



**GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SERBIA**

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY,
THE SOCIAL PARTNERS OF SERBIA
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION
ON THE DECENT WORK COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR 2013-2017**

Whereas the Government of the Republic of Serbia, represented by the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Policy, the social partners of Serbia, and the International Labour Organization (ILO), represented by the International Labour Office (referred collectively as the Parties), wish to collaborate in order to promote and advance decent work in Serbia.

Whereas the Parties have agreed and formulated the priorities of cooperation for 2013-2017 in the course of consultations between the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Policy, the Social Partners and the ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team and Country Office for Central and Eastern Europe. The results and lessons learnt from implementation of the previous Decent Work Country Programme for 2008-2012 and its assessment made by tripartite constituents and ILO technical experts has been duly taken into account.

Whereas the new Decent Work Country Programme (DWCP) for 2013-2017 is in line with the key priorities of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for 2011-2015 and will contribute towards achievement of its goals. The new DWCP will also make an important contribution to the implementation of the Stabilization and Association Agreement with the European Union and national development objectives.

Whereas Serbia is party to the 1947 Convention on Privileges and Immunities of Specialized Agencies and its Annex I relating to the ILO as of 13 April 1966.

Now therefore, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. The Parties affirm their commitment to collaborate in the implementation of the DWCP. The following are agreed as priorities of the DWCP:

- I. Strengthening capacity of government institutions and the social partners to improve the functioning of the labour market
- II. Increasing employment opportunities
- III. Strengthening social protection systems

2. The ILO agrees to assist in the mobilization of resources and to provide technical cooperation in the implementation of the DWCP, subject to its rules, regulations, directives and procedures, the availability of funds and conditions to be agreed upon in writing.
3. The proposed outcomes for 2013-2017 are achievable in the five year period.
4. The ILO, the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Policy and the Social Partners will review the programme implementation periodically through the DWCP Overview Board, in order to assess progress made, while maintaining the necessary flexibility to adapt to emerging changes in the national context.
5. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) may be modified by agreement between the Parties and signing an Addendum.
6. Nothing in or relating to this MoU shall be construed as constituting a waiver of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by the ILO.
7. The DWCP document is attached to this MoU. In the event that the terms contained in the DWCP document are incompatible with the terms of this MoU, including the provisions referenced in article 3, then the latter shall govern and prevail.
8. This MoU, superseding all communications on this matter between the Parties, shall enter into force with effect from its signature by the authorized representatives of the Parties and shall expire on 31 December 2017.

This Memorandum is SIGNED by the Parties in Geneva, Switzerland this 19 day of June 2013 in two versions, each in Serbian and English, which are equally authoritative. In case of any disputes on interpretation of provisions of the Memorandum the English version shall govern and prevail.



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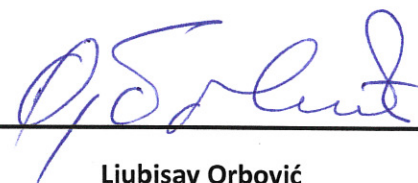
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