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We, the Presidents, Prime Ministers, and Presidents of Parliaments of the 13 EU Member States – Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia – meeting in Dubrovnik for the Three Seas Initiative (3SI) 11th Summit and 8th Business Forum, hereby declare the following.

As the Three Seas Initiative enters its second decade, Europe faces a more demanding strategic environment than at any point since the Initiative's founding and in that context the Initiative reinforces resilience, cohesion and unity of the European Union.

I. Strategic Context and Role of the Three Seas Initiative

The Three Seas region today forms a backbone of European resilience and growth. With over 120 million citizens and a combined GDP exceeding €3.5 trillion in 2025, and consistently growing faster than the EU average, this region is one of Europe's largest and most dynamic economic spaces.

Situated at the intersection of European and Asian connectivity routes, it forms a strategic North–South axis of global significance.

The principles of the 2016 Dubrovnik Declaration and all subsequent summit declarations have stood the test of time. We are committed to building decisively on them.

Russia's ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine, escalating threats to critical infrastructure, and structural shifts in global value chains have reshaped Europe's geopolitical dynamics.

The corridors connecting the Baltic, Black, and Adriatic Seas no longer serve only economic interests – they are pillars of European security.

Connectivity along the North–South axis is now a strategic necessity for Europe's security, resilience, and competitiveness.

II. Peace and Security

Peace, stability, and justice in Europe are values on which this Initiative is built.

We unequivocally condemn Russia's unprovoked, unjustified, and illegal war of aggression against Ukraine and reiterate our unwavering support for Ukraine's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders.

We support diplomatic efforts to achieve a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace in full compliance with the UN Charter and international law, and call for an immediate, full, and unconditional ceasefire.

We will continue to support Ukraine across all its needs – including recovery and reconstruction – with the Three Seas Initiative playing a meaningful complementary role.

III. Connectivity, Infrastructure, Innovation and Industrial Competitiveness Priorities

In this context, we commit to scaling up and accelerating joint efforts to deliver tangible infrastructure projects and to position the Three Seas Initiative as a primary platform for regional connectivity in the decade ahead.

These efforts are designed to complement and strengthen existing European Union policies and instruments.

The Initiative contributes to:

- Transport, energy, and digital connectivity along the North–South axis
- Energy security for the region and Europe as a whole
- Competitive, sustainable, and technologically advanced industries
- Resilient and trusted value chains through connectivity with like-minded partners
- Military mobility and dual-use infrastructure
- Advancing cooperation in cyber resilience, artificial intelligence, the space industry, semiconductors, and secure digital infrastructure.

A separate annex of key 3SI projects forms an integral part of this Declaration.

IV. Strategic Infrastructure in the current security environment

We are deeply concerned by the persistent pattern of incidents damaging critical infrastructure in the Baltic Sea, the deteriorating security environment in the Black Sea, and growing risks across maritime and cross-border domains. These developments require a coordinated response.

In that context, we also call for the strategic utilisation of the Adriatic Sea to diversify transport, energy, and digital routes, especially for landlocked Central European states.

In light of the evolving situation in the Middle East and its impact on global energy markets and trade routes, the Three Seas region will strengthen its role as a key energy, transport and logistics corridor.

We therefore underline the strategic importance of advancing key energy infrastructure projects, including the Adriatic Pipeline, the Vertical Gas Corridor, the Amber Gas Corridor, the Baltic Eagle Gas Hub and the Solidarity Ring.

Transport infrastructure enables economic growth, resilience and security through dual-use mobility. Initiatives such as Rail2Sea, Rail Adriatic, Rail Baltica, Via Carpatia, Via Baltica are essential to this end.

V. External Connectivity and Global Partnerships

The Three Seas region's position at the crossroads of Europe and Asia is a strategic asset that we intend to fully develop.

We will deepen engagement with initiatives such as the Trans-Caspian Corridor and the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor.

We welcome the consolidation of transatlantic ties and the continued engagement of the United States with the Three Seas region, among other also reflected in Poland's participation in the G20 in 2026. We call for continued cooperation with Strategic partners – European Commission, Germany, Japan, Spain, Türkiye and the United States – as well as the growing engagement of Associated participating states.

VI. EU Enlargement and Regional Convergence

EU enlargement is a strategic investment in Europe's peace, security, and prosperity.

We reiterate the need for a transparent, merit-based, credible, and predictable accession process, applied equally to candidate countries, including associated participating states of the Three Seas Initiative – Ukraine, Republic of Moldova, Albania and Montenegro.

We call candidate countries to advance decisively on reforms and alignment with EU policies, including in foreign and security policy and we will continue to support convergence and connectivity that deliver tangible benefits to all partners.

VII. Investment and Financing

The Three Seas region offers a compelling investment case: EU-anchored legal and financial predictability alongside a significant and largely unmet infrastructure gap. Closing that gap requires scaling up private capital alongside institutional financing.

We acknowledge concrete investments made through the Three Seas Initiative Investment Fund, including Cargounit, Greenergy, Enery, BMF Port Burgas, and R.Power.

We also recognise the role of the 3SI Innovation Fund and note progress on the Three Seas Initiative Infrastructure Fund of Funds, developed in close cooperation with the European Investment Fund.

We welcome the development of the Three Seas Initiative Infrastructure Fund of Funds, in cooperation with the European Investment Bank Group, as an additional instrument to mobilise investment at scale, and recognise the role of the Croatian Presidency in advancing finance as the fourth pillar of the Initiative.

We endorse the growing role of the Three Seas Initiative Business Forum as one of Europe's leading annual meeting points for policymakers, businesses, financial institutions, and private investors.

The scale and speed required by the transformative projects ahead will demand thinking beyond existing instruments.

We therefore call on governments, international financial institutions, and private capital to develop new financing mechanisms fit for the ambition of this decade.

VIII. Governance and Future Development of the Initiative

We are committed to strengthening the Initiative's effectiveness, coherence, and strategic impact.

To this end, we welcome the future consultations to develop concrete recommendations on a long-term vision, governance, partnerships, and financing.

In a time of growing geopolitical fragmentation, the Three Seas Initiative stands as a pillar of European cohesion, resilience and strategic direction.

We emphasise the importance of strengthening the voice of the Initiative within EU institutions and global governance frameworks, such as G7 and G20.

We welcome the revitalisation of the parliamentary dimension under the Croatian Presidency, notably through the Parliamentary Summit held in Zagreb on 24–25 March 2026.

We express our appreciation to Croatia for hosting the 11th Three Seas Initiative Summit and 8th Business Forum in Dubrovnik.

We welcome Italy as a new strategic partner of the Three Seas Initiative.

We welcome the commitment of Slovakia to host the Three Seas Initiative Summit and Business Forum in 2027.

*Hungary would like to signal its constructive abstention. As such, Hungary is not in the position to accept the current wording of the declaration as agreed language. As for the agreed language applicable in the future, the corresponding decision will be taken by the incoming Hungarian Government.