Dear Friends,

It has been almost two decades since a group of nations from the region and beyond came together with the common understanding that lasting peace can be attained only if mutual trust and understanding in South East Europe is achieved. With this in mind they established RACVIAC and made the very idea of dialogue and cooperation on security matters the core mission of the Centre to be pursued through a partnership between the countries of the region and their international partners.

Over the years the Centre has managed to be a meaningful contributor to coherence and respect, security reform solutions and confidence and security building. It has augmented its interaction with other organizations and institutions in the region and beyond, developed fruitful interaction with the members of the academia, and maintained continuous dialogue with the civil society and the general public. The diversity of events that we organize as well as other venues of interaction in the Centre make RACVIAC a leading platform for regional cooperation and networking which not only needs to be sustained with the same dedication and professionalism but also constantly improved and tailored to the needs of RACVIAC respective Members, the SEE countries that with their firm dedication have supported and continue to support its endeavors. It is our obligation now to maintain what has been achieved and to make sure that all of our efforts are focused towards doing more and being better for the benefit of RACVIAC Members.

Although RACVIAC achievements are impressive there are a lot of projects ahead of us. In a rapidly changing security environment it is of primary importance that RACVIAC continues to transform and adapt itself to meet these new challenges. In a constantly changing world the only way to maintain the edge is to change yourself accordingly in that process.

As we are approaching the end of the second decade of the Centre’s existence and preparing for the third one I’m sure that with active cooperation and ongoing support of all our stakeholders: Members, partner organizations, initiatives, subject matter experts and trainees, RACVIAC will be able to fulfill its motto: In the region – for the region.

Meanwhile, I would like to encourage all of you to visit our website, to follow us on social media and read our trimester Newsletter or attend one of our courses, workshops, seminars, conferences or panels and become a part of our ongoing efforts to foster dialogue and cooperation in order to nurture lasting stability and security in SEE.