

**ASSOCIATION FOR PROTECTION OF WORKER'S RIGHTS GLASEN TEKSTILEC – SHTIP**

**PROJECT FUNDED BY SWEDISH SIDA**

**AUDIT REPORT**

**Program 23-NM-WB – North Macedonia  
For the period 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023**

**Project No. P101507**

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## SPECIAL PURPOSE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: **Association for protection of worker's rights Glasen Tekstilec - Shtip**

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Accumulative Budget report and Expenditure Specification report of project P101507 ("The project") implemented by Association for protection of worker's rights Glasen Tekstilec - Shtip ('organization'), implementing partner of Olof Palme International Center, project funded by Swedish SIDA for the period 1 January 2023 through 31 December 2023 a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying Accumulative Budget report and Expenditure Specification report presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash receipts and disbursements of the project, for the period 1 January through 31 December 2023 in accordance with the organization's accounting records for cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting and with Olof Palme Center's Accumulative Budget and Expenditure Specification reports.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and the Olof Palme International Center's Audit Instructions. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Accumulative Budget report and Expenditure Specification report section of our report*. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Accumulative Budget report and Expenditure Specification report in North Macedonia, and we fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Emphasis of Matter - Restriction on Distribution and Use

The Accumulative Budget report and Expenditure Specification report are prepared to provide information to Olof Palme International Center. As a result, the statement may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Accumulative Budget report and Expenditure Specification report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Accumulative Budget report and Expenditure Specification report in accordance with the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting; this includes determining that the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the statement of receipts and disbursements in the circumstances, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of Accumulative Budget report and Expenditure Specification report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the statement of receipts and disbursements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Accumulative Budget report and Expenditure Specification report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Accumulative Budget report and Expenditure Specification report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken because of the Accumulative Budget report and Expenditure Specification report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Accumulative Budget report and Expenditure Specification report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization ability to continue as going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention to our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Accumulative Budget report and Expenditure Specification report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the Accumulative Budget report and Expenditure Specification report, including the disclosures, and whether the Accumulative Budget report and Expenditure Specification report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Ljubica Joanidis  
Statutory Auditor

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26 February 2024

