

Concluding Remarks

Before delivering my concluding remarks, let me, on behalf of IENE, express my deepest sympathy and condolences to our Turkish colleagues, and the Turkish government, for the atrocious terrorist act committed last Tuesday at Kemal Ataturk airport in Istanbul and the resulting huge loss of life and extensive injuries among civilians. We express our deep sorrow and full solidarity to the people of Turkey during these difficult and trying times.

Finally, we reached the end of this year's Energy Dialogue meeting, the 9th in the series.

- ◆ We were lucky to have 75 delegates, among them some exceptionally qualified speakers and panelists. Many of them are long standing members of the energy fraternity of SE Europe which IENE has been cultivating over the years. We are more than delighted that so many old friends but also new colleagues have managed to make it to Thessaloniki. For our Institute the Energy Dialogue meeting is the most important annual meeting as we feel strongly that through this type of meetings we fulfill our role.
- ◆ A total of 43 presentations were contributed covering the broad energy field
- ◆ May I therefore thank warmly our speakers, our panelists and the session moderators who did a fine job keeping the sessions on time.
- ◆ I also wish to thank the international organizations and supranational bodies which participated in the 9th SEEED including IEA, Energy Charter, Energy Community, JRC, OSCE, SEE CAO for supporting the Energy Dialogue. Their contribution and support is well noted.

The conclusions of this year's SEEED will be prepared by the organising committee and sent to all participants in due course. Prior to that you will shortly receive information regarding the mircosite which will include all speeches and presentations.

Finally I come to our sponsors and supporters without whose generous financial assistance we would not have managed to organise this event. These include PPC, DEPA, NIS, Hellenic Petroleum, KG Law Firm, ENSCO and Energean Oil & Gas/ Media Sponsors also played an important role in promoting our event. Let me

therefore thank See News of Bulgaria, Energia.gr, New Europe from Brussels and the Greek Daily Kathimerini.