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Speakers, Panel chairs and Guests of the 5th ZSF

**Subject:** Zagreb Security Forum 2020 and COVID-19 virus – second info

Dear Colleagues,

Considering the image that is spreading in media, and in relation to the virus known as COVID-19 and the appearance of 3 cases in city of Zagreb, I would like to inform you about the present situation:

1. Ministry of health is running the whole situation in Croatia according to the highest possible standards. All travellers to Croatia, and Croatian citizens that were in areas specifically designated as Corona virus sources, are or in isolation or in self-isolation status. **That specifically applies to all passengers that are coming from Italy.**

2. In City of Zagreb, from a first positive result, **there are still only 3 (three) cases of infection since the day one.** All patients are isolated in specialized hospital in Zagreb. Just like there contacts and family members.

3. The clinical picture of the infected is the same: a mild form of infection, with a slight temperature in only one case and without symptoms of infection (presence of virus is detected, but without illness).

4. Ministry of health issued suggestion that all gatherings with more than 1000 persons should be postponed. **Forum is going to be visited by 160 persons (speakers, panel chairs, guests) for first day, and 90 persons second day.**
5. Active preventive measures are being implemented at national and county level. Therefore, we decided to apply them to the Forum area.

6. We are going to, just like last years, organise transfer of the speakers and panel chairs from the airport to the Hotel, and vice versa. We also organised transfer from hotel to Palace Dverce.

7. **Before entering the Forum area, each of Forum participants is obliged to use disinfection soap**, that is going to be at disposal in front of the entrance, and wash hands.

8. **Handshaking is suggested to be avoid.**

9. We decided to enlarge area between Forum participants in the forum area. Banquet tables, that are made for 10 persons, will be organised with six chairs each. The distance between tables with be increased. We rented a room that can usually receive 600 guests so that we have enough places for us.

10. We are monitoring latest news about Corona virus cases in Europe. Until now, none of the speakers, panel chairs and guests are coming from crisis areas. If we notice such case, we are going to ask that person (or persons) to cancel their coming to Zagreb.

Dear colleagues, I am at your disposal for any additional information.

See you soon in Zagreb.

Sincerely,

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