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LAW AMENDING THE LAW ON PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE OF THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA

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Article 1

The Law on Public Broadcasting Service of the Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of the Republika Srpska" nos. 49/06, 73/08 & 42/10) in Article 8, after paragraph 2, a new paragraph 3 shall be added to read as follows:

"(3) Exceptionally, the approval referred to in paragraph 2 this Article shall not be obtained insofar as there is a case of misappropriation of movable property, in the total amount of KM 50,000 during a single calendar year."

Article 2

In Article 38, after paragraph 3, the following new paragraphs 4 and 5 to read as follows:

"(4) The RTRS can generate revenues also from the budget of the Republika Srpska.

(5) The revenues that the RTRS generates from marketing shall be primarily used for financing of its own activities."

Article 3

Article 42 shall be deleted.

Article 4

In Article 45, paragraph 6 shall be amended to read as follows:

"(6) The members of the Board of Governors shall elect the Chairman of the Board from amongst its membership for the period of one year. The term of office for the Chairman of the Board of Governors may be renewed once only."

After paragraph 7, the following new paragraph 8 shall be added to read as follows:

"(8) The Board of Governors whose the term of office has expired shall remain in office until such time as the new Board of Governors has been elected."

Article 5

Article 46 shall be amended to read as follows:

"(1) The National Assembly of the Republika Srpska shall appoint the members of the Board of Governors from a list of candidates delivered to it by the competent working body of the National Assembly of the Republika Srpska (hereinafter referred to as: the competent parliamentary body).

(2) The competent parliamentary body shall, in determining the list of candidates, conduct the procedure of open competition, guided by the standards and deadlines prescribed by the Law on Ministerial, Government and Other Appointments of the Republika Srpska.

(3) The competent parliamentary body shall initiate the procedure for the election of new members of the Board of Governors four (4) months prior to the expiry of the term of office of the members of the Board of Governors.

(4) Should the National Assembly of the Republika Srpska fail to appoint the members referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the competent parliamentary body shall repeat the process of determining the list of new candidates, within thirty (30) days of the failure to appoint the Board of Governors.

(5) The following individuals may not be appointed as members of the Board of Governors:

- a) Office holders in legislative, executive and judicial branches of government, at any level of government;
- b) Members of political party bodies, at any level of party organization;
- c) Employees of RTRS, RTFBiH and BiHRT, and the Corporation;

d) Employees in other companies carrying out the activities of radio or television broadcasting, including the agencies in charge of collecting RTV fees, members of their governing and supervisory bodies, or persons who carry out businesses that may cause a conflict of interest.

(6) The National Assembly of the Republika Srpska shall be authorized to make a decision on dismissal of a Board of Governor's member if the member himself/herself asks to be dismissed, if she or he fails to attend the session without justification three times, or if she or he fails to participate in the work of the Board of Governors for the period of three months.

(7) The National Assembly may decide on the dismissal of members of the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Regulatory Agency if the board member has failed to meet the terms and conditions specified in the System license or the RTRS permit.

(8) Should a member of the Board of Governors be dismissed before the end of his or her term of office, the new member of the Board of Governors shall be elected in

accordance with the procedure prescribed in this Article to hold office for the period until the end of the term of office of the same Board of Governors."

Article 6

Article 55 shall be amended to read as follows:

"(1) The competent parliamentary body shall initiate the procedure for the election of the new Board of Governors for a term of office of four (4) years within one (1) month of the date of entry into force of this Law.

(2) The current members of the Board of Governors shall hold office until such time as the new Board of Governors has been elected.

(3) The current members of the Board of Governors for whom more than one half of their term of office has expired at the time when the open competition procedure is announced, may not be appointed to the new Board of Governors."

Article 7

This Law shall enter into force on the eighth day following its publication in the "Official Gazette of the Republika Srpska".

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