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MINISTRY OF JUSTICE - Assistant Minister Čedomir Backović –

Belgrade Nemanjina 22-26

Dear Mr. Backović,

Related to the draft Action Plan for Chapter 23 which is from 21.04.2015 publically available on the website of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Serbia and open for comments, we would like to inform you of the following:

The High Judicial Council agrees with the defined activities which must be taken so as to fulfil the recommendations given in the Screening Report, within the timeframe and determined dynamics and for which it is stated as a responsible authority.

The new draft Action Plan for Chapter 23 has also incorporated recommendations given in the Judicial Functional Review which was prepared and widely presented by the World Bank, to the extent in which it was possible and acceptable for the needs of the Action Plan.

Together with other relevant responsible authorities, the High Judicial Council has participated in the drafting of the draft Action Plan for Chapter 23, especially in the sections related to independence, impartiality, accountability and competence, and in that respect will continue to undertake measures with the objective of full realisation of defined activities.

PRESIDENT OF THE HIGH JUDICIAL COUNCIL

[High Judicial Council stamp; signature] **Dragomir Milojević**