EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Mr. Siim Kallas, Vice President

APPROVAL OF DECLARATION

In connection with the meeting of the Transport Ministers of the Danube River and its tributaries riparian states, to be held in Luxembourg on 7. June 2012, in which, due to previously agreed commitments I shall not be able to attend, I hereby declare that, as a riparian state within the Danube basin and the user of the Sava River waterway, tributary of the Danube, we support the draft Declaration of the Transport Ministers.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is very interested in the development of the inland navigation on the Sava River, which is connected to the waterway of the Danube River and other Trans-European Transport Networks.

In this respect, jointly with the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Serbia, we have launched some actions not only aimed at the regular maintenance but also the rehabilitation of the Sava River waterway. Accordingly, and pursuant to the decisions of the International Sava River Basin Commission, we expect to establish an efficient waterway infrastructure to the level IV and V until 2015. To this end, this Declaration is understood as a document that will greatly contribute to this goal.

Once again I express my regret for not being able to attend tomorrow's meeting and kindly ask You to consider this letter as an approval of the Declaration by the Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Sincerely,

MINISTER
Damir Hadžić