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Mr. Miladin Kovačević  
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Dear Mr. Kovačević:

*Re: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia*

I would like to congratulate you on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Statistical Office. This is a very important milestone not only for your institution but for Serbia as well. We are honored to have partnered with you over the last twenty years in many important initiatives and projects. Also, we are pleased to see the overall progress in reforming and strengthening the Statistical Office. This has secured the Serbian Statistical Office a place as an equal member of the broad European and global family of statistics agencies.

Your work is essential for the just in time and good quality data which is crucial for practically all public policies. Data availability and accuracy is now rightly more widely acknowledged as even more important in these turbulent times and for tracking the recovery that should start soon. We applaud your work and leadership in this regard.

We wish you even more success going forward, and we stand ready to cooperate on future initiatives.

Sincerely,



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