



## GOVERNOR OF ST. PETERSBURG

ECAD 14<sup>th</sup> Mayors` Conference  
Istanbul, Turkey  
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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I send my warmest greetings to the participants of the ECAD 14<sup>th</sup> Mayors` Conference in Istanbul.

It seems of utmost importance to organize a political anti-drug forum of this range nowadays when we tackle the common issue of illegal drug substance spread. Drugs pose a contemporary tangible threat to all who are genuinely engaged in the state of health of younger generations, to those who are concerned about the future of all countries and nations.

The City of St. Petersburg was one of the first ones to uphold and sign the Stockholm Declaration. The citizens of my city are well aware of the necessity of joining their forces on all levels in order to achieve the most auspicious results in anti – drug policy making. St. Petersburg is thankful to ECAD for all practical knowledge and experience that we received and that we use in the city today.

I wish all conference participants a fruitful and successful work and plenty of interesting discussions in the pursuit of our common goal – a drug – free society.

(Valentina I. Matviyenko /  
Governor of St. Petersburg)