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Based on Article 8 of the Law on the Bases of Security Services Organization in the Republic of Serbia (Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia, No. 116/07) and Article 42, paragraph 1 of the Law on the Government of the Republic of Serbia, No. 55/05, 71/05-corrigendum, 101/07 and 65/08),

The Government hereby adopts the following

## **DECREE**

### **on the establishment of the Office of the National Security Council**

#### **Content of Decree**

##### **Article 1**

The Office of the National Security Council (hereinafter: the Council Office) shall be established on the basis of this Decree, which shall define the scope of its activities, organization and other issues of relevance for its operation.

The Council Office shall operate as a service of the Government.

#### **Scope of the Council Office**

##### **Article 2**

The Council Office shall perform expert, administrative and other activities to serve the needs of the National Security Council (hereinafter: the Council), in particular the following:

- activities relating to convening and preparing the Council sessions;
- technical activities relating to monitoring and implementation of the Council's guidelines and conclusions;
- activities providing the administrative and technical support to the Coordination Bureau;
- keeping Council's reports and other documents and making them available to the Council members;
- other activities as ordered by the Council and the Council Secretary.

Other issues of relevance for the operation of the Council Office and the method of performing activities to serve the needs of the Council shall be regulated in more detail by the Council's rules of procedure and other internal documents.

## **Management of the Council Office**

### **Council Office Director**

#### **Article 3**

The Council Office shall be managed by the Council Office Director who shall be appointed by the Government for a five-year term at the proposal of the Prime Minister after obtaining the Council's opinion.

The Council Office Director shall be responsible to the Government and the Prime Minister.

The Council Office Director shall have the rank of civil servant in a high position.

### **Council Office Deputy Director**

#### **Article 4**

The Council Director shall have a deputy who shall be appointed by the Government for a five-year term at his proposal after obtaining the Council's opinion.

The Council Office Deputy Director shall assist the Council Office Director within the competences defined by the latter and shall replace the latter in case of absence or disability.

The Council Office Deputy Director shall have the rank of civil servant in a high position.

### **Time limit for adoption of the rule book**

#### **Article 5**

The Council Office Director shall adopt the Council's Office rule book on internal organization and job systematization after obtaining the Council's opinion within 60 days from the date of entry into force of this Decree.

### **Transitional Provision**

#### **Article 6**

Until adopting a law which shall regulate the field of classified information protection and exchange in the Republic of Serbia in a uniform manner, activities relating to the management of the Central Registry for classified information and documents to be exchanged between the Republic of Serbia, and foreign countries and international organizations shall be organized by the Council Office.

**Entry into Force**  
**Article 7**

This Decree shall enter into force on the first day after its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia.

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**Government**

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