

PROTOCOL
AMENDING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CONCERNING COOPERATION IN FIGHTING CORRUPTION
THROUGH THE SOUTH EASTERN EUROPEAN ANTI-
CORRUPTION INITIATIVE

The Parties to the Memorandum of Understanding concerning Cooperation in Fighting Corruption through the South Eastern European Anti-corruption Initiative signed on April 13, 2007, in Zagreb, Croatia, (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties" and the "MoU"),

Welcoming the level of regional cooperation on anti-corruption matters in South Eastern Europe,

Considering the urgent need to amend certain provisions of the MoU in order to ensure sustainability of common efforts in anti-corruption regional cooperation,

Reaffirming their commitment to invest sustainable efforts for a closer regional cooperation and reiterating their support to Regional Anti-corruption Initiative's capacities and role as focal point for regional cooperation on anti-corruption issues,

Aware that it is in their common interest to participate in regional anti-corruption efforts and to capitalize from the progress and achievements made so far,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

In the whole text of the MoU, the term "Stability Pact Anti-corruption Initiative" is accordingly replaced by the term „Regional Anti-corruption Initiative“. With reference to that, the abbreviation „SPAI“ is accordingly replaced by the abbreviation „RAI“.

Article 2

In the whole text of the MoU, the term „SPAI Regional Secretariat Liason Office“ is accordingly replaced by the term „Regional Anti-corruption Initiative Secretariat“. With reference to that, the abbreviation „SPAI-RSLO“ is accordingly replaced by the abbreviation „RAI Secretariat“.

Article 3

In the whole text of the MoU, the term „ Regional Steering Group“ is accordingly replaced by the term „Regional Anti-corruption Initiative Steering Group“ or by the abbreviation „RAI Steering Group“.

Article 4

In Article 1, paragraph 2 of the MoU, last sentence is amended as follows:

„RAI Steering Group may decide to invite Countries to accede to this MoU including its amendments. It may also decide to invite partners, countries, and organizations as observers to RAI meetings and activities.“

Article 5

In Article 4, paragraph 1 of the MoU, a new sentence is added, which reads as follows:

„For each Country that accedes to this MoU in accordance with Article 1 paragraph 2 of this MoU, this MoU including its amendments shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Depository State has received the instrument of accession of that Country.“

Article 6

In Article 4 of the MoU paragraph 4 is amended as follows:

„This MoU shall remain in force for indefinite period of time.“

Article 7

All other provisions of the MoU shall stay unchanged.

Article 8

This Protocol, approved by the Parties of the MoU in accordance with their respective internal legal procedures, shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the third Party has notified the Depository State on the completion of internal procedures necessary for that purpose.

After its entry into force, this Protocol shall enter into force for other signatory Countries on the first day of the month following the date on which that country has notified the Depository State on the completion of internal procedures necessary for that purpose.

Signed on July 11, 2013 in Zagreb, Republic of Croatia, in a single copy in the English language which shall be deposited with the Depository which shall then transmit a certified copy thereof to each Party,

IN WITNESS WHEREOFF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Protocol,



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