

Declaration on Bilateral Issues

The governments of the Western Balkans - gathered in Vienna in the presence of Austria, Croatia, France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia, the European Commission, and the EEAS - commit themselves to a resolution of all open bilateral questions in the spirit of good neighborliness and shared commitment to European Integration. The governments agree that they will not block, or encourage others to block, the progress of neighbors on their respective EU paths.

The governments of the Western Balkans commit themselves to resolve any open questions through bilateral negotiations or other means of peaceful settlement of **disputes, including international arbitration, in accordance with international law.**

The governments of the Western Balkans will report annually at the Western Balkans summit on the progress made in regard to bilateral relations and outstanding bilateral questions. The first report will be prepared by the governments for the summit in France in 2016. Subsequent annual reports will be presented at the following summits.

The governments of the Western Balkans invite the governments of neighboring EU member states to join this commitment.

The Foreign Ministers:

..... **Republic of Albania**

..... **Bosnia and Herzegovina**

..... **Kosovo***

..... **Republic of Macedonia**

..... **Montenegro**

..... **Republic of Serbia**

Done in Vienna, on 27 August 2015