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MCIC marks its tenth anniversary. This is an opportunity not only to note the results achieved, but also to evaluate the past, reaffirm the values and build a vision for the future.

The results achieved during the past ten years by all means mark success, a success that has been confirmed already with numerous awards. MCIC is an example in Macedonia and Eastern Europe. The story for the establishment and development of MCIC is inspirational and impressive.

In order to describe what lies behind the success of MCIC, it may be best to use words others have used to describe MCIC.

MCIC is a unique platform for dialogue and cooperation of various interest groups in Macedonia, which find their own space in MCIC. This makes MCIC unique even in the context of divisions. Joint work brings progress, exclusion brings tensions. In MCIC there is good will to deal with extremely difficult situations. This goodwill is based on individual human qualities,

such as commitment, true idealism, and friendship. MCIC is proof that human goodwill and hard work are worthwhile.

MCIC is a domestic autonomous organisation and its key characteristics are: inclusion and cohesion; leadership with vision; commitment; a learning organisation; cooperation and partnerships; transparency.

MCIC will continue to reward these key characteristics.

Only in this way can MCIC serve those in need in a consistent and successful manner. Only in this way can MCIC develop a vision that overcomes the boundaries of Macedonia.

MCIC will remain faithful and committed to changes in the Macedonian society. Changes that will mean socioeconomic development and cultural prosperity, development of pluralistic and participative democracy and social cohesion, integration and harmony. Changes that will enable Macedonia to join the world of interdependencies and Euro-Atlantic integrations. MCIC will continue to encourage changes by raising the capacity of the civic sector and the ability of Macedonian society to develop a vision and manage problems.

The vision of MCIC is based on values. Values that are not new, but are universal. A few years ago we expressed our values through the message 'It is Whole When There is Everything'. Now, we would like to build onto this with the message 'I Live Here'. I live here... with my home. I live here... for generations. I live here... with my family, relatives and friends. I live here... with my dream, I live here... with my future. I live here... with all of you.

With the goodwill and hard work of all of us, we shall succeed, here in Macedonia.