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## TRILATERAL MEETING IN VARNA

STRAVON welcomes the trilateral summit meeting among Romania, Bulgaria and Greece taking place in the Black Sea port of Varna, today, 9th October.

The meeting is important and timely, no matter the vicissitudes of the ongoing war of Russia in Ukraine and the aggravating crisis in the Near East. The three countries of Southeastern Europe, EU and NATO members, do share beyond geographical proximity a common social, historic and cultural background, as their population largely follows the Orthodox Christian rite.

Greece supports the quest of Bulgaria and Romania to join the Schengen area.

The 3 countries got to cooperate in establishing viable energy as well as transport -road and railway- north south corridors linking their respecting Mediterranean and Black Sea ports with Moldova and Ukraine. Their coordination in the said areas, providing an alternative avenue to expedite hydrocarbons, commodities, and manufactured products, in an afterthought, would also contribute to the easing of the congested maritime traffic through the Straits of Bosphorus and the Dardanelles. The cooperation of the 3, domestically driven and forward looking, necessitates the involvement of the respective business communities, parliamentarians, and the civil societies.

STRAVON has long advocated in favour of revamping and deepening the 3 lateral cooperation and entertains the hope that today s summit meeting in Varna will have a sustained follow up.

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