



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES CORPS ET ASSOCIATIONS CONSULAIRES AISBL

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To whom it may concern,

FICAC (Federation Internationale des Corps et Associations Consulaires AISBL) is also known as the World Federation of Consuls, it has 98 Consular Corps as Members.

The Federation has its official seat in Brussels and is recognized as a non-for-profit organization (AISBL) by Royal Decree. FICAC abstains from all religious or political activities and from the practice of any discrimination on grounds of race, sex, colour, religion or such other grounds as enumerated in relevant international human rights treaties.

FICAC has been recognized as an NGO by the United Nations in 1993, initially with ROSTER ECOSOC status and since August 2018 with SPECIAL ECOSOC Status.

It is also recognized as an NGO by the Organization of American States (OAS) and by the European Union (EU).

The primary objective and mission of the International Federation of Consular Corps and Associations (FICAC) is global collaboration and unity with a focus on the promotion of peace, education, culture, international trade, economic growth, equality, and inclusivity. We firmly believe that through solidarity, we can address the world's most pressing challenges and issues that transcend borders and cultures.

By facilitating international trade and promoting investment, we are committed to creating a world marked by collective prosperity and shared success.

FICAC actively promotes gender equality and inclusion, a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable world. Finally, we are committed to eliminating discrimination in all its forms and promoting fairness, inclusivity, and equity.

Our vision inspires Consuls from every corner of the world, to effect transformative change. In this collective effort, the dedication, and efforts of FICAC, its Board of Directors and its Committees persist. We are resolute in our commitment to cultivate meaningful partnerships; this commitment serves as a catalyst for change, a testament to what can be achieved when united in pursuit of a better world.

At FICAC, our actions are guided by moral principles, and we are steadfast in our commitment to transparency and honesty. We believe in the power of truth, and our interactions are



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marked by sincerity, and a dedication to open communication. We strive to ensure that decisions and actions are rooted in justice and equity. We consider service to others as a noble calling. Putting the well-being of the global community above personal gain is our mission. We remain dedicated to our cause and the people we serve. We understand that true progress is built upon understanding and caring for the needs of others.

Honorable Mr. Rajko Maric founded, in 2012, the Consular Corps of the Republic of Serbia and was its first President. Since 2014 he has held the title of the Honorary President and in 2023, he was reelected as its President.

Since 2012 Hon. Maric has been a member of the FICAC Legal Committee, in 2016 he was appointed Co-president of the Committee and since 2019, in recognition of his diligent work and legal expertise, he was appointed President of the FICAC Legal Committee.

The main task of the Legal Committee is to protect FICAC from lawsuits, develop policies and procedures, deal with legal issues, respecting the Vienna convention on diplomatic and consular affairs, human rights, and rule of law.

As President of said Committee, Hon. Maric coordinates the work of the members of the committee, all experienced lawyers, from Greece, Italy, Bulgaria, USA and Ghana.

For his contribution to the Federation, he was decorated with the FICAC “Medal of Honor” in Monte Carlo. -

Sincerely

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