

**RESOLUTION DIRECTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**ANCONA 13/2/2003**

**The directive Committee of Forum** of the towns of the Adriatic and Ionic Seas which met on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2003 at the town council of Ancona

CONSIDERING THAT

- European Union started in May 1999 the process of “Stabilisation and Association” (SA) aimed at strengthening political and economical stability in the area of Western Balcani (Croatia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Serbia e Montenegro, Macedonia and Albania), leading to the integration of these countries to European Union ;
- countries of the Balcani area were assigned the status of “potential candidates” during the summit meeting in Feira in June 2000

CONSIDERING THAT

- negotiations between European Union and Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina , Serbia and Montenegro, in order to sign the agreements of “Stabilisation and Association” are pending;
- on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2003 Croatia will apply for the formal request for joining the European Union ;

**ASKS**

- the Greek government, the Italian government ( to whom will be assigned the Presidency of European Union in the first and second semester of 2003) and the European Commission to support strongly (also financially) the process of political and economical stability in the Balcani area, aiming at achieving a further integration within the Union of these countries and waiting for the signing of the agreements of “Stabilisation and Association with Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro and for the integration of Croatia to European Union.