January 2016: The National Strategy Template

**Dates**
26-28 January 2016

**Venue**
RACVIAC, Rakitije, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia

**Background**
Following the agreed Roadmap for the development of national strategies to counter the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and building upon the Proliferation Security Initiative Table Top Exercise and the subsequent work on the Strategic Context organised in April and September 2015 respectively, the **C-WMD Network** in RACVIAC is organising a third meeting of the national working groups in January 2016. The **C-WMD Network** welcomes the continuous support from U.S. European Command (USEUCOM), U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia in the planning and execution of this event.

The open commitment to the process of developing a national C-WMD strategy expressed by all participants during the Senior Leadership Forum last September encouraged us all to start work on a national strategy template. Continuing on the established path, this January meeting constitutes an excellent opportunity for all participants to present their own draft national C-WMD strategy frameworks as well as their planned way forward.

Moreover, participants will also discuss various strategic and operational options for C-WMD as well as the importance of preparing an Action Plan for the implementation of the national strategy.

**Purpose**
The purpose of this event is to refine the national strategy templates.

**Objectives**
The objectives are:
- To further demonstrate the concept of a national CBRN strategy
- To identify key elements of a national strategy
- To highlight the importance of action plans as an integral element of strategy
- To introduce the international legal basis of counter-proliferation

**Participants**
Approximately 55 participants, namely up to five participants already identified as part of the national drafting team/working group from: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo*, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.

**Methodology**
The whole event will last 3 (three) days, and will consist of presentations, discussions, exercises and drafting sessions. The working language will be English (STANAG 3232).

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* This designation is without prejudice to the position status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence (in accordance with arrangements regarding regional representation and cooperation)

¹ The Republic of Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia under its constitutional name.
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