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**Program: Rule of Law**

**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.

CEELI concluded a lease for its new offices, which will include a permanent meeting place for the JAC. The JAC has had regular difficulties with scheduling meeting space in UNMIK buildings due to a lack of facilities within UNMIK. CEELI has responded to this need by including within its new offices a conference room of sufficient size to accommodate the JAC.

The CEELI Secretariat has also assisted the JAC in responding to a request from UNMIK to accelerate the progress on the redrafting of the Criminal and Criminal Procedure Codes. CEELI made its staff available for continuous working sessions with

the Council of Europe and Kosovar experts preparing the two draft laws. CEELI also provided office space, transportation, and two computers to facilitate meetings and drafting work.

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

During the last reporting period, CEELI approved and distributed a subgrant to the Kosovo Law Center to fund the participation of a team of 3 students to travel to compete in the Jessup Moot Court Competition held in Washington, DC. The team competed well, though it did not advance beyond the first round.

Upon the team's return, CEELI sponsored an evening meeting, held at the Kosovo Law Center, at which the returning students briefed other law students on their experiences and Kosovo Law Center personnel explained the Jessup and other similar programs that would be available in the coming year and application procedures. Attendance at this meeting was at capacity (about 30 students) and quite enthusiastic.

Also during the last reporting period, CEELI negotiated a subgrant agreement with the Kosovo Chamber of Advocates to provide funds for the Chamber to obtain permanent office space. The Chamber obtained the facilities and moved in. The offices were unveiled during a small ceremony held following a strategic planning session for the Chamber sponsored by CEELI.