Recalling the conclusions from the three technical level regional meetings in Zagreb in 2015, Tirana in 2016 and Sofia in 2016, participating delegations from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Kosovo*, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro and Serbia, and from the partner organizations RCC and UNODC, together with the organizers, the Austrian Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, and the Regional Anti-corruption Initiative, have reached the following

CONCLUSIONS

- All the attending delegations reiterated their commitment to curbing corruption through regional cooperation.

- All the attending delegations expressed their principal support for the development of the International Legal Instrument aimed at exchange of data for the verification of asset declarations, in line with the international and EU instruments and standards in this field.

- RAI Secretariat will prepare amendments and explanatory notes discussed and agreed during the first negotiation meeting and share it with the delegations within 15 days from the first meeting.

- RAI Secretariat will inform of the aforementioned Conclusions and outcomes delegations and stakeholders that were not present for the first round of negotiations.

- All delegations agree to send their additional comments to the RAI Secretariat not later than 31 December, 2018.

- All the attending delegations agree to hold the second round of negotiations as soon as possible, but not later than March 2019.

- All the attending delegations acknowledge, commend and express their gratitude for the support to the process by the Austrian Government and the Austrian Development Agency (ADA).

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.