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DONATION MADE JOINTLY BY SKB BANKA, LJUBLJANA, AND BANKA SOCIETE GENERALE, BELGRADE, TO BENEFIT YOUNG VICTIMS OF ARMED CONFLICTS

SKB Banka, Ljubljana, and Société Générale Yugoslav Bank (SGYB), Belgrade, have made a joint donation of SIT 600,000 to the Ljubljana-based institution 'SKUPAJ'. Although the said institution is headquartered in Slovenia, it operates also in Serbia and Montenegro. It functions as a regional centre for psycho-social aid to children. It was founded with the aim to protect and improve psycho-social conditions of the children living in South Eastern Europe, especially children suffering from consequences imposed by the war. 'SKUPAJ' was established in 2002 by the non-government organisation Slovenska filantropija, the City of Ljubljana, and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia.

Both, SKB Banka and SBYB are members of the Société Générale international banking group. They have decided on the joint donation to 'SKUPAJ' primarily because the operations of this institution have been expanding beyond the local, national and inter-state limits. Since the said institution's primary goal is to provide help to children with special needs, i.e. to traumatised and emotionally affected children on the entire territory of the South Eastern Europe, its programs are also carried out in Serbia and Montenegro where training programmes for teachers and medical staff in the regions Krusevac and Banat took place this year. The institution is active also in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Iraq and in the Russian republic Northern Ossetia.

This donation has ranged SKB Banka and SBYB among the wide array of organisations which are willing to assist 'SKUPAJ' in its efforts to provide better conditions for the future of the young victims of armed conflicts. In this way SKB Banka and SBYB wish to contribute to peace and stability in the region. The aim of their donation to 'SKUPAJ' is to give support to the institution's activities, such as training teachers in helping the children, carrying out programs of psycho-social aid aiming to improve mental health of the young, improving the quality of the lives of the young, and giving support to institutions for protection of mental health of children.