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Subject: Your e-mail on "An Actual Support of the EU in the Fight Against the Systemic Corruption in Serbia's Health System Is Required"

Dear Dr. Borko Josifovski Dr. Draško Karađinović,

Thank you for your letter and for sharing with us your detailed assessment of the challenges currently affecting the healthcare system of the Republic of Serbia. The EU Delegation to Serbia acknowledges the seriousness of the issues you describe, particularly with regard to systemic corruption, unequal access to healthcare services, and the difficulties faced by citizens and professionals seeking accountability through domestic institutions.

The European Union consistently highlights the importance of transparency, the rule of law, and the protection of citizens' rights as key elements of Serbia's accession process. We take note of your concerns regarding the structural problems embedded in the legal framework, as well as your observations related to the recent European Commission report. Allegations of institutional corruption, discrimination in access to healthcare, and the insufficient enforcement of whistleblower protection are matters of significant concern, and we recognise the potential impact of such practices on the wellbeing of citizens and the credibility of public institutions.

While the EU cannot intervene in individual cases or judicial procedures, we remain committed to supporting Serbia in strengthening the independence, efficiency, and integrity of its institutions. Your contribution provides valuable insight into the lived experiences of citizens and civil society organisations, and it will be taken into account within the framework of our continuous monitoring and dialogue with the Serbian authorities.

Please be assured that the EU will continue to closely follow developments in the healthcare sector and in the broader rule-of-law reforms. We welcome your willingness to share your expertise and experience, and we appreciate the important role that independent civil society organisations play in promoting transparency, accountability, and better outcomes for all citizens.

Thank you once again for bringing these issues to our attention.

Yours sincerely,

EU Delegation to Serbia