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ANNEX 1

Report of the IBSSA President

XXV. Congress of the IBSSA

and 10th “Partnership for Security” International Joint Conference of IBSSA-IAPA-IPA

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Dear IBSSA Members, dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure and honour to welcome you to the 25th IBSSA Congress and the 10th Partnership for Security International Conference, taking place in Budapest from 4 to 6 June 2026.

As many of you may recall, following the 2024 IBSSA Congress in Frankfurt, we initially planned to organise this event in Belgrade, Serbia. Due to the uncertain political circumstances, we later considered relocating the Congress to Arad, Romania. However, as the situation there also failed to improve significantly, we ultimately decided to hold this Jubilee Congress in Budapest – the city where IBSSA was founded on 7 April 1994.

Unfortunately, the international situation has not improved substantially in recent years. The war in Ukraine continues, while other international conflicts, economic difficulties, and rising energy prices have further increased global uncertainty. In times like these, the role and responsibility of international organizations, including IBSSA, become even more important.

For this reason, the central theme of the 25th IBSSA Congress and the 10th Partnership for Security International Conference is: *“21st century Security Challenges in the New World Order, and the Newest Types of Warfare”* with a particular focus on Cooperation in the Field of Security, and with special emphasis on child protection, combating human trafficking and drug abuse, and addressing migration-related challenges.

At the same time, we are proud to state that IBSSA’s educational and training activities continue to be successful worldwide. This is particularly evident in crisis regions, where professionals and organizations supported by IBSSA have carried out remarkable work, such as Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, and many others.

However, our organization also faces serious challenges. The audit covering the years 2023–2025 has clearly confirmed that, due to the significant decline in membership fee payments, the operation of IBSSA can now only be sustained through special financial support.

The audit report of the above-mentioned three-year period is included in the appendix, and its detailed presentation will be delivered soon by the IBSSA Audit Committee.

Special thanks are due to the host of this Congress, IBSSA Hungary Zrt., and its management team – Mr. Szilveszter Tánzos, Mr. Augustin Cernic and Dr. Tamás Sipos. The company was established two years ago with the aim of supporting IBSSA through a high-quality, internationally oriented security service enterprise in Central Europe. This Congress could not have been organised without their financial contributions, and without the personal donations of Dr. Zoltán Schváb, Mr. András Csontos, Mr. István Gyenes, Dr. András Niklós, and myself.



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Allow me now to briefly outline some of our future plans.

The development of the new IBSSA web platform, including an integrated membership registration system, is currently underway. This project is especially important in light of our planned regional membership expansion.

Due to the substantial increase in postal costs and the deteriorating quality of postal services, we are gradually transitioning to a more digital system. In the future, membership cards and certificates will also be issued digitally, allowing members to store them on mobile devices and print them whenever necessary. At the same time, in keeping with our traditions, we will continue to post the physical version of the membership card with the numbered metal plaque in leather ID-card holder as well.

Our educational and training system is also continuously evolving. Online education is playing an increasingly significant role, helping to reduce both the duration and cost of practical training programs. In addition, emerging technologies – especially drone and robotic technologies – are becoming increasingly important elements of our educational activities.

IBSSA's success is greatly supported by distinguished leaders and internationally renowned instructors, whose expertise and professionalism represent excellence and set the highest standards in all fields of security. Without claiming completeness, I would like to mention Rony Kluger, Karl de La Guerra, Antonio La Salandra, Branislav Jovchevski, Bogdan Vukosavljevic, Zeljko Gajic, Oleg Konchakivskyi, Ismet Mehmeti, Orlando Mardner, Samuel Stafford, and from Hungary: István Kelemen, János Barátki, László Kiss, and László Lázár – along with many other outstanding members of our organization.

A key component of our mission is cross-border partnership and long-term cooperation with other organizations. Our close relations with IPA, EPA, IPO, IAPA, the Europolice Federation, and many other national and international associations clearly reflect this commitment. The 10th Partnership for Security International Conference, organized alongside our Congress, also serves this important objective.

Finally, I wish to announce that we welcome proposals for the venue of the 2027 IBSSA Congress.

Thank you all for honouring the 25th IBSSA Congress with your presence. I wish each of you continued success, good health, and fruitful cooperation in the years to come.

Thank you for your kind attention.



Prof. George Popper
President of IBSSA