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AMENDMENT I TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE HERZEGOVINA-NERETVA CANTON

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Amendment I

In Article 4, the words "cities and" are inserted before the word "municipalities"
In Article 13, the words "cities and" are inserted before the word "municipalities"
In Article 14, the words "city and" are inserted before the word "municipalities"

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In Article 19, Paragraph 1, the words "cities and" are inserted before the word "municipality"

In Article 19, Paragraph 4, the words "city and" are inserted before the word "municipal"

In Article 20, the words "city administration" is added before the words "local", and the words "city and" are added before the word "municipal".

In Article 36.b) the word "city" is added before the word "municipal".

Added is the new Article 42, Paragraph 4, to read as follows:

"The Governor of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and the Head of Mostar City may not be of the same constitutive nationality. Appointment of the Mayor and his Deputy shall be done at the same time as the appointment of the Governor and his Deputy."

After Article 64, was added new Chapters, V.A. and V.B. to read as follows:

V.A. CITY AUTHORITIES

Article 64a.

1. For the territory of two or more municipalities, which are connected territorially or by common facilities, established is the City as the Unit of Local self-management, in accordance with the Federal Constitution and law and this Constitution.

The responsibilities of the city include:

- a. finances and tax policy, in accordance with Federal and Cantonal law;
- b. common infrastructure (water, power - utilities);
- c. urban planning of the city needs;
- d. public traffic;
- e. other competencies entrusted to the City by the municipalities or the Canton.

2. The City has its Statute, which complies, with the Federal Constitution, this Constitution and Cantonal law.

3. The City has its City Council, which is composed of equal number of councilors from each municipality, while the number of councilors and the method of their election and duration of their mandate is to be determined by the Statute.

The City Council may not be comprised of less than 15 or more than 30 representatives.

In case of City of Mostar, the City Council shall continue to operate with the current number of councilors, but their number shall be adjusted to the provision of the previous line in the next election at latest.

The particularities of the City of Mostar, Including the central city zone, must be taken into consideration when determining number of councilors and procedures of their appointment.

4. The City Council:
 - a. prepares and by two-third majority adopts the Statute of the City;
 - b. appoints the Mayor;
 - c. adopts budget of the City;
 - d. passes the regulation related to discharging the transferred authorities, and performs other duties defined by the Statute.
5. The duties of the Mayor are:
 - a. appointing and replacing the city functionaries;
 - b. conducting the city policy and implementing the city regulation
 - c. insuring cooperation of the city authorities and the ombudsmen;
 - d. reporting to the City Council and to public on the implementation of the city politics.
6. The City realizes its income in accordance with the law.

V. B. CITY OF MOSTAR

Article 64.b.

1. City of Mostar is comprised of six municipalities and the Central Zone, which is not a municipality, but is under the administration of the City Council in accordance with the provisions of the Roman Agreement. The borders of the six city municipalities and the Central Zone are defined by the Statute of the City of July 2, 1996.
2. The responsibilities of the City of Mostar include:
 - a. finances and tax policy, in accordance with the Federal and Cantonal law.
 - b. urban planning;
 - c. infrastructure (utilities);
 - d. economic policy, in accordance with the Federal and Cantonal law;
 - e. public traffic, including the railway station;
 - f. Mostar Airport
 - g. other duties entrusted to the City by the Municipalities or the Canton.
3. City of Mostar has its City Council comprised of councilors of each municipality. Number of the councilors and duration of their mandate is defined by the Statue. City Council of the City of Mostar has an equal number of representatives Croats, Bosniacs and Other.