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Dr Tarik Rahić **Director of the Public Procurement Agency** of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Subject: Compliance assessment of the draft Public Procurement Law

Dear Dr. Rahić,

I would like to commend the Public Procurement Agency for drafting the new Public Procurement Law for Bosnia and Herzegovina. We appreciate the effort invested in preparing the draft law, currently in the e-consultation process and undergoing review by SIGMA experts as part of the EUfunded SIGMA programme.

Given the possibility that Bosnia and Herzegovina may soon open EU accession negotiations - and bearing in mind that Public Procurement (Chapter 5) is part of the first negotiation cluster (Cluster 1 - Fundamentals) - this moment presents an excellent opportunity to submit the draft Public Procurement Law for a formal compliance check by the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW).

For DG GROW to conduct this assessment, it would require: (1) an official request from the national authorities, (2) the draft law, and (3) a table of concordance, all in English. The assessment typically takes around three months. On the Bosnia and Herzegovina side, the procedure should be coordinated with the Directorate for European Integration (DEI), which—upon the PPA's request—can forward the package to the Directorate-General for Enlargement and the Eastern Neighbourhood (DG ENEST) to initiate the compliance check.

I warmly encourage you to submit the draft law for the compliance check at this stage. Taking this proactive step would not only demonstrate Bosnia and Herzegovina's strong commitment to advancing the EU integration agenda, but it would also accelerate the accession negotiations once they begin.

Yours sincerely,

E-signed

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