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Annex A

Activity Overview

„Annual Meeting of the Representatives of Defence and Security Committees from SEE Parliaments” SSR-E1-M-18

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Venue Skopje, MK

Background Understanding the oversight instruments and the purpose of parliamentary oversight are the crucial prerequisites for parliamentary members and staffers in exercising their legislative and oversight powers in the defence and security sector. The idea of this Conference is to continue supporting cooperation among the Defence and Security Committees from SEE Parliaments by providing the platform for interaction of parliamentarians, security and defence policy experts and state officials. The Conference will be organised by RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation in partnership with the Committee on Defence and Security of the MK Assembly, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and supported by the OSCE Mission to Skopje.

Purpose and Objectives The main purpose of this Conference is to give a broad overview of the mechanisms and practices of the parliamentary defence and security committees, enabling the participants to discuss parliamentary procedures, challenges and oversight mechanisms in the field of defence and security.

The Annual Meeting 2018 will be focused on the contemporary security challenges in South-Eastern Europe and the role of parliamentary oversight in increasing non-traditional missions of military and good practices in parliamentary oversight of the defence and security sector.

Participation Parliamentarians, members of defence and security committees, expert staff of the defence and security committees and relevant ministries.

Methodology The Conference is designed as a series of speeches and presentations given by committee members and experts, high level speakers from international and national organisations and ministries, followed by discussions and expert consultations. The working language will be English. Simultaneous translation into Albanian, Bosnian, Croatian, Macedonian, Serbian and Turkish will be provided courtesy of the Committee on Defence and Security of the MK Assembly.

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