CROATIAN PARLIAMENT

Pursuant to Article 88 of the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia, I hereby issue this

DECISION

TO PROCLAIM THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CROATIAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT

I proclaim these Amendments to the Croatian Parliamentary Elections Act, which were enacted by the Croatian Parliament at its session held on 9 February 2007.

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> President of the Republic of Croatia **Stjepan Mesić** (*signed*)

AMENDMENTS

TO THE CROATIAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT

Article 1

In the Croatian Parliamentary Elections Act (as published in the official journal, *Narodne novine*, no. 116/99, 109/00 and 53/03), in Article 9(1), the words "deputy minister" shall be replaced with the words "state secretary".

Article 2

Article 32(1) shall be amended to read as follows:

"Parliamentary political parties, sponsors of independent slates, independent members of Parliament and representatives of national minorities which or who had seats in the Croatian Parliament as at the date of termination of its term or dissolution for the pre-election term of office, and which or who are participating in elections shall be entitled to compensation of costs of campaign promotion in an annual sum specified for the year in which elections are being held in compliance with legislation governing the financing of political parties, independent slates and candidates".

After paragraph (2), paragraphs (3) and (4) shall be added to read as follows.

- "(3) Parliamentary political parties, sponsors of independent slates, independent members of Parliament and representatives of national minorities which or who do not fulfil the criteria specified in paragraph (1) of this Article, but which or who are participating in elections, shall be entitled to compensation of campaign promotion costs if they secure 5% of the valid votes of voters in constituencies in the elections.
- "(4) The compensation specified in paragraph (3) of this Article shall be disbursed within a period not to exceed 30 days after publication of the official election results, in compliance with a decision of the Croatian Government."

Article 34, 53, 54 and 55 shall be deleted.

Article 4

These Amendments shall enter into force on the date of their publication in Narodne novine.

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> Speaker of the Croatian Parliament **Vladimir Šeks** (*signed*)