

Appendix I

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The Black Sea/South Caucasus region has a unique history: being a consistent part of the Silk Road, it integrated the cultures and traditions of the West and the East; being in the conjunction of superpowers' interests it was the arena of their permanent battles.

Integration tendencies in Europe and the disintegration of the Soviet Union have brought the borders of the EU to the Black Sea region. Our goal is to create synergies and linkages that bring clear benefits for all parties - inside and outside the EU. We share the mutual interest of peacefully resolving the territorial conflicts in Georgia because separatism is a threat not only to Georgia, but also to the EU as a whole.

Implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and the EU Action Plan for Georgia will move the South Caucasus and the European Union to a higher level of social, economic, political, and cultural integration, which can, and should, become a model for efforts to support peace and prosperity in the region.

The Black Sea/South Caucasus region is regarded as a geopolitical center facilitating further reunification of the West and the East.