



**Regional meeting on International Treaty on Exchange of Data for the
Verification of Asset Declarations**

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Recalling the conclusions from the three technical level regional meetings and two negotiation meetings, Regional Meeting participants from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Moldova, North Macedonia and a host country Montenegro; together with the organizer Regional Anti-corruption Initiative Secretariat have reached the following

CONCLUSIONS

- The participants reiterated their commitment to curbing corruption through regional cooperation to exchange good practices and experiences using RAI as a regional learning hub. In that sense, the representatives of SCPC of North Macedonia proposed using the RAI website for updating and publishing the legal and institutional frameworks regulating asset and interest declarations in the region.
- The participants acknowledge, commend, and express gratitude for the support of the International Treaty by the Austrian Government and the Austrian Development Cooperation.
- The participants recognize and support the efforts of the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative in facilitating the International Treaty among its member countries.
- The participants communicated their principal support for the development of the Blueprint that would serve as the basis for future implementation of the International Treaty. To that end RAI Secretariat will conduct a comprehensive analysis of the legal, technical and institutional framework of the asset declarations process.
- Participants urge enabling regional capacity-building opportunities on particular topics important for establishing and maintenance of the regional mechanism for the data exchange in the framework of ongoing procedures. To that end RAI Secretariat will conduct the assessment to identify the training needs for the future focal points and will develop a training plan and guidance thereby establishing the minimum common regional standards.
- Participants committed to promote the Treaty at national, regional, and international events, and encourage more countries to sign the Treaty;
- Representatives of APIK committed to overcoming any existing obstacles (administrative and political will) in order to sign the International Treaty;
- RAI Secretariat will inform of the conclusions of countries and partners that were not present at the Regional Meeting.

* 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