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Sarajevo, March 26, 2021

TO: LYMEC Bureau

SUBJECT: Request for a reduction in membership fee

Dear LYMEC Bureau,

I am writing you on behalf of the Youth Forum of Naša stranka, an associate member of LYMEC. Since we are currently preparing for our Congress, the party has just been through a costly electoral cycle, and it is very challenging for us to get financial support, we are kindly asking for a reduction in our membership fee for 2021.

The Youth Forum of Naša stranka doesn't have its own office. We share the office space with other bodies and organizations, including the party's Main Board, Presidency, and party organizations on cantonal and local levels of government.

We do not have any permanent staff. Our members help out with all of the organizational matters that need to be done to ensure the Youth Forum's day-to-day operations go without any problems.

Our organization does not have public funding. Even though the party we are a member of is financed in part by public funds, we do not directly get any of them. For every one of our actions and projects, we need to ask our party for financial support.

Even though our organization has members in multiple local organizations, we do not have any kind of membership fee. Membership in the Youth Forum of Naša stranka is voluntary and free, so we do not get any funds from our members.

We can usually count on our party to cover for our international trips and meetings. Still, other than that, it is very difficult to ensure enough funds for the realization of international projects. For this, we rely solely on international organizations we are part of and funds provided by individual members.

The financial situation in our party has been worsened in the past couple of months. This is primarily because of a large amount of spending during the local elections held in November of last year. Even though we managed to accomplish good results, our post-election activities have been reduced because of the excess spending in months prior. This makes the payment of our fees and debt to international organizations in which we participate much more difficult.

When it comes to our country's banking system, we can state that this sector is very strong and healthy. There are in total 26 banks operating in our country, most of them being foreign ones. The competition in this sector is solid, the interest rates are decreased, and there is modest credit growth. Since our organization is a part of Naša stranka, we do not have a separate bank account.

We also want to note that we have begun working together with three other LYMEC members (USR Tineret from Romania, Youth Forum of Nova stranka from Serbia, and Young Liberals from Greece) on a regional project "Renewing Education" which is financed by LYMEC. This shows that we are ready to take a more active part in the organization. Unfortunately, until our organizational structure and financial situation become more stable, we kindly ask to pay a membership fee of 60 euros. We will give our best to pay off all of our debt to LYMEC in the following year and prevent any accumulation of our fees in the future. By being financially responsible, we will also have a motivation to work on our application for full membership in LYMEC once our debt is paid off.

In case you have any further questions, demands, or comments, feel free to contact us.

Thank you for considering our request and best regards.

Sincerely,

Omer Berbić,

President of the Youth Forum of Naša Stranka