



CPMR BALKAN AND BLACK SEA COMMISSION (BBSRC)

2009 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

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Welcome address by Mr Mykola SERDYUK, Head of Odessa Regional State Administration

Our honorable guests and colleagues!

Welcome to Odessa region!

It is a great honor to host the representatives of Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe. It is undoubtedly resonant event, especially if to pay attention to the fact that the meeting of such level holds out of the limits of European Union first time, and, for this purpose Odessa region was chosen.

First of all I want to emphasize that one of the most effective instruments of euro integration policy of Ukraine is cooperation with member countries of European Union, particularly and in the frames of such organizations as Conference of peripheral maritime regions.

Odessa region is true member of CPMR since 2004. I want to attract your attention that Odessa region is the only one region in Ukraine that is the member of this organization.

Maritime regions hold important place in international policy today and will in the future, which influence the balance of power system. All this indicates its significant economic potential and growing importance as transportation and energetic links.

In the times of hard economic situation in the whole world it is very important to recollect today main activity goals of the CPMR, particularly: formation and strengthening of the economic, social, territorial connection between maritime regions of Europe and all round cooperation for its realization.

Black sea maritime regions first of all must seek to use all advantages of its geographical position, recourses and possibilities to develop economic recourses of the countries. And we all, member regions of CPMR, must consolidate our efforts on the way of our cooperation development. I am sure, hat only this way we can fulfill all the tasks we put in front.

Thank You for attention.