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SCEA WORKING GROUP FOR SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

During the 23rd Meeting of the Standing Committee on European Affairs (SCEA) held in Cetinje (Montenegro), on 15-19 June 2014, it was decided to form separate Working group for the Southeastern Europe. Veterans organizations from that part of Europe, in conformity with the decision taken at the 22nd Meeting of the SCEA, held in Kiev (Ukraine), on 26-28 May 2011, had been incorporated in the Working Group for Southern Europe, under the presidency of Portugal. Some regional representatives considered that Group to big and not enough operational.

Having that in mind, representatives from Bulgaria and from some other regional countries, at the 27th General Assembly of the WVF, which was held in Jordan on 18-22 November 2012, proposed to divide the existing Working Group for Southern Europe into two, and to form separate Working Group for South Eastern Europe. This proposal was motivated by the desire to have a smaller and more operational Group, which would concentrate its attention and activity to the regional issues of common interest and to the improvement of the regional cooperation among veterans organizations of the region.

Acting upon above-mentioned decision of the SCEA, members of the Working Group for South Europe, present in Cetinje (Montenegro), met at the end of 23rd Meeting of the SCEA, agreed on the name of the newly formed Working group and on member countries belonging to it. All participants unanimously agreed that the newly created Working Group for Southeastern Europe would be composed of national Veterans' organizations from: Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Serbia, Macedonia, Slovenia and Turkey.

Dr. Sekulic Ljubomir, the Vice-president of the Union of Associations of Antifascists of Montenegro (SUBNOR), was elected as the President of the Working group for Southeastern Europe. In the absence of Greek representative, it was decided to formally inform the Greek Veterans' organization about the formation of the Working Group for Southeastern Europe, letting them to decide freely on joining new Working Group for Southeastern Europe, or on staying in the previous Working Group for Southern Europe.