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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 31 January, 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 is somewhat shorter than the previous editions due to New Year and Christmas season holidays during which the Parliament of Montenegro had reduced its activities.

As befits the first bulletin edition in this year, the column In Focus provides you with the overview of parliamentary activities in 2011.

With regard to parliamentary activities in January 2012, parliamentary committees deliberated on 18 law proposals.

The previous period was characterized by intensive parliamentary international activity that is reflected in numerous international bilateral meetings as well as MPs participation in the work of international institutions and initiatives. International activity is discussed in more detail in our regular column "News from the Parliament."

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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

Law proposals considered before committees:

- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on the Prevention of Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget.
- **Proposal for a Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistics System** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget and by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Corporate Profit** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget and by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Personal Income** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget and the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law on Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sport and the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law on Salaries of Civil Servants and Employees** considered and proposed to Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law on Customs Tariff** considered and



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

- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Compulsory Social Insurance** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation. The law proposal was considered by the Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget and did not obtain the necessary majority.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law on Chemicals considered by the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Environment and Spatial Planning.** The Committee proposed to the Parliament not to adopt the said law proposal.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Protection of Nature** considered by the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Environment and Spatial Planning. The Committee proposed to the Parliament not to adopt the said law proposal.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Montenegrin Citizenship (submission date: 15.04.2011)** considered by the Committee for Political System, Judiciary and Administration. The Committee proposed to the Parliament not to adopt the law proposal.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Civil Servants** considered by the Committee for Political Sys-

tem, Judiciary and Administration. The Committee proposed to the Parliament not to adopt the law proposal.

- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Local Self-Government** considered by the Committee for the Political System, Judiciary and Administration. The Committee proposed to the Parliament not to adopt the said law proposal.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Conflict of Interest** considered by the Committee for the Political System, Judiciary and Administration. The Committee proposed to the Parliament not to adopt the said law proposal.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Montenegrin Citizenship (submission date: 13.01.2012)** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation. The law proposal was considered by the Committee for Political System, Judiciary and Administration, which suggested to the Parliament not to adopt the said law proposal.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on the State and Other Holidays** discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Value Added Tax** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation. The law proposal was considered by the Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget and did not receive the Committee's support.

NEWS FROM PARLIAMENT



Activities of the Parliament within the European Integration process of Montenegro

Meeting of Members of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration with Minister for European Affairs and Chief Negotiator of Turkey

Members of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro met on Tuesday, 10 January 2012 with Minister for European Affairs and Chief Negotiator of the Republic of Turkey, Egemen Bagis, who paid an official visit to Montenegro.

The meeting highlighted meaningful diplomatic relations between the two countries and the importance of continually maintaining regular political contacts between governmental and parliamentary structures, particularly in the field of European integration, bearing in mind the significance that Montenegro and Turkey attach to this process. Also, participants agreed that the approximation of national legislation to the European legal her-

itage, through the adoption and application of laws with the EU sign, is one of the conditions for the country's progress towards Europe.

During the meeting, both sides exchanged their experiences when it comes to communication with different structures of the European Union or the positioning of the state institutions in relation to the negotiation process. Also, the importance of the Parliament was emphasized, particularly when it comes to establishing negotiating positions and informing the public on the progress of negotiations. The meeting also highlighted the importance of economic cooperation, cooperation in education and tourism, through the intensification of communication between state institutions and the conclusion of bilateral agreements. Finally, it was concluded that cooperation between the two countries within regional initiatives is a good basis for further joint action and for the provision of mutual support in areas of mutual interest.



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Croatia's Chief Negotiator, Vladimir Drobniak, visited the Parliament of Montenegro

On 24 January, 2012, the Croatia's Chief Negotiator, Vladimir Drobniak, paid a visit to the Parliament of Montenegro to make a presentation for MPs and the Administration of the Montenegrin Parliament. Panel discussion entitled "Negotiations of the Republic of Croatia with the European Union - Structure, Contents, Experiences and Advancement of the Role of Parliamentary Structures" was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, European Movement in Montenegro and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, in cooperation with the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro. After the panel discussion, Mr. Drobniak met with the President of Parliament, Ranko Krivokapic.

In his presentation, Mr Drobniak stated that Croatia had very demanding negotiations, but, finally at the end of the process, it could be stated with the satisfaction that it was very successful. He said that he expected Montenegro to successfully go through the negotiation process, given that it would be able to use positive experience from the Croatian negotiation process, or to use well proven methodology of the conduct of negotiations. Drobniak also answered many MPs' questions related to the experiences of the Republic of Croatia in the process of negotiation with the EU.

During the meeting with the Croatia's Chief Negotiator for membership in the EU, Vladimir Drobniak, President Krivokapic pointed out that there was consensus in the Parliament in respect to the country's road to the EU. Vladimir Drobniak praised the achievements that Montenegro has made so far in the process of the European integration. At the end of the meeting, the interlocutors emphasized that it would be necessary to start with the formation of the negotiating team, given that the accession negotiations between Montenegro and the EU are expected to start very soon.

President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic paid an official visit to Iceland

President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic paid the first high level, two-day official visit to

Iceland, at the invitation of the President of the Parliament of Iceland Asta Johannesdottir, in the period 25-26 January 2012. In addition to the host, President Krivokapic met with the President of Iceland Olafur Ragnar Grimsson and Prime Minister of Iceland Johanna Sigurdardottir. The size of the country is not an obstacle to developing great values – the Presidents of Parliaments of Montenegro and Iceland assessed.

During the meeting with the President of the Parliament of Iceland, President Krivokapic pointed out with satisfaction to the fact that Iceland was the first country to recognize Montenegro's independence on 8 June 2006. The interlocutors assessed that compatibility of the states of Iceland and Montenegro laid in keeping the flame of the negotiation process with the EU, which has lasted in Iceland since 2010, while Montenegro is just about to enter this very demanding process. President Krivokapic expressed his satisfaction with very good relations between the two countries. He pointed to the multiple effectiveness of regular "S 9" meetings of nine small countries, and stressed that Montenegro would have the honor to serve as a host to small countries in September.

President Krivokapic also met with President of Iceland Olafur Ragnar Grimsson with whom, among other things, he exchanged views on the position of small countries in the European Union.

On the second day of his official visit, President Krivokapic met with Prime Minister of Iceland, Johanna Sigurdardottir. Prime Minister of Iceland declared that Montenegro would have strong support from Iceland on the road to full EU membership. During the meeting, the interlocutors assessed that in respect to the relations between the parliaments and governments in the European integration process, it is particularly important to find a model that would allow for the most efficient functioning of the entire state apparatus in order to cope with all the challenges deriving from this important process.

Following the talks with the Prime Minister of Iceland, President Krivokapic met with members of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament of Iceland.

President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, paid a working visit to Shanghai

President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic paid a working visit to Shanghai from 11 to 12 January 2012, on the occasion of handover ceremony of the ship "Kotor", the first new ship, which is, after a quarter of century, owned by the company "Crnogorska plovidba." The President took the opportunity to meet with a number of officials from the People's Republic of China. He met with the Mayor of Shanghai, Han Zheng, President of the Shanghai People's Congress, Liu Yungeng, Director General for Europe of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Li Ruiyu, Special Envoy of the Ministry of Commerce of the

People's Republic of China, Chu Chi Jao, Governor of the Bank Exim Shanghai, Ren Shengjun and the president of the company "Poly Technologies", Jiang Lianxiang.

At the meeting with the Mayor of Shanghai, Han Zheng, President Krivokapic expressed satisfaction with the high level of political relations between Montenegro and China, which through the construction of new vessels would turn into a successful economic cooperation. Mayor of Shanghai stated that China considered Montenegro a friendly country with which it would like to continue and intensify cooperation in various fields.



President Krivokapic also met with the President of the Shanghai People's Congress Liu Yungeng, and the two interlocutors highlighted the good cooperation between the Parliament of Montenegro and the National People's Congress of the Republic of China.

On 12 January, on the occasion of the delivery ceremony of the ship "Kotor," President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, in his speech, thanked the Chinese friends for having helped the renewal of the Montenegrin fleet, in hope that Montenegrin sailors would never be left without Montenegrin ships.

At the meeting with the Special Representative of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China Chu Chi Jao, Krivokapic confirmed Montenegro's readi-

ness to cooperate with Chinese partners on development projects. Jao pointed out that China was ready to support Montenegro's prospects. They particularly emphasized the importance of the Economic and Trade Joint Committee between the governments of the two countries.

At the meeting with the Governor of the Exim Bank of Shanghai Ren Shengjun, President Krivokapic expressed his gratitude for two loan agreements for the two ships that were concluded under very favorable conditions. After the meeting, a new agreement was signed on the construction of two new ships between the company "Crnogorska plovidba" and the company Poly Group.

First regular session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in 2012

The first regular session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) in 2012 was held in Strasbourg from 23 to 27 January. The new PACE President, Jean-Claude Mignon (France, PPE / DC), was elected at the session. He is the 26th PACE President since 1949 and has been the first Frenchman elected to this position in the last 23 years. The Parliament elected 19 PACE Vice Presidents, and verified seats to new members, as well as modified the composition of the committees. Nils Muiznieks from Latvia was elected Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, whose term in office will commence on 1 April 2012.

At the first regular session in 2012, the Parliamentary Assembly debated the following issues: "The situation in Russia in between elections," which was followed by the debate on the Proposal for a Resolution based on the Report on the functioning of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Report on the right of everyone to take part in cultural life; Proposal for a Resolution on the proposed recommendations on the basis of the Report guaranteeing the authority and effectiveness of the European Convention on Human Rights, Report on the situation in Belarus, Report on the honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia, Report on protecting of human rights and dignity by taking into account previously expressed wishes of patients, Report on advancing women's rights worldwide

and the Report on the promotion of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. MPs also discussed the Resolution on the functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine.

Montenegrin delegation to PACE, which was composed of Zoran Vukcevic (DPS), Ervin Spahic (SDP) and Snezana Jonica (SNP), took part in the meeting of the Socialist Group, as well as in the meetings of several committees, which were held during the session. At the meeting of the Monitoring Committee, MPs Snezana Jonica and Zoran Vukcevic informed the members of the Committee on Montenegro's progress from October 2011 until January 2012, with special emphasis on the implementation of previous recommendations by co-rapporteurs Serhiy Holovaty and Jean-Charles Gardetto. MPs Zoran Vukcevic and Snezana Jonica exchanged with co-rapporteurs the details on the results Montenegro has achieved in the process of fulfilling post-accession commitments undertaken with the membership in the Council of Europe. In April, the Report of the Monitoring Committee will be completed and at its spring session, the Parliamentary Assembly will discuss in detail all aspects and commitments undertaken by Montenegro. It is expected for the Resolution to be prepared by June and adopted by PACE at the summer session, which will mark the end of the monitoring of Montenegro.

Meeting of Chairpersons of Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs - COSAC

The Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the meeting of Chairpersons of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union - COSAC, within the parliamentary dimension of the Danish EU Presidency, on 30 January 2012. A form of two-year report, which will be adopted at the next meeting of COSAC, which will be held in April was also considered at the meeting.

The meeting highlighted two topics - "Priorities of Cli-

mate and Energy Policy - 2020" and "Democratic Accountability of the European Economic Community to the Debt Crisis". These topics were discussed by delegates of twenty-seven member states, four countries candidates for EU membership, as well as senior representatives of the European Commission, European Council and European Parliament.

The participants agreed that in the current situation, the future of the Union depends on joint activities and efforts aimed to overcome the crisis and preserve the com-



mon currency as a distinct value of the group of states gathered in the Union. Special attention was paid to environmental protection, sustainable development and water pollution, as well as areas that are particularly vulnerable during the economic and financial crisis. Precisely, the interdependence of Member States and the negative impact of national decisions on the Union, as a whole, indicates to the need for joint decision-making in

order to return public confidence in institutions, the system itself and the community, as it was stated at the COSAC meeting.

The Montenegrin delegation was composed of the Chairperson of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro Miodrag Vukovic and Deputy Chairperson Vasilije Lalosevic.

IN FOCUS



Activities of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2011

In the January edition of the bulletin „Open Parliament,” we would like to present you with a summary of the activities of the Parliament during the past 2011.

The year behind us was marked by significant legislative and oversight activities of the Parliament. The Parliament held 21 sittings of regular sessions and four extraordinary sessions, with the total duration of 92 days, which is an increase compared to 2010, when it held 19 sittings in total duration of 86 days. The total of 350 hours, compared to 251 hours which the Parliament spent in sessions in 2010, is a figure that speaks in favour of the increased workload.

In accordance with good parliamentary practice, the Parliament seeks to move the legislative process from plenary sittings to the meetings of the working bodies, and accordingly, the data for 2011 show a significantly increased amount of work of parliamentary committees. Total of 313 meetings of working bodies were held, with a total of 532 hours, while in 2010, committees held 221 meetings, which lasted 461 hours in total.

In 2011, the Parliament adopted a total of 240 acts, of which 154 were laws, two constitutional acts, 37 decisions, 27 conclusions and 20 reports. In comparison to 2010, the Parliament adopted 152 laws, two constitutional acts and 61 other acts. Also, during the last year, the total of 1940 amendments were deliberated at meetings of working bodies, and 1150 amendments at the sittings of the Parliament.

Progress of the Parliament on strengthening its oversight role is reflected in an ever increasing number of consultative and control hearings. In 2011, 28 consultative and seven control hearings were held, compared to 13 consultative and two control hearings held in 2010.

An intensive international cooperation also marked the work of the Parliament during the last year. A total of 44 delegations of parliamentary working bodies were sent abroad for official, working or study visits. There were two meetings of the Joint Parliamentary Stabilisation and Association Committee of the Parlia-

ment of Montenegro and the European Parliament. Also, the Montenegrin delegation took part in the work of permanent parliamentary bodies, Inter-Parliamentary Union, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Parliamentary Assembly of NATO and the OSCE, as well as meetings in the framework of regional initiatives (Central European Initiative, South Eastern Europe Cooperation Process, the Adriatic- Ionian Initiative).

The activities of the Parliament in 2011 took place before the eyes of the public, through live broadcasts of parliamentary sittings, as well as via live stream and the information that have been regularly updated on the official parliamentary website. In addition, the Parliamentary Service has responded to all the requests for free access to information, which, in 2011, amounted to a total of 162 requests (while in 2010, there were 104 requests).

Informative briefings and research papers prepared by the Service of the Parliament have represented a significant technical support to the work of MPs. In 2011, a total of 231 briefings and eight research papers were prepared. Also, the Parliamentary service regularly responds to all inquiries of other parliaments and institutions, which are members of the network of the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD). In 2011, a total of 39 responses were submitted.



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2 January

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic sent a telegram to the President of the Parliament of Macedonia, Trajko Veljanoski, on the occasion of the death of former President of the Republic of Macedonia, Kiro Gligorov.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic, sent a telegram of congratulations to the Mayor of Bijelo Polje, Aleksandar Zuric, President of the Parliament of Bijelo Polje, Refik Bojadzic, councilors and citizens of the Bijelo Polje Municipality, on the occasion of 3 January - the Day of Bijelo Polje.

5 January

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic, sent a telegram of congratulations, on the occasion of Christmas, to His Eminence, Metropolitan Mihailo, Metropolitan of Montenegrin Orthodox Church, to His Eminence Metropolitan Amfilohije, Metropolitan of Montenegro and the Littoral of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Montenegro, priesthood and the citizens of the Orthodox religion.

10 January

- Members of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro met with Minister for European Affairs and Chief Negotiator of the Republic of Turkey, Egemen Bagis, who paid an official visit to Montenegro. The meeting highlighted meaningful diplomatic relations between the two countries and the continuing importance of maintaining regular political contacts between governmental and parliamentary structures, particularly in the field of European integration, bearing in mind the significance that Montenegro and Turkey attach to this process.



11 January

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic visited Shanghai, where he met with the Mayor of Shanghai, Han Zheng, and the President of Shanghai People's Congress, Liu Yungeng, Director General for Europe of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Li Ruiyu, and President of the company "Poly Technologies," Jiang Lianxiang.

12 January

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, attended the handover ceremony of the ship "Kotor", the first ship of the company "Crnogorska plovidba." Solemn ceremony ended with the delivery of the ship, which marked an official renewal of Montenegrin merchant fleet.

19 January

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, received HE Mr. Roman Vashchuk, the newly appointed Ambassador of Canada to Montenegro on non-residential basis with headquarters in Belgrade. In a long, open conversation, they exchanged views on bilateral cooperation and confirmed the mutual good will for the improvement of relations between the two countries.



20 January

- Members of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration met with representatives of SIGMA (Support for Improvement in Governance and Management in countries of Central and Eastern Europe). The meeting highlighted the monitoring and drafting of the assessment of the current situation in



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public administration and the public administration reform process in Montenegro.

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic, received HE Mr. Vladimir Gasparic, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to Montenegro. The President Krivokapic and the Ambassador of Slovenia Gasparic agreed that more effort should be made to strengthen economic ties between Montenegro and Slovenia.
- Chairperson of the Committee on Political System, Justice and Administration of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ervin Spahic, met with the OSCE Mission to Montenegro Head of the Democratization Department, Lloyd Tudyk, at the the initiative of Tudyk. The reason for the meeting was to exchange experiences from the conference entitled "Standards of Ethics / Conduct for Parliamentarians", held in the National Parliament in Belgrade, 24-25, November 2011.

23 January

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, met Head of Unit in charge of Montenegro in the European Commission DG for Enlargement Dirk Lange. During the meeting, the two interlocutors agreed that the results achieved so far in Montenegro in the process of European integration represented a good foundation for further success of our country on the road to Europe. They also emphasized the important role that the Parliament of Montenegro would assume in the process.



24 January

- President of the National Council for European Integration (NCEI), Nebojsa Medojevic, met with Head of Unit for Montenegro in the European Commission Directorate General for Enlargement, Dirk Lange. The meeting was attended by HE Ambassador Leopold Maurer, Head of the EU Delegation in Montenegro and the outgoing Deputy Head of Unit for

Montenegro and Albania in the DG Enlargement Department Vassilis Maragos.

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, met with the Chief Negotiator of Croatia for membership in the EU, Vladimir Drobnjak. The interlocutors pointed out that it was necessary to begin with the formation of the negotiating team as soon as possible, given that accession negotiations are expected to begin between Montenegro and the EU.

25 January

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic, stayed in a two-day official visit to Iceland, the first high-level visit, at the invitation of the President of the Parliament of Iceland, Asta Johannesdottir. In addition, Krivokapic also met in Reykjavik with the President Olafur Ragnar Grimsson and the Prime Minister of Iceland, Johanna Sigurdardottir.
- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Zeljko Sturanovic, met in Podgorica with the Prime Minister of Albania, H.E. Sali Berisha. Participants of the meeting agreed on the necessity of intensification of parliamentary cooperation between the two countries, primarily through parliamentary friendship groups and exchange of experiences.



26 January

- Chairman of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro, Miodrag Vukovic, met with the Chief Negotiator for negotiations on Montenegro's accession to the European Union, Ambassador Aleksandar Andrija Pejovic. On this occasion, the President and Ambassador discussed the process of accession negotiations, that is, the obligations to be fulfilled in stages prior to the commencement of the negotiation process as well as the establishment of negotiating teams. In particular, the meeting also discussed the responsibilities of the Parliament of Montenegro in the future.



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30 January

- The Working Group for drafting the regulations of the Minority Fund held a meeting, at which the participants agreed in general on the responsibilities, powers, composition and number of members of the Management Board of the Fund.
- The Chairperson of the Committee for Human Rights and Freedoms of the Montenegrin Parliament, Djordje Pinjatic, met with the Head of the Democratization Department, of the OSCE Mission in Montenegro, Lloyd Tudyk. The aim of the meeting was to get more information on the public meetings organized by the Committee for Human Rights and Freedoms, in accordance with the instructions of the OSCE Mission, through the implementation of the project "Strengthening the Capacity of the Parliament of Montenegro", which was implemented by the OSCE mission in the Parliament of Montenegro.

31 January

- The Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro, Damir Davidovic, spoke with the Head of Political, European Integration and Trade Section of the EU Delegation to Montenegro, Alberto Cammarata and Annalisa Giansanti, adviser for the chapters 23 and 24. The discussion highlighted possible models of involvement of the Parliament in the negotiation process and the overall monitoring of the European integration of Montenegro, bearing in

mind that decisions made in relation to this matter, and the selected concept, would significantly affect the organization and preparation of the administration to assist MPs in full exercise of their duties in the process. The planned adoption of amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro certainly will offer answers to some of these issues.



- Members of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration met with members of the Commission for Prevention of Conflict of Interest. The aim of this meeting was to exchange experiences on the adoption of bylaws in order to fully implement the Law on Prevention of Conflict of Interest, which will apply from 1 March 2012.

PARLIAMENTARY GLOSSARY

DELEGATION¹ has several meanings, such as deputation, mission, authorized representation or trusteeship, which on behalf of another entity (individual or collective) in business and political relations performs certain functions of representation, or other tasks and duties as its authorized or empowered representative. This meaning highlights a special mission of the delegation, although its powers may be a little broader. A member of the delegation or a person with special powers entrusted by the delegation is a delegate. The concept of the delegation, in its narrow sense, includes a group of individuals with delegate authority, which is organized and constituted in a particular manner (Head of Delegation, Deputy, members, secretary, counsellor, etc.), while in a broader sense, delegation is an institutionalized group, whose status is determined by the scope and content of powers and scope of activities it ought to undertake and which it has no right to overstep in its relations with third parties.

¹ Source: *Enciklopedija političke kulture (eng. Encyclopedia of Political Culture), Savremena administracija, Beograd, 1993.*



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FROM THE HISTORY OF MONTENEGRIN PARLIAMENTARISM



LAW ON TAX ON CAPITAL AND LABOR YIELD

6th/19th December, 1903.

WE

NIKOLA I

By the grace of God

PRINCE AND SOVEREIGN OF MONTENEGRO

On the proposal of our Minister of Finance
After hearing the opinion of the State Council,
Have decided to proclaim and
decree the following

LAW ON TAX ON CAPITAL AND LABOUR YIELD

(Chapter) I

TAX ON CAPITAL YIELD

Article 1

Each one, who gives the capital at certain interest rate, shall pay tax in the amount of 2% from the interest amount collected at annual level.

TAX ON YIELD FROM ACTIVITIES AND PERSONAL WORK

Article 2

Tax on yield (income) from activities and personal work shall be paid by all those individuals who collect that yield by investing in business, which they are engaged in, both their own or someone else's capital: both their own or someone else's intellectual and physical strength, regardless of the fact whether they provide those services permanently or temporarily.

Tax on yield from activities

Article 3

This tax on pure yield (income, profit) shall be paid for all activities by all taxpayers mentioned above in the Article 2 of this Act, who are engaged in: trade (buy to resell) of domestic or foreign products, industry or the following crafts: construction industry, distribution, pharmaceutical industry, banking, currency exchange, beer industry, engineering, inn-keeping and all other activities and professions.

Article 4

This tax shall not be paid by the following categories:

- Agronomic and handicraft cooperatives which operate on the basis of laws or special privileges for agronomic and handicraft cooperatives,
- Farmers selling the products from their own economies, such as: yields from their lands, meadows, forests, yields from their cattle, vineyards, olive trees, and all other products which are subject to taxation;
- Those, who are exempt from such liability by the force of particular laws or contracts;
- Owners of mining companies, if their exemption from such liability is confirmed by a particular law or contracts, and
- Tobacco retailers (monopoly), sellers of revenue stamps and securities.

Cetinje, December 6th, 1903.
Nikola, handwritten signature

The Law of Capital and Labour Yield, Cetinje 1903rd

FROM PARLIAMENTARY GALLERY

Momcilo Vujisic: "No Name"

Academic painter, Momcilo Vujisic, although he does not belong to the narrowest circle of Montenegrin painters of the first half of the 20th century, with the painting "No Name," which is owned by the Parliament of Montenegro, confirms that he left a significant mark upon the Montenegrin and Yugoslav art scene. Although he worked in the period considered the time of continuity-discontinuity, the artist observes the previous artistic experience, primarily figurative expressionism.

Nevertheless, what makes the entire artistic work of Vujisic distinctive is a design of a Partisan Memorial Cemetery on Breza in Kolasin, which testifies to the heroism, the suffering and deaths of patriots.



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