

IV ANNUAL COORDINATION CONFERENCE
OF THE REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS
IN THE AREA OF JUSTICE HOME AFFAIRS AND SECURITY COOPERATION

CONCLUSIONS

Belgrade, 2 December 2011

Under the auspices of the Serbian Chairmanship in Office of the SEECF, the representatives of the RCC members from SEE, together with the representatives of the Council of Europe, Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), International Criminal Police Organization, (Interpol), EU Police Mission (EUPM), Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (OSCE), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Office in Belgrade (UNOB), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Migration Asylum and Refugees Initiative (MARRI), the Secretariat for the Police Cooperation Convention for South East Europe (PCC-SEE Secretariat), RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation (RACVIAC), the Regional Anticorruption Initiative (RAI), the Southeast European Law Enforcement Center (SELEC), the South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC), German Federal Police (*members of the Treptower Group*), France Regional Police Coordinator for the Western Balkans, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat (RCC),

Participating at the IV Coordination Conference of the Regional Organizations and International Partners in the area of justice, home affairs and security cooperation held in *Belgrade on 2 December 2011*;

Considering the positions and opinions expressed during the Conference

Agreed upon the following:

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1. Aware to the fact that the dominant global and regional context is characterised by generalised financial, economic and governance crises, emphasize that the specific risks and challenges in the areas of justice and security can be overcome through strengthened regional cooperation, respect for rule of law, thorough observance of fundamental rights, public support and transparency through civil society organizations;
2. Recognise that the ultimate goal of justice and security cooperation consist in strengthening the democracy, visa free region, free movement of the people, goods and ideas bringing sustained improvements to the rule of law and obtaining concrete improvements of the daily lives of the people;
3. Aware that justice and security are two different but at the same time complementary domains , consider the convergences and complementary relationships between security and justice as essential in promoting an environment, in which individuals and communities feel safe and secure, the rule of law is respected and development can flourish;
4. Recognise the regional dimension of justice and security cooperation and note the significant progress made over the last year in strengthening national institutions and regional cooperation mechanisms in justice, home affairs and security areas and *inter alia*:
 - a. Cooperation on integrity building and transparency in security and defence procurement (in the context of European defence and security systems integration processes, NATO and RACVIAC, with RCC and RAI participation, initiated the development of regional mechanisms on budgeting, control of expenditures and modern procurement systems);
 - b. Cyber security and cyber defence: the project on establishing a SEE Regional Cyber Defence Cell within RACVIAC, with UNICRI, UNDP, Cyber DEFCON Foundation and RCC support;
 - c. Enhancement of the joint efforts to cooperate in countering the cross-border organized crime threats which endanger the overall security of the region and

hinder economic growth and development opportunities, (MARRI, RACVIAC, SELEC, PCC-SEE, SEPCA, ILECU, SEESAC to create a broader platform for sharing information and best practices, supporting the capacity building in synchronizing timely counteraction against organized crime new trends and evolution)

- d. Recognition of the existence of the *Treptower Group* with a coordination role on the Western Balkans (as beneficiary countries) on non-operative police development aid;
 - e. Cooperation in counter-terrorism matters to implement the relevant Security Council resolutions and the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, as well as to raise awareness of best practices in counter-terrorism cooperation (UN Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), UNODC-Terrorism Prevention Branch, OSCE, South Eastern European Intelligence Conference (SEEIC), SELEC, SEEPAG, WB Prosecutors' Network, SEESAC and RCC);
- 5. Recognize the RCC Secretariat role in providing a positive platform to facilitate cooperation, serving as a neutral intermediary and an effective tool in promoting development of various channels of communication and coordination, opening the process for greater information exchange.
 - 6. Welcome the readiness of RACVIAC to support the process of exchanging information and share best practices at the regional level regarding the protection of fundamental rights within justice and security cooperation. A regional event addressing the topic shall be co-organised by RACVIAC, RCC and PCC-SEE, in the first half of 2012.
 - 7. Encourage the RCC members from SEE and regional organizations to actively participate in the already established networks and regional bodies and also strive to deepen operational and information sharing relationships with these regional and international partners.

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