

JOINT DECLARATION

of the States Parties regarding the Agreement on the Nabucco Project

The Republic of Austria, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Hungary, Romania and the Republic of Turkey, hereinafter referred to as the States Parties,

recognizing the need to co-operate in facilitating the promotion, development, construction and operation of the Nabucco Pipeline System for the secure and uninterrupted transportation of natural gas in and across the territory of each respective State Party,

desiring to promote investments in the Nabucco Pipeline System,

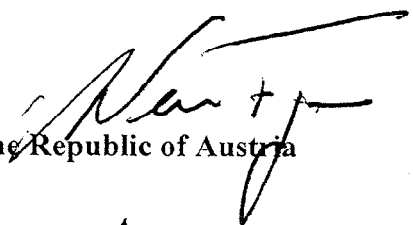
reaffirming their commitment to the Nabucco Project by concluding the Agreement on the Nabucco Project,

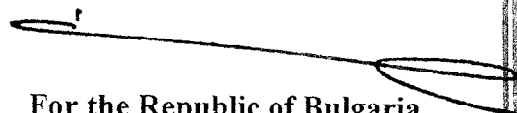
taking note of the efforts made by the Nabucco International Company in order to start the realization of the Project as soon as possible

upon signature of the Agreement on the Nabucco Project, jointly declare as follows:

1. The States Parties reaffirm intention to refrain from acts which would defeat the object and purpose of the Agreement on the Nabucco Project after its signature pending its entry into force, provided such entry into force is not unduly delayed.
2. The States Parties shall endeavour to take all necessary steps to conclude the internal legal requirements for the entering into force of the Agreement on the Nabucco Project as soon as possible.
3. The States Parties shall endeavour to take the necessary measures in order to ensure the proper fulfilment of their obligations under the Agreement on the Nabucco Project, including the adoption, if necessary, of enabling legislation required by its application.
4. Each State Party shall endeavour to take all necessary steps to conclude a Project Support Agreement with Nabucco International Company within the next six months.

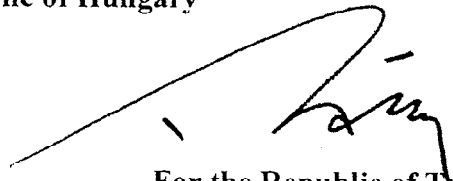
Done in Ankara, Turkey, on 13 July 2009.


For the Republic of Austria


For the Republic of Bulgaria


For the Republic of Hungary


For Romania


For the Republic of Turkey