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**FROM:** Ms. Svjetlana Derajić, European Human Rights Foundation Project manager for the European Union Programmes to support Democracy Development through the EU budget chapter B7-700  
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**RE:** Letter of Recommendation for Christian Graf

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#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERNS

In order to clarify my identity, I am a Bosnian-Herzegovinian lawyer engaged as project manager with the European Human Rights Foundation (EHRF) which provides technical assistance to the European Commission in the management of the European Union's Programmes to support Democratic Development and Human Rights in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, through the funding of projects that usually involve partnership between organisations in the EU and organisations in Central and Eastern Europe under Chapter B7-700 of the EU budget. Part of EHRF task is to monitor project progress.

Mr. Christian Graf was engaged with Schueler Helfen Leben (SHL), the NGO from Germany which implemented the project funded by the EU and took place in Bosnia-Herzegovina during 1997 and 1998. This project was monitored by EHRF. Within the frame of this project Mr. Graf, together with his other colleagues, was responsible for co-ordinating and managing the overall implementation of several projects run at that time by SHL including the EU funded project. Regarding the EU funded project Mr. Graf was responsible for:

- Youth magazine "Nepitani" which main intention was to connect youth of different ethnic background to work on issuing joint magazine;
- The SHL House which became a meeting place for youth from the whole Bosnia-Herzegovina and was a base for further development of common activities of youth regardless of their ethnic or religious background.

Generally, all SHL activities were successfully focused on overcoming of national prejudices among youth in BIH. The EU funded project was successfully completed contributing significantly to rebuilding of trust and tolerance among BIH youth. Mr. Graf's personal contribution in successful implementation of this project was very important.

Mr. Graf's engagement was always coloured by his strong capability to work in team and sensitivity to understand conflict roots in unknown surroundings. He is well experienced in NGO work including project design, project management, fund-raising and human resource management.

I strongly recommend Mr. Graf for any position or university study that requires a combination of responsibility, analytical skills, a down-to-earth capacity to implement ideas and a pleasant personality.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information for which I could be of assistance.

Yours Sincerely,

  
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