In accordance with the obligations arising under the International Convention for the Suppression of Counterfeiting Currency (Geneva, 20 April 1929), to which the Republic of Croatia became a party pursuant to the Notification of Succession of 8 October 1991, as part of implementing the Conclusion of the Government of the Republic of Croatia of 12 July 2007 (Class: 910-04/00-03/06, No.: 5030109-07-20), pursuant to Article 24 and Article 39, paragraph (2) item (i) of the Act on the Croatian National Bank, the Governor of the Croatian National Bank hereby issues the

DECISION

on the establishment of the National Counterfeit Centre, the National Analysis Centre and the Coin National Analysis Centre

Article 1

Establishment and purpose

- 1. The National Counterfeit Centre (NCC), the National Analysis Centre (NAC) and the Coin National Analysis Centre (CNAC) shall be established within the Croatian National Bank.
- 2. The National Counterfeit Centre, the National Analysis Centre and the Coin National Analysis Centre shall be established for the purpose of taking and implementing measures for prevention and detection of counterfeiting at a national level and for the purpose of cooperation with the competent authorities in the country and abroad in the areas of prevention and detection of counterfeiting.

Article 2

Competence of the National Counterfeit Centre

- 1. The National Counterfeit Centre shall be competent to collect all statistical and technical information relating to counterfeits, classify counterfeits, establish the counterfeit monitoring system consisting of a central database, as well as to administer access to the information to authorised users.
- 2. The National Counterfeit Centre shall establish all statistical and technical information relating to counterfeits within the counterfeit monitoring system, including a detailed content of the database containing data on seized and detected counterfeits with their images, functions necessary to administer the system, the network and means of communication, as well as security standards.

- 3. The National Counterfeit Centre shall determine the content and form of reports on counterfeit banknotes and counterfeit coins. The National Counterfeit Centre shall be competent to prepare and disclose information on discovered counterfeits in cooperation with the competent authorities in the country and abroad.
- 4. The National Counterfeit Centre shall be competent to prepare template agreements with the competent authorities in the country and abroad on cooperation in the areas of prevention and detection of counterfeiting and for cooperation with manufacturers of devices for verifying the authenticity of banknotes.
- 5. The National Counterfeit Centre shall organise and carry out training of employees of financial institutions and all other interested parties handling banknotes and coins in order to prevent and detect counterfeits.
- 6. The National Counterfeit Centre shall take all necessary and feasible measures, according to the legislation in force, to ensure that there is no breach of the copyright of the banknote designs.

Article 3

Competence of the National Analysis Centre

- 1. The National Analysis Centre shall be competent to analyse all samples of suspected counterfeit banknotes and to prepare reports on discovered counterfeit banknotes.
- 2. The National Analysis Centre shall store all samples of detected counterfeit banknotes.

Article 4

Competence of the Coin National Analysis Centre

- 1. The Coin National Analysis Centre shall be competent to analyse all samples of suspected counterfeit coins and to prepare reports on discovered counterfeit coins.
- 2. The Coin National Analysis Centre shall store all samples of detected counterfeit coins.
- 3. The Coin National Analysis Centre shall be competent to analyse all medals and tokens similar to coins in circulation and to establish the circumstances in which the production and sale of medals and tokens, and their importation and distribution for sale or for other commercial purposes are permitted or prohibited in order to protect coins in circulation that are legal tender.

Article 5

Transitional and final provisions

This Decision shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force on 1 March 2009.

Decision No. 191-020/03-08/ŽR Zagreb, 20 March 2008

> CROATIAN NATIONAL BANK COUNCIL CHAIRMAN GOVERNOR Dr Željko Rohatinski