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Project One: Additional Support for the Legal System in Kosovo I

During the reporting period, CEELI continued to operate its legislative Secretariat, established with separate funding from the US Agency for International Development. The Secretariat serves as the primary translation and administrative support service for the Joint Advisory Council on Legislative Matters (JAC). The JAC, comprised of both Kosovar and international members, is the body mandated to draft, review, and comment on new legislation in Kosovo. The Secretariat provides agendas, minutes, draft legislation, and comments on legislation to all members of the JAC in English, Albanian, and Serbian.

Through the Secretariat, CEELI also provides the legal community with the *Cumulative Index of United Nations Legal Materials Produced and Applied in Kosovo*. This publication, distributed electronically and in hard-copy form, summarizes Regulations and other official legal acts that are promulgated by the United Nations Transitional Administration in Kosovo (UNMIK). The *Index* is updated regularly and is the only publication of its kind currently produced in Kosovo.

Project Two: Additional Support for the Legal System in Kosovo II

CEELI also approved and distributed a subgrant to the Kosovo Law Center this past quarter. The purpose of the grant was to fund the participation of a team of 3 students in the Jessup Moot Court Competition held in Washington, DC. Specifically, the funds are to cover the team's preparation and travel costs. The competition will take place in April 2001.

Finally, CEELI worked with the Kosovo Chamber of Advocates to negotiate a subgrant agreement to provide funds for the Chamber to obtain permanent office space. The Chamber has identified a suitable facility and intends to move into the premises in the next quarter.