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**Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Serbia and the United Nations Office for Project Services concerning the establishment of an Office for the United Nations Office for Project Services in Belgrade, Republic of Serbia. Belgrade, 30 May 2017, and Copenhagen, 30 May 2017**

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**Organisation des Nations Unies  
et  
Serbie**

**Accord entre le Gouvernement de la République de Serbie et le Bureau des Nations Unies pour les services d'appui aux projets relatif à l'établissement d'un bureau pour le Bureau des Nations Unies pour les services d'appui aux projets à Belgrade, République de Serbie. Belgrade, 30 mai 2017, et Copenhagen, 30 mai 2017**

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[ ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS ]

**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA  
AND  
THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES  
CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN  
OFFICE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES  
IN BELGRADE, REPUBLIC OF SERBIA**

This Agreement is entered between the Government of the Republic of Serbia and the United Nations Office for Project Services (“UNOPS”) in order to define the status of the UNOPS Office in the Republic of Serbia (“Host Country”);

WHEREAS UNOPS was established as a separate and identifiable entity by the United Nations General Assembly decision 48/501 of 19 September 1994 to provide, *inter alia*, management and other support services for the benefit of the Member States of the United Nations, impartially, efficiently and on a cost reimbursement basis;

WHEREAS UNOPS is an integral part of the United Nations, whose status, privileges and immunities are governed by the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946, to which the Republic of Serbia acceded on 12 March 2001, without reservation;

WHEREAS UNOPS expresses its wish to establish an office in Belgrade, Republic of Serbia;

WHEREAS the Host Country has agreed that UNOPS establishes its seat in Belgrade, Republic of Serbia, for the benefit of its people;

NOW, THEREFORE the Host Country and UNOPS have entered into this Agreement in a spirit of friendly co-operation:

**Article I  
Definitions**

1. For the purposes of this Agreement,

(a) “Archives” means all records, correspondence, documents, manuscripts, computer records, still and motion pictures, film and sound recordings, and any other records belonging to or held by the Office in furtherance of its functions;

(b) “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of UNOPS, who is responsible and accountable to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for all UNOPS functions, activities, and services;

(c) “Experts on mission” means persons, other than Officials of the Office, appointed by and accountable to UNOPS to perform missions at the request of or on behalf of the Office in accordance with Article VI and Section 26 of the Article VII of the General Convention;

(d) “General Convention” means the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946, to which the Republic of Serbia is a party;

(e) “Head of the Office” means the official appointed by the Executive Director of UNOPS as the Director in charge of the Office in the Host Country;

(f) “Host Country” means the Republic of Serbia;

(g) “Office” means the UNOPS Office in the Host Country;

(h) “Officials of the Office” means all of the UNOPS staff members assigned to the Office irrespective of their nationality, with the exception of those who are locally recruited and paid hourly rates, as provided for in United Nations General Assembly resolution 76(1) of 7 December 1946;

(i) “Party” means UNOPS or the Host Country, individually;

(j) “Parties” means UNOPS and the Host Country, collectively;

(k) “Premises of the Office” means the building or part of building occupied or used permanently or temporarily by the Office in accordance with this Agreement and with the approval of the Host Country, issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia;

(l) “Property of the Office” means all property, including funds, income and other assets belonging to or held or administered by the Office in furtherance of its functions;

(m) “Secretary-General” means the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

(n) “Telecommunications” means any emission, transmission or reception of written or verbal information, images, sound or information of any nature by wire, radio, satellite, optical, fibre or any other electronic or electromagnetic means.

## **Article II**

### **Establishment of the Office**

The seat of the Office shall be established in Belgrade, Republic of Serbia, to permit UNOPS to carry out its activities and services.

## **Article III**

### **Juridical Personality**

1. The Office shall possess juridical personality in the Republic of Serbia. It shall have the capacity:

- (a) to contract;
- (b) to acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property;
- (c) to institute legal proceedings;

2. For the purposes of this agreement, the Office shall be represented by the Head of the Office.

## **Article IV**

### **Purpose and Scope of the Agreement**

1. (a) This Agreement regulates the status of the Office in the Host Country, in particular of its premises, officials and experts on mission.

(b) The modalities of assistance rendered by the Office to the Host Country shall be determined in separate project specific agreements between the Office and the Host Country.

## **Article V**

### **Application of the General Convention**

The General Convention shall be applicable to the Office, its archives, property, and telecommunications and to its officials and experts on mission assigned to the Office in the Host Country.

## **Article VI**

### **Inviolability of the Office**

1. The premises of the Office and its property, archives and telecommunications, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall be inviolable and enjoy immunity from search, requisition, confiscation, expropriation and any other form of interference, whether by executive, administrative, judicial or legislative action except when in a particular case such immunity has been expressly waived in accordance with the General Convention. However, no waiver of immunity from legal process shall extend to any measure of execution.

2. No officer or official of the Host Country or person exercising any public authority within the Host Country, shall enter the premises of the Office to perform any duties therein except with the consent of, and under the conditions approved by the Head of the Office. In case of a fire or other emergency requiring prompt protection action, the consent of the Head of the Office to any necessary entry into the premises shall be presumed if he or she cannot be reached in time.

3. The premises of the Office can be used for meetings, seminars, exhibitions and other related purposes which are organized by the Office or other United Nations entities.

## **Article VII**

### **Security and Protection**

The competent authorities shall ensure the security and protection of the premises of the Office and exercise due diligence to ensure that the tranquility of the Office premises is not disturbed by the unauthorized entry of persons or groups of persons from outside or by disturbances in its immediate vicinity.

## **Article VIII**

### **Communications Facilities**

1. The Office shall enjoy, for its official communications, treatment not less favorable than that accorded by the Host Country to any other accredited diplomatic mission in the Host Country, in the matter of priorities, rates and taxes on mails, cables, telegrams, radiograms, telephotos, telephone and other communication and press rates for information to the press and radio.

2. The Host Country shall secure the inviolability of the official communications of the Office, whatever the means of the communications employed, and shall not apply any censorship to such communications.

3. The Office shall have the right to operate communication equipment, including satellite facilities and to use codes and to dispatch and receive correspondence by couriers and bags. The bags must bear visibly the emblem of the United Nations, UNOPS or any other United Nations entity and may contain only documents or articles intended for official use, and the courier shall be provided with a courier certificate issued by the United Nations, UNOPS or any other United Nations entity.

## **Article IX**

### **Funds, Assets and Other Property**

1. The Office, its funds, assets and other property, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall enjoy immunity from every form of legal process except when in a particular case such immunity has expressly been waived in accordance with General Convention. It is understood, however, that no waiver of immunity shall extend to any measure of execution.