



SPECIAL CO-ORDINATOR OF THE STABILITY PACT FOR SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

The Special Co-ordinator

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Dear colleagues,

I have the pleasure to invite you to the seventh Regional Table meeting of the Stability Pact, which will take place in Portoroz, Slovenia, on 8 June 2004. We are pleased that the government of Slovenia has offered to host the meetings and I am happy to inform you that Prime Minister Rop has kindly agreed to open the Regional Table.

As you know, the Stability Pact marks its five-year anniversary this year. On 10 June 1999 the Stability Pact was adopted in Cologne at the EU's initiative and was subsequently officially launched at a Summit in Sarajevo on 30 July 1999. That is why we dedicate the first part of the Regional Table to this topic and will have a panel discussion to address significant developments, achievements, remaining challenges and the role of the Stability Pact therein.

The Regional Table will be held back to back with the Working Table meetings on 7 June. We plan that each Working Table meeting will focus on two key issues – see a draft outline attached. For the first time we also envisage to include a cross-Working Table panel.

Please find attached a draft programme of the meetings in Portoroz, additional technical and administrative information and the registration forms. Please note that the format of the Regional Table is 1 head of delegation + 2 members of delegation.

The Chairs of the Working Tables will send you separate invitations for the Working Table meetings.

I look forward to meeting you in Portoroz.

Yours sincerely,

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