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**"Regional JSPA Conference on strengthening air traffic regional cooperation in SEE"**

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Distinguished Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to welcome you here in Sarajevo on behalf of Civil Aviation Agency of Montenegro. Since Montenegro CAA has been involved in the initiation of the JSPA Initiative and this Conference too, I am very pleased to see that there are so many of us from all States from the region ready to hear each other and to cooperate, which will influence our future daily work.

The main goal of this Conference is to highlight the present and the future of our cooperation, as it has been seen from JSPA Initiative Focal Points Team as the most convincing issue

Personally, I strongly believe in regional cooperation and the opportunities which it offers by sharing expertise and helping each other. Only with such a strong regional commitment, partnership and solidarity we can, compensate for missed opportunities and time lost. We could fulfill the expectation of our societies: to provide safe, cheap and high-quality Air Traffic Management all over the Region.

Summing up what has been achieved since the beginning of rolling the JSPA Initiative up to date, especially now when we are at the backbone point of establishing the first regional initiative, I feel a need to betake you with the sole purpose to motivate and encourage you to take the step which is ahead of us. Before that step to be taken, it was needed to make series of preceding steps and moves needed to bring the idea to the visible results. It is the fact that JSPA Initiative is accepted – among the States in the region, with full support and hope to enable successful creating joint regional platform, relaxed from political influences and completely devoted to creating benefits for Initiative's participants in domains directly related to the increase of capacity and functionality of airspace, reduction of service provision costs, enhancements in protecting environment and maintaining required safety levels. It has given us a hope that in the forthcoming period, the region where we belong, may serve as an exemple to the others.

JSPA Initiative provoked out the best of regional air navigation service providers and civil aviation authorities deliberating significant positive energy steering to the creation of joint approach to goals achieving and working principles as formulated and accepted by the first JSPA Initiative Meeting, held in Podgorica on November 26, 2012.

JSPA Initiative shall enable our experts to jointly find solutions, to suggest, recommend and to agree upon common interests, to formulate proposals to their organizations in

communication with the European Union institutions, encouraging our neighbors to get to us and to strengthen the position and energy of each participant. That energy is felt even in the process of conduct of the first project which has been held recently in Budapest, as well as in the plans foreseeing two other projects envisaged in attempt to form the “Regional Pool of Experts” and Regional navigational enhancements based on the PBN principles.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank especially to those who have enabled this valuable moment with their persistence and determination as necessary prerequisite part of JSPA Initiative establishing process and it is a positive indication of the evolving cooperation in our region.

I would like to express my gratitude to all of you, who has supported the initiative since its very beginning.

Special thanks to our colleagues from RCC, who had recognized the importance of this initiative and offer to be co-organizers of today’s Conference together with CAA of Montenegro.

Finally, on behalf of my Director General and our team from Montenegro CAA, I wish to all participants a very useful and fruitful end of this phase which should result with the JSPA Initiative Letter of Intent finally signed.

Thank you.