

ZAGREB DECLARATION

ON THE WAY TO THE EUROPEAN UNION:

ENFORCING THE TRUST IN POLITICS

- 1) Social democratic women **believe** that our common values - solidarity, equality and social justice are a priority on the agenda of social democratic parties and governments;
- 2) Social democratic women strongly **support** the strengthening of democratic institutions, the rule of law, promotion of human rights, especially women's rights, respect and protection of minorities, processes of reconciliation and post-conflict dialogue as the precondition of true, democratic state and as key preconditions for meeting the EU standards;

Social Democratic Women from the countries of South East Europe therefore

- 3) **Demand** closer co-operation among social democratic parties in the South East European region, in establishing higher democratic standards and fulfilling all the necessary pre-conditions for membership in the EU;
- 4) **Stress** the importance of constant and open dialogue among social democrats all over Europe, in order to set up political priorities for tomorrow's more equal, more fair, more just and more social EU;
- 5) **Call upon** social democratic parties to be the driving force to enforce the trust in political parties and in democratic institutions, both national and supranational;
- 6) **Urge** social democratic parties to address issues of sustainable development; economic growth, social justice and security and employment policies on one hand, and promote the principles of tolerance, cultural diversity, human rights, gender equality and freedom of movement.