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Textbooks in Serbia - our meeting in Stuttgart

Dear Mr. Vucic,

I would like to thank you once again for your time during your visit to Stuttgart. I hope that you are well, and judging by the news I'm getting from Serbia, I can see that you are very active.

The reason I am writing you this letter is the information that Zavod za udzbenike is no longer on the list for privatization. KLETT has sent a letter of interest for Zavod privatization, so we found this information quite disturbing. I would kindly like to ask you for a contact of a person to whom our Managing Director in Serbia can address for getting more information about future plans on this matter. The withdrawal of the privatization plans does hopefully not lead to advantages for the named publishing house!

I am using this opportunity to kindly remind you of the conversation we had in Stuttgart, where I explained the various reasons of our concerns with regard to the new law on textbooks; and where I understood that the proposed new law on textbooks will "not pass the parliament" in its current status.

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If this law were to be passed, that would have very bad consequences for the education in Serbia. Free market would rather sooner than later disappear and, as a consequence, the teachers and the children would suffer from that a lot. The new law, if implemented, would make us consider cancelling all our activities in Serbia, which I believe is not in Government's interest and is not good for its efforts to attract foreign investors. Today KLETT Serbia employs over 100 people in its companies and engages more than 1000 authors to work on new educational materials. Cancelling our activities would leave all of these mostly young and educated people without work and income.

Yours sincerely,



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