



DECLARATION

**of the First Meeting of the Public Broadcasters from the Members States
of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation
Bucharest, 16 – 17 May 2001**

1. The Heads of the Public Broadcasters from the Member States of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation – Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine – gathered in Bucharest on 16-17 May 2001, reaffirming their commitment to the basic principles of freedom of expression and information, stated their belief that an expanded cooperation among the Public Television Broadcasters of the Member States of the Organisation of the BSEC will play an important role in promoting friendship and understanding among the peoples in the area, in shaping public opinion with a view of deepening multilateral cooperation and fostering a high degree of integration in the Black Sea Region - as part of a free and undivided Europe.
2. Therefore, in order to enrich and better cover information on major economic, political, social and cultural developments in the BSEC Member States, they agreed upon on the following framework of multilateral cooperation:
 - a. to produce and to broadcast, on a reciprocal basis, programs and documentaries on the countries of the region, facilitating accession by the citizens to reliable and comprehensive information about the most important events taking place in the countries of the Black Sea Region;
 - b. to initiate bi-lateral and multi-lateral meetings aimed at reaching agreements on realisation of coproductions on TV series and feature films;
 - c. to organise and to participate in joint professional training programs;
 - d. to establish a regional channel for daily news exchange, with support provided by the European Broadcasting Union.

