

FIRST MEETING OF THE COMPETITION AUTHORITIES OF THE SOFIA COMPETITION FORUM

12 November 2012 Sofia, Bulgaria

THE SOFIA STATEMENT

We, the Albanian, Bosnian and Herzegovinian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Kosovan¹, Macedonian, Montenegrin and Serbian competition authorities met in Sofia on 12 November 2012 at the invitation of the Commission on Protection of Competition of the Republic of Bulgaria and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

We, the founding members of the Sofia Competition Forum (SCF)

Recognize that close bilateral and regional cooperation in the field of competition protection enhances economic development, stability and prosperity in the region;

Emphasize the lasting commitment to cooperation as a necessary condition for the overall development of competition in the region;

Acknowledge that the Sofia Competition Forum builds on existing international fora, such as UNCTAD, OECD, ICN, as well as on regional fora, and aims to provide the competition authorities of the region an

¹This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/99 and ICJ Advisory opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

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