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MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
Assistant Minister and President of Negotiating Group for Chapter 23
Mr. Čedomir Backović

Belgrade, 22 May 2015

Dear Sir,

We have received your official notification on 21 April 2015 of the fact that the Third Draft of the Action Plan for Chapter 23 has been posted on the website of the Ministry of Justice with a call for comments and suggestions by the Judicial Academy.

We have sent the text of the Third Draft of the Action Plan for Chapter 23 to the responsible bodies of the Judicial Academy, Program Council and Management Board who have studied the Third Draft of the Action Plan for Chapter 23 in detail. Upon receiving opinions of the members of the Program Council and Management Board, the Management Board of the Judicial Academy has on the meeting held on 21 May 2015 authorised the Director of the Judicial Academy to inform you on behalf of the Judicial Academy of the following findings:

1. That the text of the Action Plan is clear, the role of the Judicial Academy is harmonised with standards, that the deadlines and financial sources are determined, that the activities, both of the Academy and other responsible authorities, compose a logical whole as well as the fact that the competences of the institutions are coordinated and connected.
2. That the suggestions and complaints filed by the Judicial Academy, given officially and during a number of meetings of the working group, which we were an active part of, have been accepted. Also, we highlight that during the drafting of the Action Plan the principle of consensus of all participants in the drafting of the Action Plan was respected.
3. That the Academy finds that all of the proposed activities are entirely harmonised with the commitment of Serbia to achieve objectives and standards set in the National Judicial Reform Strategy for the period 2013-2018, that the Action Plan is harmonised with the recommendations of the World Bank, contained in the Judicial Functional Review, that the activities are in accordance with the Study of the Development Needs of the Judicial Academy, Screening Report and Progress Report for Serbia of 2014.

In accordance with all of the above, the Judicial Academy fully agrees with the proposed text of the Third Draft of the Action Plan for Chapter 23. Accordingly, having in mind the

activities contained in the Third Draft of the Action Plan for Chapter 23 which are of key importance for the further development of the Judicial Academy, we suggest that, upon receiving positive opinion of the European Commission, the Third Draft of the Action Plan for Chapter 23 be referred to the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia in order to be enacted in urgent procedure.

Sincere regards,

DIRECTOR
[Judicial Academy Seal; signature]
Nenad Vujić