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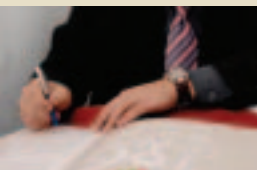
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IPA Framework Agreement Signed in Sarajevo

On 20 February 2008, Pierre Mirel, Director for Western Balkans in the European Commission's Directorate General for Enlargement and Nikola Špirić, Chairman of BiH Council of Ministers signed IPA (Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance) Framework Agreement in Sarajevo. The Commission has allocated 440 M€ of support to BiH in its transition from a potential candidate country to a candidate country for the period 2007-2011 under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).

During the signing ceremony, Mr Mirel outlined that the signing of this agreement is a proof that the EU would continuously provide financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina. Mr Mirel expressed his satisfaction over the recent adoption of the pre-accession strategy by the BiH Council of Ministers, which became a part of the official EU integration process in BiH.

Mr Mirel underlined that since the end of the war, the EU invested over 1.9 billion € in BiH for reconstruction, state building, refugee return and for undertaking important reforms. Having in mind that within IPA, EU will provide 500 million € for the period of 2007-2011, Mr Mirel stressed: "We believe that this is clear sign and demonstration of EU confidence and future support of BiH. I hope that this assistance will help your country achieve the goals and needed reforms."

In his address, the Chairman of BiH Council of Ministers Nikola Špirić expressed his satisfaction with the fact that BiH became eligible for IPA funds and added: "I am assured that, if we accelerate the European integration process, the European Commission funds will be more generous. Therefore, it is up to us



in BiH to do whatever it takes to achieve sound results." Talking about needed optimism to support BH integration process, he concluded that "without concrete results there will be no optimism from Brussels. That is why I hope that the news from BiH will be better on a daily basis."



About IPA

The IPA is the key tool of the Commission's pre-accession assistance strategy. IPA will help transition countries meet the Accession Criteria (fulfil the political, economic and acquis-related criteria for membership, building up their administrative and judicial capacity) and prepare for the programming, management and implementation of EU Cohesion, Structural and Rural development Funds after accession. IPA is designed with five components to provide for targeted and effective assistance for each country according to its needs and evolution. These five components are: transition assistance and institution building; cross-border cooperation; regional development; human resources development; and rural development. Bosnia and Herzegovina is currently eligible for assistance to transition assistance and institution building and cross-border cooperation. Once the country has obtained the status of a candidate country the access to the other three components will be in principle opened to it.

The Framework Agreement (FwA) between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Commission of the European

Communities is an important step in the implementation of the Commission's Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA). It sets out the rules for co-operation between the Commission and the beneficiary country.

In particular, the Agreement lays down the provisions concerning the legal, administrative and technical framework for the implementation of the EU assistance. It also defines the operating structures that Bosnia and Herzegovina has to create to benefit from the entire Instrument, including Components III-V.

The assistance under IPA can only be granted, after the FwA has been concluded and entered into force. The FwA shall apply to all the IPA components and all projects funded by EU in a given country. Following the establishment of the FwA, in order to access the funds allocated under the IPA annual programmes, Bosnia and Herzegovina will also have to conclude the Financing Agreements on a yearly basis which provide more specific conditions for the delivery of the Community Assistance.

Adoption of New Initiatives for Closer European Perspective of Western Balkans

Visa-free travel

In order to establish a visa-free travel regime with EU countries, the adoption of these initiatives will lead to establishment of the Road Map with very concrete conditions needed to be met by every single country of the Western Balkans. In this regard, Ambassador Kourkoulas pointed out: "Visa liberation will depend on each country's progress in fulfilling these conditions."

Scholarships

The new EC initiative will further increase the number of scholarships granted to students from the Western Balkans to study in the EU, including Bosnia and Herzegovina. Current yearly amount for scholarships amounts to 10 M€ and Ambassador Kourkoulas informed that the EC intention is to double this amount for years 2009 and 2010.

Community Programmes

Additional support for Community Programmes will result in enhancement of cooperation in the areas of science, research and education. However, Ambassador Kourkoulas expressed his regret that BiH, unlike other countries in the region, is not yet a part of the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7).

Head of the European Commission Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Ambassador Dimitris Kourkoulas presented set of new initiatives adopted by the European Commission at the press-conference held on 5 March 2008 in Sarajevo. The main goal of these initiatives is to provide additional support for the political and economic development in the Western Balkan countries, thus helping them to accelerate their progress on the road towards EU membership.

Underlining the importance of the Western Balkans region going ahead with political and economic reform, reconciliation among peoples and progress towards the EU, Ambassador Kourkoulas indicated the areas in which the Commission would grant additional financial assistance.

Expressing his hope that Bosnia and Herzegovina will benefit from all these newly adopted and enhanced existing initiatives, Ambassador Kourkoulas reminded that all this would be possible only if BiH demonstrated a more pro-active role in European integration process. Ambassador Kourkoulas concluded that "political message of the adopted decisions is that Europe reinforces its commitment towards European path of the Western Balkans countries - the Strategy is there, the Road Map is known, now it is up to each country to help us to help you."

Allocation of 800 M€ per year for the period 2007 – 2011 for Western Balkans countries is the highest amount per capita provided by the EU to any region in the world. In this period about 440M€ of financial assistance is envisaged for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Proposals adopted by the Commission on 5 March 2008 will be presented to the EU Member States at the informal meeting of the EU foreign ministers in Slovenia scheduled to take place on 28 - 29 March.

Civil Society

The new civil society facility would focus on financial support for journalists, young politicians, professors, trade union leaders and others to participate in different EU programs, local initiatives and capacity building initiatives aimed at strengthening partnerships between civil society organisation in BiH and counterparts in EU.

Regional Cooperation

Ambassador Kourkoulas pointed out that the EU strongly supports regional cooperation, underlining the importance of the role of Regional Cooperation Council with its Secretariat in Sarajevo. Furthermore, Ambassador Kourkoulas once again reminded on the importance of CEFTA in developing regional trade relations as a preparation for entrance on both internal market of EU and membership to WTO.

Cooperation on disaster prevention, preparedness and response

The countries of the Western Balkans need to build up their capacity and to enhance regional cooperation in the field of civil protection and disaster prevention. The Disaster Risk Reduction Initiative, financed by €2 million yearly through the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA), will support capacity building of the Western Balkan countries as well as data collection, processing and sharing and the preparation of a regional strategy.

All documents available on http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/balkans_communication/index_en.htm

Discussing the EU with Bosnia and Herzegovina Representatives



Enlargement Commissioner Olli Rehn met with the political leaders of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in Brussels on 27 and 28 February 2008, to discuss issues related to the country's European integration. When inviting the leaders of Bosnia and Herzegovina Commissioner Rehn said: "I am fully committed to the European future of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its people," adding that in the long-run he expects the country to become a full EU member. In particular, discussions focused on the remaining conditions Bosnia and Herzegovina needs to fulfil to be able to sign the Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA), including police reform, full co-operation with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), public broadcasting reform, and public administration. Vice President Kallas and Commissioner Potocnik also took part in the meeting. "Bosnia and Herzegovina should be ready to sign the Stabilisation and Association Agreement by April", Enlargement Commissioner Olli Rehn told journalists after meeting with BiH political leaders in Brussels.

Visa facilitation for citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Easier travel to the EU becomes a reality for the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina – this is what the visa facilitation agreement between the EU and Bosnia and Herzegovina stands for. The purpose of the new visa regime is to facilitate the issuance of **short-stay visas** to persons who hold the nationality of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This should make the European perspective of Bosnia and Herzegovina more tangible to its citizens. Visa facilitation is a first concrete step towards the visa free travel regime.

The visa facilitation agreement has advantages for all nationals of Bosnia and Herzegovina travelling to the EU in the form of a low visa fee rate (35 € instead of the generally applicable rate of 60 €) and speedier handling of visa applications (maximum 10 days as a main rule). It has also advantages for broad groups in the form of simplified document requirements for the purpose of the journey and clear rules on when multiple entry visas can be granted. For certain categories of people such as students and pensioners visas will be given free of charge.

This brochure provides **basic information** for interested applicants about the rules and principles for issuing short-stay visas. EU Member States will take steps to ensure that all existent arrangements are in line with the letter and the spirit of the visa facilitation agreement and should make additional detailed information available on the web sites of their consular services. Additional information can also be found on the web sites of the Delegation of the European Commission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (<http://www.europa.ba>) and the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina (<http://www.msb.gov.ba>).

1. Short-stay visa

- ❑ Do you intend to stay in an EU Member State or in several EU Member States for **no more than 90 days** per period of 180 days?
- ❑ Do you intend to transit through the territory of one or several EU Member States?

Then, you need a **short-stay visa**, which means an authorization issued by an EU Member.

Important information

The new visa facilitation rules apply to all EU Member States, except UK, Ireland and Denmark. Bosnia and Herzegovina intends to conclude separate agreements with similar content as the EU agreement with these countries as well as with Norway and Iceland.

Where to apply?

- ❑ You can apply for a visa to the consular services of the EU member state where you intend to make a short stay.
- ❑ For a short stay in more than one EU member state, you need to address yourself to the consulate of the **main destination country**.
- ❑ In case it is difficult to determine the main destination, you should go to the consulate of **the first entry into the Schengen area**.

Important information

Please note that EU or national law continue to apply to all issues that are not covered by the visa facilitation agreements, such as: the refusal to issue a visa, recognition of travel documents, the general requirement to appear personally if submitting a visa application, the possibility in case of doubts to invite applicants for a personal interview in individual cases, the refusal of entry and expulsion measures but also the existing flexibilities for bona fide travelers.



What are the minimum requirements to apply for a visa? – You must:

- ❑ Complete and sign a visa application form.
- ❑ Present a passport which will be valid at least three months after the visa requested is due to expire.
- ❑ Specify the means of transport you intend to use.
- ❑ Demonstrate sufficient means of subsistence for your journey and for the return trip.
- ❑ Demonstrate that you have a health insurance valid for the trip.
- ❑ Describe the purpose and circumstances of your visit.

The new visa facilitation rules concern this last point:

The examples listed hereafter give a number of case studies for your orientation. Please note that this list is given for your guidance only and is not meant to be exhaustive. If you belong to one of the following categories, only the document(s) listed below can be requested for justifying the purpose of your journey; no other justification, invitation or validation is required. However, all other requirements necessary for obtaining a visa such as presenting documents on your means of subsistence, remain unchanged by the new agreement and need to be checked with the consulate where you intend to apply for a visa.

Purpose of your short stay in an EU member state

If you are ...

then you have to justify the purpose of your journey by presenting:

Professional

... a business person...

a written request from a host legal person or company or public authority, endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce of your country.

... participating in international exhibitions, conferences, symposia, seminars ...

a written request from the host organisation.

... a pupil, student or an accompanying teacher ...

a written request or certificate of enrolment from the host university, college or school.

... participating in scientific, cultural, artistic or sports events ...

a written request from the host organisation.

Private

... a close relative – spouse, child, or parent of a citizen of your country legally residing in an EU Member State ...

a written request from the relative you intend to visit.

... a person who intends to visit an EU Member State for medical reasons or a necessary accompanying person ...

an official document of the medical institution and proof of sufficient financial means to pay for the medical treatment.

... travelling for tourism ...

a certificate or voucher from a travel agency or a touroperator.

... attending a burial ceremony ...

an official document confirming the fact of death, as well as confirmation of the family or other relationship.

2. Multiple-entry short-stay visa

A **multiple-entry short stay visa** to the EU shall be issued to you, valid up to one year, if

- during the previous year you have obtained at least one visa
- you have made use of it in accordance with the laws on entry and stay of the visited EU Member State
- you regularly travel to EU Member States and are a:
 - ♦ **business person**
 - ♦ member of the professions **participating in international exhibitions, conferences, symposia, seminars or other similar events**
 - ♦ person needing to visit **regularly** for medical reasons or necessary accompanying person

- ♦ person regularly participating in **scientific, cultural, sports or artistic activities**
- ♦ **student** who regularly travels for the purposes of study or educational training.

A multiple-entry short-stay visa to the EU shall be issued to you, valid for a minimum of 2 years and a maximum of 5 years, if:

- you belong to one of the categories of persons above,
- during the previous two years you have made use of one-year multiple-entry visas in accordance with the laws on entry and stay of the visited EU Member State and
- the reasons for requesting a multiple-entry visa are still valid.

3. How much do you need to pay for your short-stay visa application?

The fee for processing your visa application amounts to 35 euro. This fee concerns both single and multiple-entry visas.

The following categories of persons benefit from charge-free visa:

- Close relatives
- Persons who have presented documents proving the necessity of their travel on **humanitarian grounds**, including to receive **urgent medical treatment** and the person accompanying such person, or to attend a funeral of a close relative or to visit a seriously ill close relative.
- Pensioners.**

- Children under 6 years of age.**
- Disabled persons** and the person accompanying them, if necessary.
- Pupils, students and accompanying teachers** who undertake trips for the purposes of study or educational training, including in the framework of exchange programmes, as well as other school-related activities.
- Persons participating in **scientific, cultural, sports and artistic activities**, including university and other exchange programmes.

4. How long will the procedures for processing your visa application take?

The diplomatic mission and consular posts of the EU Member States shall take a decision on the request to issue a visa within 10 calendar days of the date of the receipt of the application and documents required.

This period of time may be reduced to 3 working days or less in urgent cases. It may be extended to up to 30 calendar days in individual cases, in particular when further scrutiny of the application is needed.



Pierre Mirel Welcomed Progress and Underlined Requirements at RPM



The Reform Process Monitoring (RPM) plenary session took place in Sarajevo on 20 February 2008. Cooperation with ICTY, public administration reform, single economic space and public broadcasting service were the main issues addressed by Mr Pierre Mirel, Director for Western Balkans in the European Commission's Directorate General for Enlargement and Mr Osman Topčagić, Director of the Directorate for European Integration of BiH.

Mr Mirel reminded that the RPM meetings are part of the political dialogue which is part of the pre-accession strategy. He welcomed the demonstration of democratic procedures referring to the proposed legislation in regard to the police reform that was deliberated in the BiH Parliament, after being adopted by the Council of Ministers and approved by the relevant Parliamentary committees. "This has to be acknowledged as major step forward", said Mirel.

Furthermore, Mr Mirel explained why he was insisting on the importance of single economic space, and stressed that "it is essential

for countries in transition to boost trade and investment, for the economic growth and for the job creation" In this regard he added that "each country needs to reform internally, to remove obstacles to investments and to create a transparent and fair legal framework for attracting investments."

In his overview of BiH cooperation with ICTY, Mr Mirel acknowledged that this cooperation was good, but that "European Commission would like to see more investigations in the field in order to identify all assets that can be or are already used by supporters of the ICTY indictees."

As for the Public Broadcasting System reform, Mr Mirel regretfully acknowledged the lack of progress, noting that the Constitutional Court ruling on the matter was still pending. Once again, he underlined the importance of resolving this issue.

Talking about other issues that were discussed at the RPM plenary session, Mr Topčagić noted the progress in the insurance sector, which has enabled insurance companies domicile in one entity to open branch offices in the other entity. Furthermore, he expressed satisfaction that progress was identified in certain other fields, but once more he underlined that there was a lot more work to be done.

About RPM

RPM meetings are one of the tools to monitor reform process in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The first Reform Process Monitoring (RPM) meeting was held in 2006, as a substitute to the EU/BiH Consultative Task Force (CTF) which was established in 1998 as a joint body for political dialogue and expert advice. These meetings are the place where all relevant issues in relation to the Euro-Integration process are discussed and where set of future activities are being outlined.

"Together With Europe" a Public Debate in the Municipality of Rudo

Rudo, a small town situated in eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina, hosted a public debate "Together with Europe" on 21st February 2008. This public debate is a part of a series of debates launched last year by the Delegation of the European Commission to Bosnia and Herzegovina together with European Union institutions, Directorate for European Integration of BiH and EU Info Centres. The campaign is aimed to provide more information about the European integration process and requirements that Bosnia and Herzegovina needs to fulfil on its European path to the citizens and non-governmental sector.

Ambassador Dimitris Kourkoulas, Head of the European Commission Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Zara Halilović, Head of Sector for Coordination and Support of Directorate for European Integration of BiH and Milko Čolaković, Mayor of Rudo participated in discussion in Rudo where they also signed the "Declaration on European Future of Bosnia and Herzegovina" confirming the municipality's commitment to the process of European integration and progress of BiH towards European Union.

Pierre Mirel, Director for Western Balkans in the European Commission's Directorate General for Enlargement, was the guest of the session. After the ceremony and welcome address by Ambassador Kourkoulas who expressed his pleasure of being in Rudo and signing



the Declaration, Mr. Mirel highlighted three main reasons why Central European countries joined the European Union.

First, as he pointed out, is the political one - the European Union has demonstrated its ability to establish peace and stability in the large part of European Union after the World War II. Mr. Mirel said that "confrontation and conflicts had been replaced by spirit of compromise through a system where the members on voluntary basis accepted to share part of their sovereignty".

The second reason is economic which established a huge single market that ensures equal rights and regulations for businesses but also for consumers.

As the third reason, Mr. Mirel highlighted financial support which provides social and economic cohesion in the European Union. The financial assistance helps in building and improving infrastructure, transportation, and protection of environment, rural and regional development.

Conference BH Foreign Trade Policy - Engine for Growth



Ambassador Dimitris Kourkoulas, Head of the European Commission Delegation to BiH, and Mr. Slobodan Puhalac, Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH, opened on 22nd January 2008 the Conference "BiH Foreign Trade Policy – Engine for Growth".

"Trade is an engine for growth, but it does not automatically lead to higher growth and poverty reduction. It relies on supplementary economic reforms and restructuring that is part of a broader development strategy" underlined Ambassador Kourkoulas and repeated that the three pillars of BiH foreign trade policy were: Implementation of the CEFTA, implementation of the SAA, and the accession to the WTO.

During the conference, the document "Trade Needs Assessment Report," prepared by the European Union Project "Support Trade Policy Development and Capacity Building in Bosnia and Herzegovina (EU TPP)," was presented. The document provides an analysis of the current status of BiH Foreign Trade Policy and makes recommendations for eliminating constraints to effective participation of BiH in the international trading system.

Bosnian Kingdom Trail – The Cultural Tourism Project

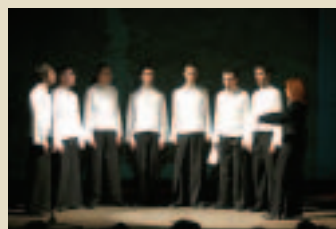
The "Bosnian Kingdom Trail", a historical and cultural project funded by the European Union was officially presented in Sarajevo on 27 February. The project is launched and implemented by the Mozaik Foundation with the financial support of the European Union which provided app. 300,000 € for its implementation.

The purpose of this Project is to improve BiH competitiveness in the area of cultural tourism by attracting international tourists and developing domestic tourist demand. Tourist offer will be developed on the common ground of the medieval Bosnian Kingdom. The project will improve the ability of 10 communities (Tešanj, Maglaj, Zenica, Kakanj, Visoko, Vareš, Travnik, Fojnica, Donji Vakuf and Jajce) to develop an attractive tourist offer for receiving and hosting tourists. It

will contribute to the overall economical and social development of target region while raising the public awareness about the importance of shared and common cultural and historical heritage.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr. Andre Lys, Head of Operations of the European Commission Delegation to BiH, underlined the European Union's strong support to local development projects already amounting to 10 million € donated to 60 local initiatives for regional development or tourism. "Let me stress that the European Commission is fully committed to this project. We are truly looking forward to following the trails of the Bosnian Kingdom with all of you and soon witness the success of this new initiative", concluded Mr. Lys.

Total project value is 555,000€.



50 ways forward - New EU Publication Translated

European Commission Delegation to BiH presented the publication "50 ways forward - Europe's Best Successes" - published in 2007 to celebrate 50th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome. This booklet aims to show you – in an attractive and entertaining way – how people in Europe, and beyond, have benefited, and will continue to benefit, from European co-operation. Publication is accessible on the Delegation web-site www.europa.ba and printed version in Euro-info centres in Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Mostar and Brčko. The 50 ways forward booklet is a 'sister' publication to the website of the same name, which features a full virtual gallery tour and can be found here: <http://europa.eu/success50>.

Support to the Penitentiary Management Reform in BiH

Final conference of the EU funded project Support to the Penitentiary Management Reform in BiH took place in Sarajevo on Thursday, 21 February 2008. Mr Andre Lys, Head of the Operations of the European Commission Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Srđan Arnaut, Deputy Minister of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr Mustafa Bisić, Assistant Minister of Justice of BiH and Ms Irene Koeck representative of the Expert Team of the Austrian Ministry of Justice, attended the conference and addressed the participants.

The objective of the project was to improve the effectiveness of the execution of criminal sanctions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and more specifically:

1. to improve the conditions of detention for the most vulnerable groups of prisoners
2. to improve the ability of prison staff and court police to handle sensitive situations using relevant conflict resolution techniques, non-violent communication, and training in hostage negotiating skills while guaranteeing compliance with human rights standards, and
3. to assist the prison management in devising a multi annual investment plan and estate management program for the penitentiaries.

The European Union provided 200,000€ for this twinning light project which was implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Austria, Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina, entity Ministries of Justice and Judicial Commission of Brčko District.

Strengthening Higher Education

The press conference marking the completion of Strengthening Higher Education in Bosnia and Herzegovina project took place in Sarajevo on 18 January 2008. This was a joint project between the European Union and the Council of Europe co-financed by both organisations: the European Union contributed 360,000€ (CARDS 2005) and the Council of Europe (CoE) 40,000€. The project was implemented between the 28 December 2005 and the 28 January 2008.

The overall objective of this project was to improve the quality of the B&H Higher Education system in line with B&H international obligations, namely the Bologna Process and the Lisbon Recognition Convention. This project contributed also to the implementation of the priorities set up in the European Partnership concerning Higher Education.

More precisely, the project was launched with the aim to assist B&H to fulfil its commitments from the Bergen Communiqué (20 May 2005) and to help BiH to prepare and introduce state-level reforms in three important and interlinked areas within the Bologna Process: the recognition of qualifications, quality assurance mechanisms and higher education qualifications.

Achievements

Set of adopted documents developing standards strategies and guidelines in the three above-mentioned areas:

- the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in BiH and recommendations for their implementation;
- the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Higher Education in BiH and recommendations for their implementation;
- the National Action Plan for Recognition of Qualifications in BiH;
- a Model for the Diploma Supplement in BiH and a corresponding Users' Manual.

All these documents were adopted on 27 December 2007 by the relevant B&H authorities and are ready to be implemented.



European Road Safety Charter Signed by BiHAMK



On behalf of Delegation of European Commission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr Ferdinand Kopp, Head of Operations responsible for Justice and Home Affairs handed over the European Road Safety Charter (ERSC) to Mr Elmedin Bajramović, BiHAMK Secretary General at the signing ceremony on 6 February 2008. By signing the Charter Bosnia and Herzegovina Automobile Club (BiHAMK) has become the first from BiH and one of very few non EU member state organisations that are members of the ERSC.

In his address, Mr Kopp pointed out that this event is an "excellent example of cooperation between the European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina in this joint undertaking to save 25,000 lives a year by 2010 through concrete actions in order to improve road safety and further heighten awareness about the need to reduce road accident fatalities".

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