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Final Meeting of the Horizontal Facility Steering Committee

Belgrade, 6 March 2019 Venue: Hotel Metropol Palace Agenda

09:00 – 09:30 Registration of participants / Coffee

Venue: Ivo Andric hall

09:30 – 10:00 Welcome and opening

Mr Tobias Flessenkemper, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Belgrade Ms Ksenija Milenković, Assistant Miniter, Ministry of European Integration Ms Delphine Freymann, Head of Division, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe

Ms Mateja Norcic Stamcar, Deputy Head, Delegation of the European Union to Serbia

10:00 – 10:15 Break

Horizontal Facility and its impact on National Reform Agenda: Achievements and Challenges

10:15-11:30 **Parallel Thematic Workshops**

Workshop 1: ENSURING JUSTICE

Venue: Ivo Andrić hall

"Strengthening legal guarantees for independent and impartial tribunals"

(HF Action 15)

Mr Čedomir Backović, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Justice Judge Branislava Goravica, Elected Member, High Judicial Council Ms Sophio Gelashvili, Head of Unit, Justice and Legal Cooperation Department, Council of Europe

"Supporting effective remedies and mutual legal assistance"

(HF Actions 11 and HF 23)

Judge Ljubica Milutinović, Supreme Court of Cassation Ms Nataša Plavšić, Agent of the Government before the European Court of Human Rights, State Attorney's Office Mr Sergey Dikman, Project Coordinator, Human Rights National Implementation Division, Council of Europe

• "Enhancing human rights protection for detained and sentenced persons" (HF Action 7)

Mr Nenad Banović, General Police Directorate, Ministry of Interior Ms Sophio Gelashvili, Head of Unit, Justice and Legal Cooperation Department, Council of Europe

Chair: Mr Tobias Flessenkemper, Council of Europe Office in Belgrade Rapporteur: Ms Marta Sjenicic, President of the Serbian Association of Lawyers for Medical and Health Law (SUPRAM)

Workshop 2 : COMBATING DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF VULNERABLE GROUPS / FIGHTING CORRUPTION, ECONOMIC CRIME AND ORGANISED CRIME

Venue: Lavander hall

• "Fostering a democratic school culture"

(HF Action 27)

• "Strengthen integrity and combat corruption in higher education"

(HF Action 21)

Ms Anamarija Viček, State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development

Mr Bojan Tubić, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development

Professor Ivanka Popović, Rector, University of Belgrade

Ms Vesna Atanasova, Programme Manager, Division of Cooperation and Capacity Building, Education Department – DGII Democracy, Council of Europe

• "Strengthening the protection of national minorities in Serbia"

(HF Action 33)

Ms Ivana Antić, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-Government

Ms Gordana Govedarica, Advisor, Office for Human and Minority Rights Mr Stefano Valenti, Head of Unit, No Hate Speech and Co-operation Unit, Anti-discrimination Department, Council of Europe

"Preventing and combating trafficking in human beings in Serbia"

(HF Action 30)

Mr Mitar Djurašković, National Anti-trafficking Coordination Office, Ministry of Interior

Ms Lidia Vujičić, NGO Astra

Ms Kristina Velcikova, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe

Chair: Ms Irina Sahakyan Vetter, Deputy Head of the Council of Europe Office in Belgrade

Rapporteur: Ms Anamarija Viček, State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00 - 13:00 Conclusions and Plenary discussion: Lessons learned and recommendations for HF Phase II

Venue: Ivo Andrić hall

Report from Workshop 1 and Workshop 2 (Rapporteurs)

- Ms Leonetta Pajer, Head of Operations I, Delegation of the European Union to Serbia
- Ms Delphine Freymann, Head of Division, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe

Moderator: Mr Tobias Flessenkemper, Head of Office in Belgrade, Council of Europe

13:00 End of the final meeting of the Horizontal Facility Steering Committee

13:00-15:00 Buffet lunch