**2nd Negotiation meeting on International Treaty on Exchange of Data for the Verification of Asset Declarations**

Podgorica, Montenegro, 27 March 2019

Recalling the conclusions from the three technical level regional meetings in Zagreb in 2015, Tirana and Sofia in 2016, and the 1st Negotiation Meeting at IACA Laxenburg, Austria in 2018, participating delegations from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Kosovo* (Observer), Moldova (Observer), North Macedonia, Serbia and the host country Montenegro; partner organizations RCC and UNODC; and the Delegation of the EU to Montenegro and the Austrian Embassy Podgorica as guests, together with the Regional Anti-corruption Initiative as organizer have reached the following

**CONCLUSIONS**

- Attending delegations, partners and guests reiterated their commitment to curbing corruption through strengthening regional cooperation;
- Attending delegations, partners and guests communicated their principal support for the International Treaty on Exchange of Data for the Verification of Asset Declarations;
- All attending delegations acknowledge and commend the support to the process by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and the Austrian Government;
- RAI Secretariat will prepare and distribute amendments and explanatory notes discussed and agreed during the second negotiation meeting within a month from the adoption of the Conclusions. Countries will communicate their feedback through silent procedure one month after the receipt of the amended text;
- Attending delegations agree to hold the International Treaty Signing Ceremony as soon as possible, preferably not later than November 2019; RAI Secretariat will propose dates and opportunities for the signing of the Treaty;
- Serbia has reiterated its readiness to be the Depository of the International Treaty;
- Bulgaria declared its readiness to be the Depository of the International Treaty;
- Delegations will submit their positions regarding the Depository to RAI Secretariat within one month from today;
- Attending delegations acknowledge that RAI will continue to facilitate the International Treaty process multilaterally as well as bilaterally;
- RAI Secretariat will inform countries and stakeholders that were not present at the second round of negotiations of the aforementioned Conclusions.

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* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

† Delegations present at the meeting – through confidential procedure – gave 3 votes to Serbia as depository, 2 to Bulgaria, and one delegation abstained; observing delegations (Kosovo* and Moldova) did not take part in this non-binding, indicative vote.