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Dear Sir / Madam,

Within the discussions on overcoming the political crisis, as a priority issue stands out the further strengthening of the independence of the judiciary. It is mostly referred to in the Report of the EU expert group led by Reinhard Priebe, which was accepted by the Government and the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia.

In addition, with the political agreements a commitment has been accepted for further improvement of the legislation and best practices within Chapters 23 and 24 of the negotiations with the European Union. Hence, there is the need of organizing scientific and expert discussion on the open issues of the independence of the judiciary and its functioning from the legislative aspect and in terms of developing best practices harmonized with the European standards, and the right of the citizen to an independent and impartial court.

The scientific debate will be held on **November 3, 2015**, at **the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts**, from **10 am**.

Previous preparation on the following topics is suggested:

1. Role of the Supreme Court and higher courts
2. Constitutional and legal framework of the principle of judicial independence
3. Role of the Judicial Council in strengthening and guarantee of the independence of the judiciary
4. Legislative solutions regarding the judiciary and their effects on the strengthening or weakening of the independent judiciary
5. Reforms in procedural laws and their reflection in the independence of the judiciary
6. The best practices harmonized with the European standards on judicial independence and the right of citizens to an independent and impartial court.

On that occasion, I would like to invite you to attend the event and to take part in the scientific and expert discussion. We think your presence will provide a major contribution to maintaining quality debate and discussion.

I am looking forward to your reply.

Best regards,

Acad. Vlado Kambovski  
President