NFCACF Statement on the Signing of the Avoidance of Double Taxation Treaty Protocols Between the United States and Croatia

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The National Federation of Croatian Americans Cultural Foundation (NFCACF) - a national umbrella organization dedicated to advancing Croatian interests and strengthening U.S.-Croatian diplomatic relations - applauds Ambassador Nicole McGraw and Croatia's Minister of Finance, Tomislav Ćorić, who signed the protocol amending the Avoidance of Double Taxation Treaty between Croatia and the United States in Dubrovnik on April 28, during the Three Seas Initiative Summit.

This is a tremendous step toward finalizing the long-awaited treaty signed in November 2022, with mutually beneficial preconditions concluded by the Treasury Department. We commend the Trump Administration for advancing the Protocols as the treaty awaits review and a two-thirds majority ratification vote in the U.S. Senate.

On December 7, 2022, U.S. Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and Environment Jose W. Fernandez and Croatian Finance Minister Dr. Marko Primorac signed a comprehensive tax treaty, marking an important milestone in U.S.-Croatian relations. Despite delays at the Treasury Department, the protocols introduce additional amendments to align the treaty with modern U.S. tax policies, safeguard lawful international trade and business activities, and provide greater certainty for investors. The treaty also benefits U.S. citizens and businesses by reducing or eliminating withholding taxes, providing deductions for taxes paid abroad, and affirming equal tax treatment, thereby reducing or eliminating double taxation.

"The treaty protocol signing in Dubrovnik is one major exciting development. The NFCACF looks forward to partnering soon in 2026, with our friends in the U.S. Senate and within our Congressional Croatian Caucus to move it forward. It will take a concerted effort by the Croatian American community supporting the Republic of Croatia's efforts now to ensure that a full U.S. Senate will formally approve this bilateral treaty this year. Our organization has been promoting this treaty on Capitol Hill for over 15 years." – Steve Rukavina, President of the NFCACF.

We encourage members of the Congressional Croatian Caucus to work with their Senate colleagues—particularly Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jim Risch (R-Idaho) and Ranking Member Jeanne Shaheen (D-New Hampshire)—to advance the treaty toward the U.S. Senate review and ratification without undue delay.

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