

## **LETTER OF INTENT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

The representatives of the Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, the Republic of Serbia and the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, acting on behalf of Kosovo pursuant to the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244, in the presence of the European Commission ;

**Recalling** that in June 2003 the Council of the European Union endorsed "[t]he Thessaloniki Agenda for the Western Balkans: moving towards European integration" which encouraged the creation of a regional mechanism fostering training and education for public administration,

**Recalling** that the "Protocol of Co-operation on the Creation of the Regional School of Public Administration (Phase 1)" was signed on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006 by the representatives of the Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro along with the Republic of Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia, the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) acting on behalf of Kosovo pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244, in presence of the European Commission;

**Recalling** that, in accordance with Article V of that Protocol, the Parties considered "further institutionalisation of their cooperation, including participation by all Members in the funding arrangements";

**Recalling** the agreement reached in Paris on 31 January 2008 at the 6<sup>th</sup> session of the Steering Committee to proceed towards the establishment of a Regional School of Public Administration (RESPA) located in Montenegro;

**Noting** that a draft International Agreement has been elaborated by the Steering Committee set up under the "Protocol of Co-operation on the Creation of the Regional School of Public Administration (Phase 1)";

**Declare their intention**, following the agreement reached on the text of the International Agreement on the Regional School of Public Administration, to enhance the internal preparations for its signature, and afterwards for its ratification, acceptance or approval in accordance with the respective internal procedures, so that it could enter into force before the end of 2008.

In witness whereof, the undersigned have signed this letter of intent.

Done in Castle Jable, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008


For the Republic of Albania



For Bosnia and Herzegovina

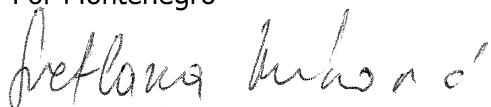


For the Republic of Croatia

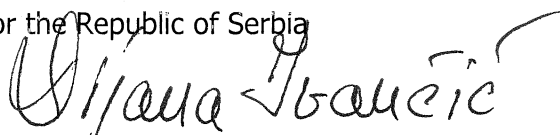


For the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

For Montenegro



For the Republic of Serbia



For UNMIK acting on behalf of Kosovo  
pursuant to the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244





АМБАСАДА НА РЕПУБЛИКА МАКЕДОНИЈА  
VELEPOSŁANIŠTVO REPUBLIKE MAKEDONIJE  
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

**HEREBY** I declare that the Government of the Republic of Macedonia agrees with the provisions of the Letter of the Intent concerning the Establishment of the Regional School of Public Administration (RESPA).

**IT IS CONSIDERED** that with this letter the Republic of Macedonia becomes a signatory to the Letter of Intent concerning the Establishment of the Regional School of Public Administration (RESPA).

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have signed this Letter concerning the signature of the said Letter of Intent concerning the Establishment of the Regional School of Public Administration (RESPA), at Ljubljana, on 12 June 2008.

**Samoil FILIPOVSKI**