbia;

Affirm their intention to commonly address the European Commission and the Presidency of the Energy Community on these matters.

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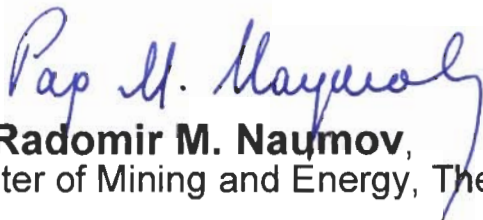
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