

“Youth Leadership Conference: Networking for Peace”, Belgrade 2021

JOINT DECLARATION ON REGIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN OSSA, OMSA AND ACSA

We, the Representatives of our respective Organizations, on the occasion of the “Youth Leadership Conference: Networking for Peace” in Belgrade, in the framework and spirit of regional cooperation through dialogue and exchange,

- **AFFIRMING** that youth, based on its unique capabilities and experiences, must participate in all decision-making processes relevant to the development of their local, national, and regional communities
- **RECOGNIZING** that prosperous bilateral and multilateral regional relations in areas such as economic cooperation, health development coordination, and technological and scientific exchange, are essential to the development of all local, national, and regional communities
- **HAVING IN MIND** that prosperous regional relations are essential for the achievement of the UN 2030 agenda in the region and its states
- **CONFIDENT** that OSSA (herein Organization of Serbian Students Abroad), OMSA (herein Organization of Montenegrins Studying Abroad), and ACSA (herein Association of Croatians Students Abroad), possess youth leadership capacity that is sufficient to meaningfully contribute to stronger bilateral and multilateral regional relations through cooperative engagements in youth policies, science and technology, entrepreneurship, and humanities

Aiming to:

- **PROMOTE** cooperation and dialogue in the context of peaceful and sustainable regional development - advance progress in science and technology, entrepreneurship, humanities, and youth policies through exchange of ideas and experiences,

- EMPHASIZE the essential role of youth leadership in all decision-making processes relevant to the development of local, national, and international communities,
- ENCOURAGE youth leadership in areas where it is insufficiently present or supported - advocate for international and intercultural understanding, youth leadership, dialogue, and cooperation.

Hereby declare to:

- Support regional cooperation efforts between OSSA, OMSA, and ACSA, on projects concerning science and technology, entrepreneurship, youth policy, and humanities
- Conduct periodical meetings between representatives of OSSA, OMSA, ACSA, and the Belgrade Peacebuilding Institute, to discuss and develop regional and inter-organizational cooperation proposals
- Support formation of Organizations analogous to OSSA, OMSA, and ACSA in the region, as well as support their inclusion in regional cooperation and peacebuilding dialogue,
- When suitable, consult and cooperate with regional nongovernmental organizations and associations, international organizations, and governments when developing and implementing regional cooperation policies and projects,

Agreeing that:

- No activity, project, initiative, press release and/or change to this Declaration will be carried out without the prior consent of OMSA, ACSA, and OSSA.

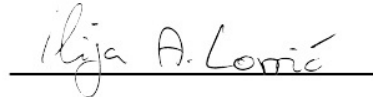
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