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**ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN ELECTION OFFICIALS
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Dear colleagues,

as a member of Association of European Election Officials (hereinafter: ACEEEO), State Electoral Commission of the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter: SEC Croatia) participated on the last week voting of ACEEEO members on the expulsion of Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation (hereinafter: CEC Russia) and Central Commission of the Republic of Belarus on Elections and Holding Republican Referenda (hereinafter: CC Belarus) from the ACEEEO membership (hereinafter: expulsion).

As the quorum was not met after the voting on expulsion, the second vote takes place on the suspension of CEC Russia and CC Belarus from the ACEEEO membership.

SEC Croatia considers it redundant to explain the reasons for its decision expressed while voting for expulsion. However, SEC Croatia was unpleasantly surprised with the fact that 13 out of 25 ACEEEO members ignored the call to vote.

Bearing in mind all the reasons that led us to the decision on voting for the expulsion and the fact that 13 ACEEEO members abstained from voting during the first round of voting, which raises question of the meaning of existence of the association whose main task is to promote elections with the objective of supporting good governance and democracy, SEC Croatia withdraws from the ACEEEO membership from today, 8th March 2022, on.

Additionally, as SEC Croatia is no longer the ACEEEO member, Mr Damir Kontrec, vice-president of SEC Croatia withdraws from the Executive Board membership, as well.

Yours sincerely,



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