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## FOREWORD

*Dear readers,*

You are reading the most important information about the activities of the Parliament of Montenegro in the period from 1 to 30 November, which is, in the form of monthly bulletin "Open Parliament", prepared by the Center for Democratic Transition (CDT) and the Administration of the Parliament of Montenegro.

This edition of the bulletin focusses on the Third session of the Children's Parliament held in the plenary hall of the Montenegrin Parliament. The session was held to mark the Day of the adoption of the UN Convention on Rights of the Child (20 November), while the promotion of the rights of children with disabilities and their social and educational inclusion was in focus of the session. The Parliament of Montenegro in cooperation with the Centre for Child Rights of Montenegro and the UNICEF office in Montenegro organized the session of the Children's Parliament.

With regard to regular parliamentary activities, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted 36 laws in November. In addition, we would also like to note that parliamentary committees deliberated 26 law proposals. Through the exercise of its oversight function, parliamentary Committee for Human Rights and Freedoms considered and unanimously adopted the Report on Protection against Discrimination in the first half of 2011. Also, the Committee for Security and Defense held a control hearing of the Director of the National Security Agency (NSA).

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I would like to send you the warmest greetings until the next edition of the bulletin while waiting for your opinions, criticisms and suggestions to make this bulletin even better and more interesting.

*Respectfully,  
Dragan Koprivica,  
CDT Executive Director*



## LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

**During November, the Parliament adopted 36 laws. At the second sitting of the second regular session, in 2011 the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the following laws:**

The Law on Ratification of Consular Convention between Montenegro and the Republic of Bulgaria, the Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Establishment of the Centre for Law Enforcement in the South East Europe, the Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Swiss Confederation on the Readmission (return and acceptance) of persons without a residence permit with Protocol on the Implementation of the Agreement, the Law on Ratification of Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the use of mines, booby traps and other devices governed by the United Nations Convention on Prohibition of Certain Conventional Weapons, the Law on the Ratification of the European Convention for the Protection of Archaeological Heritage, the Law on the Ratification of the European Convention for the Protection of Audio-visual Heritage, the Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Slovenia on Social Security with Administrative Agreement on Implementation of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Slovenia on Social Security, the Law on Ratification of Strasbourg Agreement concerning the International Patent Classification, the Law on Ratification of the patent Law; Law on Ratification of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement on amendment of and accession to the Central European Free Trade Agreement, the Law on Market Inspection, Law on Technical Requirements for Products and Conformity Assessment, the Law on Raft-



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ing, the Law on Investment Funds, the Law Amending the Law on the Peaceful Settlement of Labour Disputes, the Law Amending the Law on Mountain Trails, the Law Amending the Law on Optical Disks, the Law Amending the Law on Foreigners, the Law on Territorial Organization of Montenegro and the Law on Lobbying

**At the fifth sitting of the second regular session, in 2011, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the following laws:**

The Law Amending the Law on Electronic Media, the Law on Medicines, the Law on Postal Services, the Law on the Recognition of Foreign Educational Qualifications Documents and Equalization, the Law Amending the Law on the State Aid Control, the Law Amending the Law on Inspection Control, the Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Republic of Kosovo on Readmission (return and acceptance) of Persons without a Residence Permit, with the Protocol on the implementation of the agreement.

**At the sixth sitting of the second regular session, in 2011, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the following laws:**

The Law on the Final Account of the Budget of Montenegro for 2010, with the Report on the Audit of Final Account of the Budget of Montenegro for 2010 and Annual Report on the audits and activities of the State Audit Institution of Montenegro for the period October from 2010 to October 2011; The Law Amending the Law on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment, the Law on Ratification of the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean, the Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and Serbia on the Avoidance of Double Taxation with respect to Income Taxes, the Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Compensation of Damage caused by Aircraft to Third Parties, the Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Compensation of Damage Caused to Third Parties as a result of unlawful interference with the participation of the aircraft, the Law Amending the Labour Law, the Law Amending the Law on Salaries of Civil Servants and the Law Amending the Law on Political Parties.

#### Law proposals considered before committees:

- **Proposal for a Law on Medicines** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation and the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare.
- **Proposal for a Law on Final Account of Montenegro for 2011** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation, Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget, and the Committee on Security and Defence.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Limited Use of Tobacco Products** considered and submitted

to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.

- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law on Montenegrin Coast Regional Water Supply** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation as well as by the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Environment and Spatial Planning.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation, Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Environment and Spatial Planning, as well as the Committee on International Relations and European integration.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Political Parties** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Compensation of Damage Caused to Third Parties due to unlawful interference involving aircrafts** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation as well as the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Compensation of Damage Caused by Aircraft to Third Parties** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation as well as the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and Serbia on the avoidance of double taxation with respect to income taxes** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation as well as the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation as well as the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation as well as the



Committee on International Relations and European Integration.

- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Labour Law** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation as well as the Committee on International Relations and European Integration and the Committee on Health, Labour and Welfare.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Detective Activity** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration as well as the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law on Public Peace and Order** considered and submitted for adoption by the Committee on the Political System, Judiciary and Administration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Waste Management** reviewed and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Environment and Spatial Planning.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Planting Material** reviewed and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Environment and Spatial Planning and the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation and the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Seeds and Planting Material of Agricultural Plants** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Environment and Spatial Planning, as well as by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Salaries of Civil Servants** reviewed and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation as well as the Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Excises** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adop-

tion by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation, Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget, and by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.

- **Proposal for a Law on Budget of Montenegro for 2012** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Security and Defence as well as the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sport and the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Environment and Spatial Planning.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of Agreement between Montenegro and Croatia on Mutual Enforcement of Court Decisions in Criminal Matters** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Protection of Children and Cooperation in respect of Inter-country Adoption** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Enforcement and Cooperation in Respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of Agreement between Montenegro and the European Union on Establishing a Framework for the Participation of Montenegro in the European Union Operations in Crisis Management** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation as well as the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending to Law on Minority Rights and Freedoms** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.

## OVERSIGHT ACTIVITY



- The Committee for Human Rights and Freedoms considered and unanimously accepted the Report on Protection against Discrimination in the first half of 2011, which, at the request of the Committee, and in accordance with the activities of the Committee for the period from December 2010 until October 2011, was submitted by the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro. The Committee unanimously accepted Ombudsman's Conclusions and Recommendations contained in the said report, which would be

submitted to the parliamentary leadership and the line Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, so that competent authorities would take concrete actions to prevent and protect against discrimination.

The Committee unanimously accepted the Draft Report on control hearing of the Minister for Human and Minority Rights Ferhat Dinosha on the "Implementation of the Law against Discrimination and activities on enhancing awareness of the importance of prevention, reporting and sanctioning of all forms of discrim-



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ination," which along with the conclusions, in accordance with Article 77, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament, will be submitted to the Parliament of Montenegro.

- The Committee on Security and Defence held a control hearing of the Director of the National Security Agency. At the committee's invitation, Vladan Jokovic, the NSA Director attended the session of the Committee on Security and Defence of the Parliament of Montenegro.

He introduced the committee members with the information in the possession of the Agency, on the organization and operation of the Wahhabi movement in Montenegro and the security risks of possible terrorist attacks of extreme members of this movement on the territory of Montenegro. Following the control hearing, the Committee on Security and Defence unanimously adopted the Report and submitted it to the Parliament of Montenegro.

## NEWS FROM PARLIAMENT



### *Parliamentary Assembly of Parliamentary Dimension of the Central European Initiative in Belgrade*

In Belgrade, on 10-11 November 2011, under the Serbian Presidency, the Parliamentary Assembly of Parliamentary Dimension of Central European Initiative was held.

The plenary session of the Parliamentary Assembly was preceded by sessions of the CEI general committees on Culture, Economics and Political and Internal Affairs, which discussed the protection of national minorities and cultural heritage, the strengthening of economic cooperation and development prospects for the Central European Initiative. According to the CEI-PD Rules of Procedure, members of three general committees elected chairpersons for one-year term of office – Miodrag Vukovic, Head of the CEI-PD Delegation of Parliament of Montenegro was relected Deputy Chairman of the CEI-PD

General Committee for Political and Internal Affairs.

This year's Parliamentary Assembly was marked by the debate on the CEI development prospects. The Head of Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro, Miodrag Vukovic, invited the CEI colleagues from the European Union member states that, in communication with their governments, they adopt a positive attitude and verify the Proposal of the European Commission to open negotiations with Montenegro.

The CEI Parliamentary Assembly was closed with the adoption of the Final Declaration, and the Parliament of Montenegro was represented at the meeting by the members of the permanent CEI-PD delegation of Parliament of Montenegro Miodrag Vukovic, Vasilije Lalosevic and Damir Sehovic.

### *The Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) Visit Parliament of Montenegro*

The Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) paid a visit to the Parliament of Montenegro on 16 November. During its stay in the Parliament, the Council of Europe's Group of Experts met with members of the Committee on Security and Defence, Committee for Human Rights and Freedoms and Committee for Gender Equality.

The Council of Europe's Group of Experts visited Parliament on the occasion of the first round of evaluation of the implementation of the Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings by the CoE members. During the meeting with members of the Committee on Security and Defence participants in the meeting stressed the importance of Montenegro's commitment to ensuring the meeting of standards and full respect for the Council of Europe's Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings. The Chairman of the Committee for Human Rights and Freedoms introduced the GRETA

members with Committee's activities and consensual decision-making that resulted in the understanding of the importance of human rights protection as a part of the legislative, but also the oversight function of Parliament, as the topics that are equally important for the government and the opposition.

He concluded that the problem of trafficking in Montenegro was identified, not as a phenomenon, but as individual cases. During the talks with members of the Committee for Gender Equality, he stated that, in future, the Committee will pay more attention to this problem, and that the education and awareness of the entire society should be improved when it comes to this matter. It was also stated that, during the global campaign "16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence" the Committee will organize activities targeted to the promotion and implementation of the Convention on Action against the Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings.



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## *The Venice Commission's Expert Mission Visits the Parliament of Montenegro*

The Venice Commission's expert mission visited the Parliament of Montenegro on 17 November. In addition to the Venice Commission's mission experts, the meeting was attended also by the representatives of the European Commission and experts of the EU member states.

During its visit to the Parliament of Montenegro, the Venice Commission's expert mission, the European Commission's representatives and Member States' experts

met with the President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic. In addition, the Head of the European Union Delegation to Montenegro, HE Ambassador Leopold Maurer also attended the meeting. The guests also met with the members of parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation and the Committee on International Relations and European Integration. Meetings were focussed on exchanging views on the draft amendments to the Constitution of Montenegro.

## *President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic in the United Nations*

President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic, as a keynote speaker, gave an introductory address to the United Nations, at the parliamentary hearing entitled "Strengthening the links between national institutions and civil society."

The meeting, which was organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the UN was opened by the UN General Assembly President Nasser Al-Nasser Abdulazis, and it gathered representatives of the UN member states, senior UN officials as well as representatives of international organizations and civil society.

In his opening address, President Krivokapic stated that "open society includes the development of insti-

tutions, with highly participatory and productive engagement of a citizen, as a bearer of sovereignty in contemporary society," stressing that "the state must guarantee the citizens fairness and in return the citizens should have faith in the institution."

President Krivokapic used his visit to New York to meet with emigrants from Montenegro. On that occasion, he emphasized that such meetings were always a great occasion to discuss the possibilities of strengthening ties of emigrants with their mother country, who were a great support to an independent and civic Montenegro during a difficult period in the nineties.



## PARLIAMENTARY GLOSSARY

**PUBLIC OPINION**<sup>1</sup> is the opinion of a social group on important phenomena and issues of interest to them as group. A group that creates and expresses public opinion is defined as each group that has certain common interests on which it creates public opinion within the very group.

Public opinion<sup>2</sup> has been created in public in which the citizens or the public gather without any problems, and freely express their opinions and views. Newspapers, magazines, film, radio and television are public media.

<sup>1</sup> *Legal Encyclopedia, Savremena administracija, Beograd, 1985.*

<sup>2</sup> *Encyclopedia of Political Culture, Savremena administracija, Beograd, 1993.*



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## IN FOCUS



### *The Third Session of the Children's Parliament*

The third session of the Children's Parliament was held in the plenary hall of the Parliament of Montenegro, at the initiative of the Local Children's Parliament - Podgorica and members of children parliament's from primary and secondary schools.

The Session was attended by 60 elementary and high school students, representatives of 29 primary and 10 secondary schools from 18 towns in Montenegro. The session was organized on the occasion of the celebration of the Day when the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (November 20) was adopted. The main theme of the session was the promotion of the rights of children with disabilities and their social and educational inclusion.

The President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko

Krivokapic gave a keynote speech, which was followed by the addresses of the members of the Children's Parliament. Some ministers from the Government of Montenegro and certain number of members of the Parliament were giving answers to numerous questions of the children.

The children, members of the Children's Parliament, drew Parliament and Government's attention to numerous problems they have been facing in the school and everyday life, especially when it comes to poverty and major social differences in society.

The session of the Children's Parliament was organized by the Parliament of Montenegro in cooperation with the Centre for Child Rights of Montenegro and the representative of the UNICEF office to Montenegro.



## FROM PARLIAMENTARY GALLERY

### *Vuko Radovic: "Platije", 1971.*

Vuko Radovic belongs to the painters who have begun their careers between the two wars and has been recognized by his obsession with the conflict of stone and water. When it comes to the ideas, he is close to those of Cezanne, and the colours of Lubarda. Notable is his expressiveness that has constantly varied, and his constructivism is bare to the extent that changes to the opposite – abstraction and enformel. He was a successful researcher, and with a continuous advancement and experience of a pronounced individualist he exercised great influence on other Montenegrin painters.



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# CALENDAR



## 2 November

- Members of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of Parliament of Montenegro met with the delegation of the Republic of Hungary led by Assistant Foreign Minister for European Affairs, Balint Odor, and which also included Director of the Directorate of Internal Affairs and EU Enlargement, László Sink, and Director of the Directorate for the Western Balkans of the Government of the Republic of Hungary, Kristian Posa. The meeting agreed that Montenegro has invested considerable effort in the integration path, and that visible results are worthy of full support and active role in promoting the Republic of Hungary the same in other European Union member states.

## 3 November

- The chairperson of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of Parliament of Montenegro, dr Miodrag Vukovic, and Deputy Chairperson, Vasilije Lalosevic, met with members of the Bundestag Nomination Commission for awarding the International Parliamentary Scholarships (IPS). It was agreed at the meeting that providing the opportunities for young, talented people in Montenegro, in terms of upgrading the existing and acquiring new knowledge on parliamentarism would be very important for Montenegrin society as a whole. Participants in the meeting emphasized that the investment in knowledge was of special importance, and highlighted the necessity to develop the system's ability to meet the demanding responsibilities through various forms of training, exchange of experience and knowledge, which would, at the same time, contribute to strengthening administrative capacity.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, received the delegation of the Nomination Commission of the German Parliament Bundestag - for awarding the International Parliamentary Scholarship, headed by the Bundestag MP, Kai Göring. During the meeting, they stressed the importance of fruitful cooperation between the two parliaments and their presidents, Ranko Krivokapic and Norbert Lammert. President, Krivokapic, announced that he would visit Bundestag either by the end of this or at the beginning of the next month to talk about Montenegro's accelerated developmental democratic European path.



- The Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro, Damir Davidovic, received members of the Bundestag Nomination Commission for awarding the "International Parliamentary Scholarship" headed by the German Bundestag MP Kaj Gerhinger. HE German Ambassador to Montenegro Fischer Prius attended the meeting. Among other things, the International Parliamentary Scholarship Program was discussed at the meeting.

## 4 November

- The Chairperson of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro, dr Miodrag Vukovic, participated in a panel of the First Regional Conference on "Foreign Policy Initiative of Bosnia and Herzegovina", which was held in Sarajevo.

## 5 November

- The President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, congratulated the Reis of the Islamic Community of Montenegro, Mr. Rifat Fejzic, and members of the Islamic Community in Montenegro on the Eid al Fitr.

## 7 November

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, received the delegation headed by Peter Bayer, an MP of the Christian Democratic Union/Christian Social Union Parliamentary Group of the German Parliament. Over a longer discussion, emphasized was strong commitment of the Parliament of Montenegro to the creation of all the requirements necessary for a smooth road towards the EU.



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- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, received the Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Montenegro, HE Catherine Knight Sands, the Executive Director of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD), Linda Dafild, and the British Council Regional Director, Toni O Brian. The reception took place on the occasion of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Montenegrin Parliament, Westminster Foundation for Democracy and the British Council.
- Chairpersons of party caucuses of the Montenegrin Parliament, members of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget and Secretary General, Damir Davidovic, met with the Executive Director of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, Linda Duffield. It was assessed at the meeting that the cooperation program was successful.

## 11 November

- Chairperson of the National Council for European Integration (NCEI), Nebojsa Medojevic, and the NCEI member, dr Miodrag Vukovic, met in Belgrade with the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia for European Integration, Bozidar Djelic. The progress of the two countries towards European integration was noted at the meeting.
- Staff members of the Parliament of Montenegro were presented diplomas for the completion of a first course in German. The language course for staff members of the Montenegrin Parliament was implemented in the organization of the Parliament and the Goethe Institute, with the support from the German Embassy in Podgorica.

## 12 November

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, sent a telegram of congratulations, on the occasion of 13 November – Day of the Royal Capital of Cetinje – to the President of the Royal Capital, Aleksandar Bogdanovic, President of the Royal Capital Assembly, Milutin Vukic, councillors of the Cetinje Parliament and citizens.
- Held meeting of the Chairperson of the National Council for European Integration, Nebojsa Medojevic, and the Chairperson of the Committee for European Integration of the Serbian Parliament, Laszlo Varga. The meeting was held in Belgrade.

## 16 November

- Members of the Committee on Security and Defence met with the representatives of the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in

Human Beings (GRETA). The participants stressed the importance of Montenegro's commitment to meet the standards and fully respect the Council of Europe's Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.



- Members of the Committee for Human Rights and Freedoms met with members of the CoE Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA). The visit was organized on the occasion of the first round of evaluation of the implementation of the Convention for the fight against human trafficking by the CoE members.
- Members of the Committee on Gender Equality met with members of the CoE Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA). The meeting was devoted to the CoE Convention on Action against Trafficking in Humans.

## 17 November

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, met with the delegation of the Venice Commission's Expert Mission, the European Commission representatives and experts from the EU member states. The Head of the European Union Delegation to Montenegro, HE Ambassador, Leopold Maurer, attended the meeting. The meeting was focussed on the exchange of views about the draft amendments to the Constitution of Montenegro.
- Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation of the Parliament of Montenegro the meeting was held with the Venice Commission's delegation, the European Commission's delegation and the delegation of the EU member states. Distinguished guests were informed about the decisions contained in the draft amendments to the Constitution of Montenegro.
- Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro met with the delegation of the Venice Commission, the European



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Commission's delegation and the delegation of the EU member states. Draft amendments to the Constitution of Montenegro were subject to the discussion.

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, congratulated the students and high school students of Montenegro, on the occasion of - 17 of November - the International Students' Day and High School Students -.

## 18 November

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, received the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Podgorica, Kim Kwang-Keun's. During the meeting, both sides assessed that there was a lot of room for cooperation in many fields and expressed willingness to further strengthen ties between the two countries, particularly through the intensification of parliamentary cooperation. At the end of the meeting, it was agreed to establish a Group of Friendship between parliaments of Montenegro and Korea as a sign of concrete contribution to fostering cooperation, as soon as the country's elections are finished.
- Held the third session of the Children's Parliament in the plenary hall of the Parliament of Montenegro. Children from 39 Montenegrin schools posed questions to MPs and ministers in the Government of Montenegro.

## 19 November

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, sent a telegram of congratulations, on the occasion of 20 November – the Day of the Municipality of Pljevlja – to the President of the Municipality, Dr Miloje Pupovic, President of the Municipal Assembly, Velimir Golubovic, and councillors of the Pljevlja Parliament and citizens.

## 20 November

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, sent a telegram of congratulations on the occasion of 21 November – Day of the Municipality of Tivat – to the President, Miodrag Dragan Kankaras, President of the Municipal Assembly, Krsto Petrovic, committee members of the Tivat Parliament and citizens.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, sent a telegram of congratulations on the occasion of 21 November – the Day of the Municipality of Kotor - to the President of the Municipality, Marija Maja Catovic, President of the Municipal Assembly,

Nikola Konjevic, councillors in the local parliament and citizens.

## 21 November

- Members of the National Council for European Integration met with the delegation of the Senate of the Czech Republic, represented by the Chairman of the Committee for European Affairs, Ludek Sefzig, Deputy Chairmen, Miroslav Shkaloud Krejca, and committee member, Jaroslav Doubrava. It was agreed at the meeting that Montenegro had invested considerable efforts in the integration path and the achieved results deserved the full support of the Czech Republic.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, hosted, in Podgorica, the delegation of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, led by the Chairman of the European Union Affairs Committee, Ludek Sefzik. During the meeting, they exchanged views on the process of harmonization of legislation with the European legislation, the dynamics of the process, and further challenges on the road to EU and the chapters that are important – the rule of law, human rights and freedom and others. Both sides agreed that responsible approach and high quality implementation of all future phases on the path towards the European Union is of essential importance.



- Members of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro met with the delegation of the Senate of the Czech Republic, represented by the Chairman of the Committee for European Affairs, Ludek Sefzig, Deputy Committee Chairpersons, Miroslav Shkaloud and Miroslav Krejcha and committee member, Jaroslav Doubrava. The participants emphasized their belief that, in December, Montenegro would get a start date to open negotiation process, which would be of great importance not only for Montenegro, but also for the entire South East Europe and the European perspective of the entire region.



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- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, sent a telegram of congratulations on the occasion - 22 November – the Day of the Municipality of Budva – to the President of the Municipality, Lazar Radjenovic, President of the Municipal Assembly, Krsto Ljubanovic, councillors in the Budva Parliament and citizens.

## 22 November

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, received the U.S. Ambassador to Podgorica, Sue K. Brown. The relations between Montenegro and the United States were agreed to be very good, which is further confirmed by the dynamics and quality of contacts between officials of both countries.
- The meeting of the Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget with representatives of the International Monetary Fund was held. The meeting discussed issues related to the macroeconomic environment, budget and medium term public expenditure framework in Montenegro.

## 23 November

- The meeting of the Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget with the Governor of the Central Bank and the Governor of the Bulgarian National Bank was held. The meeting discussed the situation in the financial sector, models of cooperation of the Central Bank and the Parliament in the negotiation process with the European Union and the experience of Bulgaria in the pre-accession phase of negotiations with the EU.



- Chairman of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration, dr Miodrag Vukovic, received non-resident Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to Montenegro HE, Mr. Charalambos Hadjisavasa. During the meeting, and in terms of ensuring con-

ditions for improvement of the existing parliamentary cooperation, the participants discussed the formation of an Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group between the two countries, and the visit of the Chairman of the Parliament of the Republic of Cyprus to the Parliament of Montenegro in the first half of the next year.

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, sent a telegram of congratulations on the occasion of 24 November – Day of the Municipality of Bar – to the President of the Municipality, Zarko Pavicevic, President of Municipal Assembly, Branka Nikezic, committee members of the Bar Parliament and citizens.

## 24 November

- Representatives of the party caucuses of the Montenegrin Parliament met with the delegation of the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat), led by the Director of Foreign Cooperation, Communication and Key Indicators, Pieter Everaers. They talked about the results of the most recent population census in Montenegro.

## 25 November

- Students of the Public Institution Secondary School of Economics-Hotel Industry from Bar visited the Parliament of Montenegro. They were introduced to the work of the Montenegrin Parliament, its powers and functions, as well as the history and activities of the working bodies and party caucuses.

## 26 November

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, visited Brussels from 24 -26 December, where he had a series of bilateral talks with the EU officials about the EU enlargement process and the further progress of Montenegro towards European integration.

## 30 November

- The meeting of the Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget with the SIGMA representatives was held, where the SIGMA final external evaluation report of the State Audit Institution was presented.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, gave an address to the United Nations, as a keynote speaker at the parliamentary session entitled "Strengthening the links between national institutions and civil society."



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# FROM THE HISTORY OF MONTENEGRIN PARLIAMENTARISM



## DECREE OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ON THE PHARMACY SERVICE

20 September/2 October

### Ministry's Decree on Arranging Cetinje's Pharmacies

In view of an ever increasing demand for health services, there is an ever increasing need for fresh, clean and well prepared medicines, i.e. pharmacies organized on a scientific basis: taking into account quite disorganized pharmacy administration and unprofessional behaviour, the Ministry of Interior deprives our current pharmacy of its "public" status, and transfers it to private ownership and prescribes the following rules:

1. The right to open and run pharmacies shall be only given to a person who is a holder of a university degree or a master's degree of pharmacy, and who, at the same time proves to be responsible, diligent and of good behaviour. In addition to a good conduct, he must often test and evaluate good or bad quality of all drugs, pharmaceutical and chemical preparations, and all, especially strong medicines, need to be chemically analysed, while some medicines need to be prepared in the pharmacy in accordance with the pharmacopoeia formulae, and not purchased elsewhere in good faith.
2. In the course of two years, a concessioner shall build or rent a special house for a pharmacy, which, in accordance to valid regulations would have to be composed of the following departments: office (shop), laboratory, storage for material, attic and basement.

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4. According to the need and previous experience, a pharmacist shall purchase necessary amount of medicines, as indicated in the Austrian pharmacopoeia, which shall also be used by our physicians until the following order. In addition, the pharmacist is required to, in the shortest time possible, purchase all the new medicines that science recommends and doctors request. Special products, which the public at large asks for based on their habits or the newspaper advertisements, may be purchased only with the prior notification and professional approval of our doctors. The pharmacy shall always have: a variety of bottles and vessels, in which the medicines are issued to customers, a variety of rubber enema, different syringes (syringe), breast pumps, nestle diet flour, bandages for hernias, mineral water or i.e. – simply, everything that may be found in pharmacies worldwide.
5. The so-called heroic medications must be kept in separate locked cabinets, which must be kept by a pharmacist. He is obliged to check and prepare by himself medical prescriptions containing medicamento heroica, and only simple, smaller and indifferent things should be prepared by his assistant (unless the assistant is a holder of a university degree). For strong medicines, pharmacy must have special vessels with jarred inscriptions and narcotic herbs kept in special drawers.

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**Cetinje, 20 September 1891**  
**Chairperson of the State Council**  
**No. 804 Minister of Interior**  
**Bozo Petrovic, handwritten signature.**

*Collection of rules, regulations and decrees in sanitary branch of the Principality of Montenegro, Cetinje 1891, 67-72.*



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