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### To Whom It May Concern:

I met Ms. Meri Rogošić in early 2002, when I started working as the REC Country Office Director for Croatia. At that time, she has already been working for a year in the position of Manager of the REC Project Office in Metković, in the framework of a transboundary project on sustainable management of shared natural resources in the cross-border region of Neretva Delta, funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

By running the REC office in Metković, in cooperation with the REC project office in Mostar (B&H) and the REC Country Offices in Zagreb and Sarajevo, Ms. Rogošić was directly in charge of management and implementation of all aspects of this international project, including a number of community-organizing and capacity building activities customized to local stakeholders' needs. Her regular daily duties included coordination of project activities on regional and county level, organisation of trainings, meetings, workshops and similar events, managing press relations, reporting to the donor. The Project activities were thematically focused on sustainable tourism development, sustainable agriculture practice, promotion of natural and cultural values of Neretva Delta and development of educational materials and modules, therefore her tasks also involved drafting of the Terms of Reference and coordination of inputs by experts and collaborators subcontracted on the Project. Within several cycles of the REC's small grants schemes, she conducted a number of monitoring visits to awarded NGO projects in the Neretva area, as part of her daily interaction with the local community.

Throughout the five years of our successful cooperation, from a member of staff subordinate to me she has developed into a reliable associate, capable of solving tasks independently and on equal footing with other colleagues.

Being a native of Metković, her knowledge of not only the immediate local environment, but also of most of the southern Dalmatia, made her extremely susceptible to local needs and priorities, enabling her to position herself, the REC and the Project well among the various stakeholders, who now continuously turn to Ms. Rogošić as the most trusted local source of information and assistance when it comes to environmental and nature protection issues.

I would also like to refer to her accentuated sense of ethics, humanness and attention to detail. Therefore I feel confident that she can become equally successful in any future assignment that she wishes to undertake.

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