### MEMORANDUM

### **ON COOPERATION**

#### in the Field of Public Relations

#### among

The Supreme State Prosecutor's Office of Montenegro, the Supreme Public Prosecution of the Republic of Serbia, the Supreme State Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Slovenia, the State Public Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of North Macedonia, the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Albania, the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Federal Prosecutor's Office of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic Prosecutor's Office of Republika Srpska and the Brčko District Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter referred to as the "Signatories")

have reached the following understanding:

## Section I

The Signatories will enable persons in public relations offices/departments to enhance cooperation with their colleagues in the region in order to strengthen the cooperation and improve the capacities of public relations offices.

#### Section II

- 1. In order to achieve the objectives covered by this Memorandum, the possibility of establishing a regional platform of public relations offices, as a forum for cooperation and communication, the modalities of which will be determined by the Signatories of the Memorandum, is envisaged.
- 2. The regional platform will represent an opportunity for communication and direct exchange of information and documents between public relations offices, related to the work of the offices.

#### Section III

The cooperation between persons responsible for public relations will be realised by organising periodic meetings, workshops and training sessions for the purpose of experience exchange and education.

#### Section IV

The Signatories agree to ensure that the information published does not jeopardize the investigation in the territories of other Signatories when informing the public about the developments concerning cross-border matters and to hold prior consultation.

# Section V

This Memorandum does not create rights and/or obligations under international law.

# Section VI

This Memorandum may be amended or supplemented at any time by the written consent of all Signatories to the Memorandum. Any Signatory may propose amendments or supplements to this Memorandum.

# Section VII

This Memorandum is open for signature to new Signatories based on the prior consent of all the existing Signatories to the Memorandum.

# Section VIII

The representatives of the Signatories of this Memorandum will resolve all possible disputes amicably while fully respecting all parties involved in the dispute and with utmost focus on finding a solution that would satisfy all parties.

# Section IX

- 1. This Memorandum will come into effect on the date of its signature and is concluded for an indefinite period of time.
- 2. Any Signatory to this Memorandum may at any time withdraw from it by giving a one (1) month written notice to the other Signatories.
- 3. This Memorandum may be discontinued by the written consent of all Signatories to this Memorandum.
- 4. Discontinuation of this Memorandum will not affect the implementation of any ongoing activities agreed by the Signatories.

## Section X

The Memorandum is signed in 6 original copies, each in the Montenegrin, Serbian, Bosnian, Macedonian, Albanian, Slovenian, Croatian and English languages, of which each Signatory retains one original copy. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English version will prevail.

# Signatories

# Supreme State Prosecutor's Office of Montenegro

Supreme Public Prosecution of the Republic of Serbia

Supreme State Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Slovenia

State Public Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of North Macedonia

General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Albania

Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Federal Prosecutor's Office of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Republic Public Prosecutor's Office of Republika Srpska

Brčko District Prosecutor's Office of Bosna and Herzegovina

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