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FOREWORD

Dear readers,

You have before you the most important information on activities of the Parliament of Montenegro in the period from 1 to 30 June, which is, in the form of monthly bulletin "Open Parliament", prepared by the Service of the Parliament.

With regard to regular legislative activities in June, the Parliament adopted 19 laws, while the committees deliberated on 24 proposals for laws. The committees, in scope of their oversight role, considered a series of reports and organised several visits to institutions. Furthermore, the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms held a control hearing on the topic: "Realisation of the Strategy for permanent solving of issues of displaced and internally displaced persons, with special regard to Camp Konik I and II".

It is our opinion that one of the most significant events of this month is the decision brought by the General Affairs Council of the EU to accept recommendation from the European Commission on opening accession negotiations with Montenegro. The decision was endorsed by the European Council on 29 June, which marked the formal beginning of the negotiations of Montenegro with the EU. On this occasion, the column "In Focus" presents you with the chronology of the EU-Montenegro relations, since the creation of the Stabilisation and Association Process until today, as well as with the most significant activities of the Parliament of Montenegro in the European integration process.

The bulletin is published monthly as a part of the programme "Open Parliament", with which the Parliament seeks to bring closer its work to Montenegrin citizens. We consider this publication to be very significant as a reliable source of information on work of the Parliament and hope it will be useful to you.

We certainly remain open to your comments and suggestions, as well as criticism, which can help us bring more quality to our work.

*Respectfully,
Service of the Parliament*



LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

During June, the Parliament adopted 19 laws.

At the Sixth Sitting of the First Regular Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2012, the following laws were adopted: The Law on Amendments to the Law on National Payment Systems, The Law on Amendments to the Law on Custody of Temporarily and Permanently Confiscated Property, The Law on Amendments to the Law on Digital Radio-Diffusion, The Law on Abolition, The Law on Amnesty of Persons Convicted of Criminal Offences of Insult and Defamation, The Law on Amendments to the Law on the Judicial Council and the Law on Ratification of the Free Trade Agreement between Montenegro and the EFTA states.

Under the item of the agenda "Elections and appointments", Miroslav Vukčević was appointed member of the Board of the Energy Regulatory Agency. Zoran Đikanović was appointed President of the Securities Commission, Amir Nurković Vice President; and Azra Šehović and Draško Malbaški were appointed as two members of the Commission. Petar Ivezić was appointed Deputy Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms. Milica Vukotić and Ana Radonjić were appointed as two members of the Council of the Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services. Furthermore, two members of the Judicial Council were appointed, Neven Gošović and Raško Konjević. Eight members of the Management Board of the Fund for Protection and Realisation of Minority Rights were also appointed: Adnan Muhović, Refadija Abdić, Leon Đokaj, Mirsat Cikotić, Selma Cecunjanin, Ivan Dragičević, Lika Basri and Milivoje Krgović.

Also, the Parliament adopted the Proposal for Conclusions on Realisation of Conclusions of the Parliament of Montenegro adopted with regard to adopting the Decision on the Subsequent Confirmation of the Decision on Taking over a Debt of the Aluminium Plant Podgorica (KAP).

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At the Seventh Sitting of the First Regular Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2012, the following laws were adopted: The Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the United Arab Emirates, The Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, The Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments, The Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Economic and Trade Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Abruzzo Region (Republic of Italy), The Law on Ratification of the Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of Registration of Marks, The Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Macedonia on Extradition, The Law on Ratification of the Protocol Amending the Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods, The Law on Ratification of the Convention relating to international exhibitions signed at Paris on 22 November 1928 and supplemented by the Protocols of 10 May 1948, 16 November 1966, 30 November 1972 and the Amendment of 24 June 1982 and the Amendment of 31 May 1988, The Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia on Readmission (Returning and Accepting) Persons Without a Residence Permit, with the Protocol on Implementation of the Agreement, The Law on Ratification of the Statutes of the International Centre For Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, with Protocols and Amendments, The Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the United Arab Emirates on Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital and the Law on Road Safety.

Proposals for laws considered before committees:

- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Economic and Trade Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Abruzzo Region (Republic of Italy)** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the United Arab Emirates** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Convention relating to international exhibitions signed at Paris on 22 November 1928 and supplemented by the Protocols of 10 May 1948, 16 November 1966, 30 November 1972 and the Amendment of 24 June 1982 and the Amendment of 31 May 1988** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Protocol Amending the Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee and by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement Between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia on Readmission (Returning and Accepting) Persons Without a Residence Permit, with the Protocol on Implementation of the Agreement** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee and by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Statutes of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, with protocols and amendments** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee and by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Criminal Code** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee. The law proposal was also considered by the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration, which proposed to the Parliament not to adopt it.
- **Proposal for a Law on Financial Security** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget, the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee and by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Competition** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget, the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee and by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the United Arab Emirates on Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee and by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Trademarks** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee and by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.

- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of Registration of Marks** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Macedonia on Extradition** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Data Secrecy** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee and by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration. The law proposal was also considered by the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, as interested committee, which decided to propose to the leading Security and Defence Committee to propose to the Parliament to adopt it.
- **Proposal for a Law on Free Access to Information** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration, the Committee on International Relations and European Integration and by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee. The law proposal was also considered by the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, as interested committee, which decided to propose to the leading Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration to propose to the Parliament to adopt it.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection of Personal Data** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee and by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration. The law proposal was also considered by the Administrative Committee, as interested committee, which decided to propose to the leading Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms to propose to the Parliament to adopt it.
- **Proposal for a Law on Professional Training of Persons with Acquired Higher Education** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports, the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee and by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Innovations** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee. The law proposal was also considered by the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports, which proposed to the Parliament to reject it.
- **Proposal for a Law on Restoration of the Chapel of Prince-Bishop Petar the Second Petrović Njegoš** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Parliamentary Inquiry** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration and by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee. The law proposal was also considered by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget, in part related to creation of commitments for the budget of the Parliament of Montenegro, which stated that it has no objections to provisions of articles 16 and 17 of the law proposal.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Data Secrecy** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Security and Defence Committee, the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee and by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Local Self-Government** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration.

OVERSIGHT ACTIVITY



- **The Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget**, at the meeting held on 1 June, got introduced to the Annual Performance Report of the Central Bank of Montenegro, Financial Report of the Central Bank of Montenegro with the opinion of the independent external auditor, Report on Financial System Stability and the Report on Price Stability for the previous year.

At the meeting, topics of the discussion were activities of the Central Bank during the previous year, which were related to strengthening instruments for maintenance of system stability, as well as to preventive activities, stabilisation and recovery of the banking sector. Macroeconomic situation and state of Montenegrin economy were also discussed, as well as projections of macroeconomic indicators and realisation of the Central Bank's policy in the reporting year. The Committee complimented the delivery of the Report on Revenues and Expenses of the Cen-

tral Bank of Montenegro for 2007-2011. After the discussion, the Committee decided to propose to the Parliament to accept the Central Bank of Montenegro Performance Report for 2011.

- Members of **the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare** visited the Institute "Komanski most" on 1 June, on occasion of adaptation of the kitchen and the warehouse space of the Institute. Opening of the adapted sections of the Institute was attended, apart from the Committee Chairwoman Branka Tanasijević and the member of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms Vasel Sinishtaj, by Minister of Labour and Social Welfare Suad Numanović, M.D., Assistant Minister of Health Mensud Grbović, M.D., Director of the Institute "Komanski most" Vaselj Dušaj, Secretary of the Secretariat for Social Welfare of the Municipality of Podgorica Snežana Mijušković, Director of the Bureau for the Care of Refugees

Željko Šofranac, as well as by representatives of the NGO sector and the media.

Exhibition of art works, painted by children from all over the country, was organised as a part of the visit. The paintings come from the period of school competitions from 1977 to 1982 and were donated by Mihail Milo Pavlović, academic painter.

- Members of the **Committee on International Relations and European Integration** considered, at the meeting held on 1 June, proposals of the Government of Montenegro to appoint Ivan Leković as Head of Mission of Montenegro to the European Union, on residential basis with the seat in Brussels and Ramiz Bašić as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Montenegro to the Republic of Poland, on residential basis with the seat in Warsaw.

The Committee members unanimously supported the proposed candidates for Head of Mission of Montenegro to the European Union and for Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

- **The Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms** organised a public discussion on the topic “Implementation of the Law on Prohibition of Discrimination of Persons with Disabilities”, on 2 June in the Daily Centre for Children with Developmental Disabilities in Nikšić.

Apart from the Committee members, participants of the public discussion were representatives of several state institutions, centres dedicated to helping persons with developmental disabilities, Municipality of Nikšić, international organisations and of the NGO sector.

After a constructive discussion, in which parents of children with developmental difficulties also participated, it was assessed that, regardless of numerous measures undertaken in order to improve position of persons with disabilities, these persons are still faced daily with many obstacles, such as no possibility of access to information, problems in employment, education, realisation of health care etc. It was concluded that it was necessary to work on raising citizen awareness on importance of that population, as well as that the state organs and local authorities need to act in a more adequate and efficient manner in order to protect their rights.

After the public discussion ended, the participants had a tour of the Daily Centre for Children with Developmental Disabilities and concluded that it should be a model for establishment of all institutions dedicated to helping these persons and their families.

- **The Inquiry Committee for Collection of Information and Facts on Corruption in Privatisation of Telekom Montenegro** held its fourth meeting on 5 June. The MPs discussed the possibility of introducing the Proposal for a Law on Parliamentary Investigation to the parliamentary procedure.
- Representatives of the **Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare** visited on 8 June the Centre for Children and Youth “Ljubović”, on occasion of opening five new facilities, aimed at improving living conditions of children and young people who live in this institution. New facilities were opened by Prime Minister Igor Lukšić. Opening of the newly built facilities was attended, apart from the Prime Minister, by Minister of Labour and Social Welfare Suad Numanović, Chairwoman of the Committee

on Health, Labour and Social Welfare Branka Tanasijević, Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms Šučko Baković, Director of the Centre for Children and Youth “Ljubović” Dušan Pajović, Director of the Institute “Komanski most” Vaselj Dušaj, Secretary of the Secretariat for Social Welfare of the Municipality of Podgorica Snežana Mijušković, Director of the Bureau for the Care of Refugees Željko Šofranac, representatives of the UNICEF, as well as by representatives of the NGO sector and the media.

- **The Administrative Committee**, at the meeting held on 14 June, decided to start the procedure for appointment of one member of the Insurance Supervision Agency Council, by publishing an announcement to interested persons in all daily newspapers, as well as on the website of the Parliament of Montenegro. With regard to considering the Request of the Basic Court in Pljevlja for approving criminal proceedings against Aranitović Ljubica, MP, for criminal act – false representation, the Committee decided by majority of votes to propose to the Parliament not to give the approval. Furthermore, the Committee adopted decisions on salaries for President and Secretary of the State Election Commission, as well as for two MPs.

- At the meeting held on 15 June, **the Committee on International Relations and European Integration** considered the Twenty-sixth and the Twenty-seventh Report on Overall Activities in scope of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, for period October – December 2011 and January – March 2012, as well as the Fifth and the Sixth Report on Realisation of Commitments from the Stabilisation and Association Agreement for period October – December 2011 and January – March 2012. The meeting was attended by State Secretary for European Integration and Chief Negotiator for Accession of Montenegro to the EU, Ambassador Aleksandar Andrija Pejović.

Chief Negotiator Pejović informed the Committee on realised activities, related to the SAA, expressing his certitude that Montenegro will start the negotiation process with the EU in June. During the discussion, participants emphasised the importance of strengthening participation of the Parliament in the European integration process of Montenegro.

After considering the reports, the Committee members unanimously expressed their optimism towards expectations that Montenegro will start accession negotiations with the European Union in June.

- At the meeting held on 18 June, **the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms** considered the Report on Development and Protection of Rights of Minority Peoples and Other Minority National Communities for 2011. The Committee members expressed their opinion that significant activities in the field of protection and improvement of rights of minority peoples and other minority national communities have been realised in the previous period, but that there is still space for improvements in this area. After the discussion, the Committee decided to propose to the Parliament to accept the Report on Development and Protection of Rights of Minority Peoples and Other Minority National Communities for 2011.
- **The Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget**, at the meeting held on 18 June, considered and decided to propose to the Parliament to adopt the Annual Report on

Performance of the Securities Commission and the State on the Securities Market in 2011.

- **The Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure**, at the meeting held on 18 June, discussed and reached an agreement on preparing a report on results of monitoring and control of the privatisation procedure, which should be submitted by the Commission to the Parliament of Montenegro.
- At the meeting held on 19 June, **the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration** considered and supported by majority of votes the 2011 Performance Report of the Commission for Prevention of Conflict of Interests and the Report of the Committee on the Annual Report of the Supreme State Prosecutor of Montenegro on Performance of the State Prosecution for 2011, with conclusions of the Committee.
- **The Security and Defence Committee**, at the meeting held on 20 June, considered the 2011 Performance Report of the Ministry of the Interior and the Report on State of the Protection and Rescue System in Montenegro in 2011. On that occasion, the Committee members were introduced to realisation of programme activities and the achieved results of the Ministry in the reporting period. The meeting was attended by Minister of the Interior Ivan Brajović, Head of Sector for Emergency and Civil Security Zoran Begović and Chief of General Staff of the Montenegrin Armed Forces, Vice Admiral Dragan Samardžić. On that occasion, the Report on Implemented Measures and Activities Undertaken Immediately Prior to and During the State of Emergency, with proposals for measures for improvement of the overall system of Montenegro in emergency situations, was also considered. It was assessed that the Emergency Management Coordination Team had regularly monitored the state and activities of the competent organs, aimed at preventing and rehabilitating consequences of the state of emergency. It was also stated that the state institutions had undertaken all measures in scope of their competences, with the aim to respond timely and adequately to risks and dangers caused by extreme weather conditions.
- **The Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms**, at the meeting held on 25 June, held a control hearing on the topic: "Realisation of the Strategy for Permanent Solving of Issues of Displaced and Internally Displaced Persons, with special regard to Camp Konik I and II". The control hearing was attended by Minister of the Interior Ivan Brajović, as well as by Željko Šofranac, Director of the Bureau for the Care of Refugees and Remzija Ademović, Assistant Minister of Labour and Social Welfare. At the invitation of the Committee, Šučko Baković, Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro, Brita Helleland, UNHCR Representative to Montenegro and Dawn Adie-Baird from the EU Delegation to Montenegro also attended the meeting. The Committee members were informed that Montenegro had organised numerous informative campaigns in order to acquaint displaced and internally displaced persons with their rights, as well as departures of these persons to countries of origin to collect documentation needed for the regulation of their status. In the following period, intention of the state organs is to close the Camp Konik I and

II, as well as other types of collective accommodation, so that the persons residing in that accommodation are provided with dignified living conditions.

MPS' questions at the meeting were mostly related to: funds necessary for solving housing problems of displaced and internally displaced persons, cooperation of Montenegro with countries of origin, documentation and taxes necessary for obtaining the documents in order to regulate status of these persons, as well as possibilities of employing them.

- At the meeting held on 25 June, **the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget** discussed the 2011 Performance Report of the Commission for Concessions. It was concluded that the Commission, in the previous year, in scope of its competences, had solved claims of participants in the concession granting process, had kept the registry of concession contracts, had approved the implementation of procedures for deadline extension of granting concessions and the implementation of concession procedure for accompanying minerals without conducting the tender procedure. The Report stated that total income based on concessions for 2011 amounts up to 25,699,255.23 euros.
- **The Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget**, at the meeting held on 25 June, considered the Interpellation on work of the Government in the economy sector, with regard to the decision on new debt in the amount of 150 million euros at the "Credit Suisse Bank". During the discussion, different views on conditions and ways of incurring debt were presented and it was stated that these issues would be discussed in detail at the sitting of the Parliament of Montenegro.
- **The Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare** visited on 26 June the Home for Elderly People "Grabovac" in Risan and the Children's Home "Mladost" in Bijela. Apart from the Committee members, representatives of the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Institute for Public Health of Montenegro and the Association for Protection of Retirees and Invalids of Montenegro also visited these institutions. On occasion of these visits, the Committee decided to hold a thematic meeting, on which an analysis of the situation in the Home for Elderly People "Grabovac" and the Children's Home "Mladost" is to be made.
- At the meeting held on 28 June, **the Administrative Committee** decided, on occasion of determining the Proposal for Election of two Members of the Judicial Council from prominent lawyers in Montenegro, to publish an announcement through the website of the Parliament to all interested citizens who fulfil legal requirements. Furthermore, the Committee decided to submit the call to the MPs groups in the Parliament of Montenegro, so that they propose their candidates by the 5 July 2012.
- **The Committee on International Relations and European Integration**, at the meeting held on 29 June, considered and supported the proposals of the Government of Montenegro for appointment of Branko Perović for position of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Montenegro to the People's Republic of China, on a residential basis, with the seat in Beijing and Ivan Milić, for position of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Montenegro to the Republic of Slovenia, on a residential basis, with the seat in Ljubljana.

NEWS FROM PARLIAMENT



Official visit of President Krivokapić to Germany in light of the Council's decision to start the negotiations between Montenegro and the EU

President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić paid an official visit to Germany on 20 and 21 June, on invitation of President of the German Bundestag, Norbert Lammert. Apart from the host, he also met with the Advisor on Foreign and Security Policy to the Federal Chancellor of Germany, Angela Merkel, dr Christoph Heusgen, with MP of the German Bundestag Oliver Lukšić (FDP), as well as with the State Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs Emili Haber. The official visit was organised in light of the decision of the Council of the EU to start the negotiations between Montenegro and the EU.

President Krivokapić expressed his satisfaction with the fourth bilateral meeting with President Lammert in the last three years and gratitude for the overall support of Germany provided for Montenegro in commencing the most demanding and most important phase of integration. He emphasised Montenegro's commitment for setting up close relations with Germany, as a country which represents one of the pillars of the EU and has a significant role in the processes and challenges which is Union faced with at this moment. Krivokapić pointed out the importance of the continuous incentives which Germany is giving to Montenegro on the path of accomplish-

ing key foreign policy and democratic objectives.

On the first day of his visit, the President opened in Berlin "The International Symposium – Cultural Diplomacy and International Economics 2012", organised by the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, with a lecture on the topic: "Social Inequality - the Cradle of Instability". President Krivokapić pointed out in his lecture that "when in a society the number of those who feel excluded from real political decision-making and distribution of goods increases, it is an overwhelming trial for democracy and stability of society. If the economy is perceived as the invisible, isolated power game, which is in no way defendable, then the uncertainty is greater and the advance of destructive, populist policies slowly becomes normal".

During the meeting with the State Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Emili Haber, President of the Parliament expressed his appreciation for the support for Montenegro on the path of Euro-Atlantic integration, in the expectation of the positive effect of the forthcoming decision the Council of the EU on the reform process in Montenegro. Haber expressed her satisfaction with the constructive approach of Montenegro regarding to the relations in the region and the issues of the regional cooperation.

Regional Inter-Parliamentary Workshop "Role of Parliaments in the EU Accession Process" held in Budva

The Committee on International Relations and European Integration, in cooperation with the European Parliament, organised the Regional Inter-Parliamentary Workshop "Role of Parliaments in the EU Accession Process" on 21 and 22 June 2012, in the hotel "Splendid" in Budva.

Apart from the parliamentarians from the Parliament of Montenegro and the European Parliament, the Regional Inter-Parliamentary Workshop gathered representatives of the parliaments of Poland and Hungary, as well as representatives from the Western Balkans countries – Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Albania and Kosovo.

Vice-President of the European Parliament and member of the Delegation of the European Parliament for relations with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo László Surján, expressed his full support for Montenegrin MPs and his hope that Montenegro will receive the approval to start the negotiations, complimenting the unconditioned consensus on the EU integration process in Montenegro. He pointed

out that the role of the Parliament of Montenegro is more than obvious in that process, which is on a good course.

MEP and the Chair of the Delegation of European Parliament for relations with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo Eduard Kukan emphasised that Montenegro deserves the opening of negotiations and that those countries that consider postponing that process are wrong. He discussed individual results of the countries of the region, with remark that results have been achieved on various levels, which requires additional cooperation.

During the workshop, several panels were held on the topics: "Preparation of the parliament for the negotiations process: building the necessary structures and mechanisms", "Control of the negotiations and accession process in the national parliaments", "Exchange of best practices and information with the EU parliaments and between the parliaments of the region: twinning and inter-parliamentary cooperation programs and structures", as well as the panel concerning transposing the EU law and the role of national parliaments in it.

International Conference “Cetinje Parliamentary Forum: Women, Peace, Security – Two Years Later”

The Gender Equality Committee, with the financial support of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women – UNWOMEN and the Gender Equality Programme, jointly implemented by the EU Delegation to Montenegro, the Gender Equality Department of the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights and the United Nations Development Programme organised a two-day International Conference “Cetinje Parliamentary Forum: Women, Peace, Security – Two Years Later”, on 25 and 26 June in the hotel “Splendid” in Bečići.

The Cetinje Parliamentary Forum (parliamentary regional initiative) was held in June 2010 with the topic “Women, Peace, and Security – Ten Years Anniversary from the Adoption of the UN SC R 1325”. On that occasion, the Joint Statement had been adopted, which states the need for the parliaments to establish closer cooperation and develop effective approaches, to the successful affirmation of the principles stipulated by the Resolution 1325 in the countries of the region. Participating countries had been invited to prepare and adopt action plans to implement R 1325. International Conference was organised this month to assess what of the agreed was implemented so far.

The conference is organised with the aim of: better understanding and implementation of Resolution 1325 and its accompanying resolutions, exchange of regional and international experiences when it comes to participation of women in the security system, and defining future activities in this area, as well with the aim to continue good regional cooperation among the parliaments and governments and the NGO sector.

Participants on the conference were members of

parliamentary gender equality committees from Montenegro, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Slovenia, Serbia and Croatia, members of the Security and Defence Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro, parliamentarians from Montenegro, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Slovenia, Serbia and Croatia; representatives of government mechanisms for gender equality and regional NGOs, as well as international organisations representatives.

The conference was opened by Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Željko Šturanović, followed by the speeches of Duško Marković, Deputy Prime Minister of Montenegro and Minister of Justice and Human Rights, Edita Tahiri, Deputy Prime Minister of Kosovo, Erika Kvapilova, Regional Programme Director of the UN WOMEN and Rastislav Vrbensky, Coordinator of the United Nations System and the UNDP Permanent Representative to Montenegro.

During the panel discussion, topic of the debate was: “Women in the security system and in decision-making positions – global and regional perspective”. On the second day of the conference, the Regional women’s lobby for peace, security and justice in the South-East Europe was presented. The Lobby gathers female leaders from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia and, since its foundation, it has been supported by the UNIFEM.

The conference was closed by adopting the Joint Statement, available on the following web page:

http://www.skupstina.me/cms/site_data/konferencija/JOINT%20STATEMENT,Becici,%20jun%202012%20en.pdf

Seminar for representatives of the South East Europe parliamentary services organised in Miločer

Representatives of service of the Security and Defence Committee and the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget took part in a seminar for representatives of the South East Europe parliamentary services, organised by the Center for Democratic Control of Armed Forces from Geneva (DCAF), in Miločer, on 26 - 28 June.

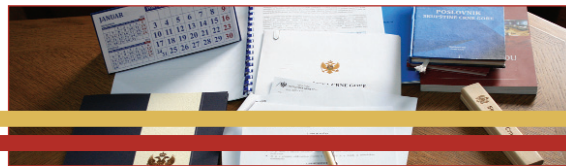
The participants were given the opportunity, through participation in simulation exercises, to consider topics related to control of public procurement in the defence sector; as well as in the sector of implementing secret oversight measures and protection of the national security interests.

On the last day of the seminar, Guidelines for preserving police integrity were presented. Also, the Almanac on oversight over the security and defence sector in the Western Balkans countries, created by represen-

tatives of the NGO sector, was the matter of discussion. At the end of the meeting, a publication on achieved results in the realisation of the six-year Training Programme for the Advisors in the South-East Europe parliaments (PSAP) was presented to the participants.

Seminar represented first in the series of activities envisaged by the three-year project for strengthening parliamentary oversight over the security and defence sector in the Western Balkan countries, determined in the February 2012. Apart from the representatives of the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro, the seminar was attended by representatives of the parliaments from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Romania and Serbia, employed in the working bodies which deal with issues related to security and defence, foreign affairs and the European integration process.

IN FOCUS



The General Affairs Council of the EU reached a decision on opening the accession negotiations of Montenegro with the EU

The Council of the EU, composed of ministers of foreign affairs of the member states, at the meeting held on 26 June 2012, decided to accept the recommendation of the European Commission on opening accession negotiations with Montenegro. This decision was formally confirmed on 29 June, at the European Council meeting. It represents a confirmation of Montenegro's dedication to the European path and its progress in implementation of reforms, but it also opens a new, more demanding phase in the EU accession process, rich with challenges and obligations for our institutions and citizens.

On its path towards the EU membership, Montenegro has passed through numerous phases, while the biggest challenges still lie ahead. The EU accession process of our country had started by enactment of the Stabilisation and Association Process in 1999. With the Process, the European Union strived to promote security stabilisation of the South East Europe region, as a precondition of all future cooperation with the Union, and it included then FR Yugoslavia. After the independence vote on 21 May 2006 and formal declaration of the independence in the Parliament of Montenegro on 3 June, Montenegro continued independently on its way towards membership in the European family of nations. The Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and Montenegro (SAA) was signed on 15 October 2007 in Luxembourg, representing the first contractual relation of Montenegro with the EU.

In November 2008, the European Commission published the Montenegro 2008 Progress Report, which assessed that the legal framework was improved, cooperation with the neighbouring countries strengthened and progress made in areas such as the free movement of services. Thus, favourable conditions were created for Montenegro to submit the official application for EU membership on 15 December 2008.

The Council of the EU then requested the European Commission to prepare an opinion on the Montenegrin membership application, so called *Avis*. In order to prepare the Opinion, the EC presented Montenegro with the Questionnaire (with over 4000 questions and the additional 600 questions from all areas of the EU acquis). Replies to the Questionnaire were submitted on 15 December 2009 and the EC published the Opinion on Montenegro's application for membership in the European Union the following year, on 9 November, recommending to the European Council to award the candidate status to Montenegro.

Montenegro was awarded the formal status of the EU candidate country on 17 December 2010. The next step

was to receive the date for start of the accession negotiations.

Based on the EC's Montenegro 2011 Progress Report, the European Council, in its conclusions of 9 December, greeted the success of our country and with regard to opening accession negotiations, tasked the Council of the EU to consider the progress in implementation of reforms, with special focus on areas of rule of law and basic rights, particularly in fight against corruption and organised crime.

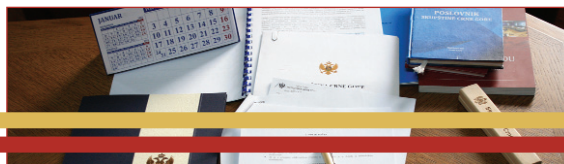
With the aim to assess our country's progress in fulfilling seven key priorities from the European Commission Opinion, the EC adopted on 22 May 2012 the Report on Montenegro's progress in implementation of reforms (the Spring Report), in which it unequivocally recommended to members states to open the accession negotiations with our country. In section which deals with the Parliament of Montenegro, the Report emphasises strengthening of its legislative and oversight role, including the issues of rule of law, as well as strengthening of administrative capacities, increase of transparency levels and of cooperation with the civil sector, while at the same time, it indicates the need for further implementation of reforms. Based on this report, the General Affairs Council of the EU decided on 26 June to support the start of negotiations with Montenegro. That decision was officially endorsed on 29 June at the European Council meeting.

On occasion of the Council's decision, President of the Parliament Ranko Krivokapić congratulated the citizens and institutions, particularly the Parliament of Montenegro, which according to the EC's report achieved the biggest progress. He pointed out that the most difficult and the most demanding phase is to come, the phase without precedence in history of the European integration, by scope of commitments and ways of fulfilling these commitments.

Statement of President Krivokapić on occasion of the Council's decision:

„Montenegro has been given the integration flame, as the best country and confirmed that the independence project was a historically correct decision to the end. From the tail of the European integration process, we progressed to be a leader, by ways in which we fulfil our commitments and by the trust given to us. We start with difficult chapters, but this small country has showed that it is the best when it's the hardest.“

IN FOCUS



Consensus of all parliamentary parties in regard to Montenegro's EU membership is of an extreme importance for further stages of this process. In the following period, the Parliament of Montenegro has a duty to define its own role and competences in the accession negotiations. Various activities have already been undertaken on that matter.

One of these activities is establishment of the EU – Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC). The Parliamentary Committee was formed in June 2010, after the Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) came into force, with the aim to institutionalise relations with the European Parliament and establish cooperation in monitoring implementation of the SAA. The Parliamentary Committee consists of 14 MPs of the Parliament of Montenegro and 14 MEPs and four meetings have been held so far, two in Brussels and two in Podgorica.

Also, on 8 May 2012, the Decision on Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro was adopted. Among else, changes to the Rules of Procedure are aimed at strengthening the Parliament's role in the negotiation process. The new Rules of Procedure envisage division of the existing Committee on International Relations and European Integration into two new committees: the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants and the European Integration Committee. The European Integration Committee will have to authority to monitor and assess the EU negoti-

ation process, to consider actions of the negotiating team and give opinions on negotiating positions and other issues. Also, the Anti-Corruption Committee is formed, which represents one of the indicators of the Parliament's readiness to give its full contribution to the fight against corruption and organised crime. Apart from that, competences of all committees are expanded, so that every committee, within the scope of its competences, will now assess compatibility of the Montenegrin legislation with the EU acquis, as well as monitor implementation of the adopted laws.

With implemented activities, as well as with those planned for the following period, the Parliament of Montenegro will continue to give its full contribution to the EU accession process, so that Montenegro becomes in a quality way a full-fledged member of the European community of peoples.



PARLIAMENTARY GLOSSARY

CONSTITUTIONALISM¹. Constitutionalism is the practice of limited government brought about by the existence of a constitution. Constitutionalism in this sense can be said to exist when government institutions and political processes are effectively constrained by constitutional rules. More broadly, constitutionalism refers to a set of political values and aspirations that reflect the desire to protect liberty through the establishment of internal and external checks on government power. Therefore, constitutionalism is thus a species of political liberalism.

It is typically expressed in support for constitutional provisions that establish this goal; notably, a codified constitution, a bill of rights, separation of powers, bicameralism and federalism or decentralization.

¹ Source: Endru Hejvud, *Politika* (eng. *Politics*), CLIO, Beograd, 2004.

FROM THE HISTORY OF MONTENEGRIN PARLIAMENTARISM



RULES ON SAFEGUARD OF CARRIAGE ROADS AND SAFETY OF PASSENGER TRANSPORT

19 March /1 April 1904

PART II ON OFFENCES AND PENALTIES CONCERNING THE OWNERS OF CARRIAGES AND COACHMEN

- 1) Whoever stops a vehicle to rest on narrow roads, where two vehicles cannot pass easily, shall be fined 2 crowns.
- 2) Whoever loads the car (wagons, carriages with oxen) with various wood materials (timber, beams, holders, crates etc.) on the side of the car (sidelong), which hampers and occupies larger space than the cars usually occupy, shall be fined 8 crowns.
- 3) Whoever drives a car or a carriage, of any sort (except carriages with oxen), without a lantern at night, shall be fined 6 crowns.

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- 6) Who does not keep his car clean and tidy, along with the rest of the equipment (harness, reins etc.) and in good condition, shall be fined 2 to 5 crowns.

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- 10) Coachmen who drink alcohol or sleep during driving the car (carriages, wagons etc.) shall be fined for the first time 6 crowns, the second time 10 crowns and the third time they shall be prohibited to do coaching services.
- 11) Coachmen who during driving, passing the other vehicle and stopping along the road, particularly on the turns, do not mind other vehicles, which are in front of them, behind them or at the side, and they do not give them the mandatory sign, to them as to persons who walk along the road or lead the cattle, shall be fined 5 or 10 crowns.

Crnogorski zakonici 1796-1916, II, (eng. Montenegrin Codes, II), eds. B. Pavićević, R. Raspopović, Podgorica 1998.

FROM PARLIAMENTARY GALLERY

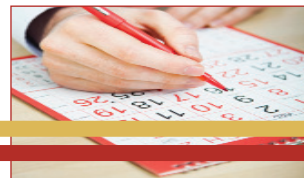
Slobodan Puro Đurić: "Budva"

Slobodan Puro Đurić, born in 1935 in Cetinje, represents one of the founders of the Art Salon "13 November" and one of the initiators and founders of the Academy of Arts in Cetinje. This creator has been included in the book "2000 Outstanding Artists and Designers of the 20th Century", edited and published by the British International Biographical Centre in Cambridge.

In his creative work of several decades, landscapes and remotely stylised still life scenes were replaced by surreal forms, which have developed in time into recomposed, well-known urban blocks, coloured with poetics close to the magic realism.



CALENDAR



1 June

- On occasion of 3 June – when the Parliament of Montenegro, after the referendum held on 21 May, adopted the Decision on Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of Montenegro and the Declaration of Independent Republic of Montenegro, President Krivokapić was a host to a delegation of law students. On the same occasion, within the “Open Parliament” project, members of the children choir “Zvezdice” and their conductors Marko and Ana Klepić, visited the Parliament.
- President of the Parliament Ranko Krivokapić had a meeting with H. E. Karl Erjavec, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia. Minister Erjavec praised the progress of Montenegro on its European and NATO path. President Krivokapić expressed his content with the positive assessments of Montenegro at the Chicago Summit and his belief that the next NATO summit will be a summit of enlargement.

2 June

- The Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms held a public discussion in the Daily Centre for Children with Disabilities in Nikšić on the topic: “Implementing the Law on Prohibition of Discrimination of Persons with Disabilities”.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met with Robert Kaliňák, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior of the Slovak Republic. Interlocutors pointed out the necessity of intensifying economic cooperation of the two countries. President Krivokapić expressed his gratitude to Mr. Kaliňák for his help and for the developmental help provided by Slovak Republic through the state agency Slovak Aid.

6 June

- President Krivokapić was a host to Axel Fischer, President of the Monaco Resorts Group, with his associates. After the reception, he organised a meeting of the representative of the Monaco Resorts Group with President of the KAP Syndicate Rade Krivokapić. The representative of the potential partner introduced President Krivokapić and representatives of the KAP Syndicate to the offer of the Monaco Resorts Group, to form, jointly with the state and the KAP workers, a new company to manage the KAP.
- The second “To Be Secure Forum” (“2BS Forum”), was organised on 4-6 June in Budva. Chair of the Defence and Security Committee Mevludin Nuhodžić partici-

pated in the “2BS Forum”.

7 June

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met with H.E. Miroslav Lajčák, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic. After the meeting with Lajčák, President Krivokapić gave an address at the opening of the National Convention on the European Integration of Montenegro (NKEI 2012), held in the Plenary Hall.

8 June

- High school and university students, alumni of exchange programmes A-SMYLE and Global UGRAD, who spent a study year in the USA, visited the Parliament as part of the “Open Parliament” project. After they saw the Parliament building, they were received by President of the Parliament Ranko Krivokapić.

11 June

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met with Head of Unit for Montenegro in the European Commission Directorate General for Enlargement Dirk Lange. On that occasion, he informed him of results of the country in implementation of the reforms, on the path towards the EU. President Krivokapić introduced his interlocutor to the recent consensual adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro, providing for establishment of new parliamentary committees, as well as for strengthening competences of the existing ones. Head of Unit for Montenegro in the European Commission Directorate General for Enlargement Dirk Lange and President Krivokapić agreed on the enormous progress made by Montenegro from the European Council's decision in December. On the same day, President Krivokapić was a host to the resident ambassadors of the EU countries to Montenegro.



CALENDAR



12 June

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met with Vesna Pusić, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia. Krivokapić and Pusić jointly ascertained very good bilateral relations and assessed that continuity of political contacts represents a good example of cooperation of two neighbouring countries. This visit of Minister Pusić was a first official visit to Montenegro and her first official visit to a country of the region.



- Vice-President of the Parliament of Montenegro Rifat Rastoder was a host to Ambassador of the Republic of Ukraine to Montenegro H.E. Oxana Sliusarenko. The central issue of this meeting was the session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE, to be held in Monaco, on 5-9 July 2012 and particularly the issue of human rights in Ukraine, which is possibly one of the topics of the session.
- In the framework of the regional project “Women Diary of Changes”, organised by the Montenegro Media Institute, 18 secondary school students and eight teachers from Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo met with the organisation and structure of the Parliament of Montenegro. The aim of this project, based on the Greek model of good practices, is to enable the young women of Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo to participate in the political and citizen life of their communities, using skills necessary to transmit their own ideas into specific initiatives. Intention of the project is also to prepare the participants for active decision making in the process of reconciliation and peace dialogue in the region.

13 June

- Delegation of the Defence and Security Committee attended on 12 and 13 June a seminar on the topic: “Democratic control of the armed forces as the basic principle of reform in the security sector – Regional perspective”, in Sarajevo, at invitation of the Regional Centre for Security Cooperation (RACVIAC). The delegation consisted of the Committee members Borislav Banović and Goran Danilović and the Committee Advisor, Slaviša Šćekić. The seminar was a follow-up of the conference

“Parliamentary oversight in the security sector”, held in June last year, which aimed at exchanging experiences on mechanisms in the work of parliamentary bodies, conducting oversight over the security and defence sector, as well as the review of the core principles of civil-military relations and practices of the EU and NATO member states in this area.

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić was a host to H.E. Eldar Hasanov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Montenegro. Hasanov informed President Krivokapić of the interest of Azerbaijani investors for investing in Montenegro, of which the Parliament would be fully informed. Hasanov also invited members of the Parliamentary Friendship Group of Montenegro and Azerbaijan to visit that country in the near future.

19 June

- Expert on evaluation of the Strategy for fight against corruption and organised crime Marijana Trivunović met on 18 June with Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro Damir Davidović, who spoke about the oversight role of the Parliament. On 19 June, she met with MP Ervin Spahić, who spoke about the role and contribution of the two MPs of the Parliament of Montenegro on that matter, emphasising that they are at the same time members of the National Commission on Fight against Corruption and Organised Crime.

21 June

- President Krivokapić paid an official visit to Germany on 20 and 21 June, at invitation of President of the German Bundestag Norbert Lammert. On this occasion, President had several official meetings and on the first day of his visit, he opened “The International Symposium – Cultural Diplomacy and International Economics 2012”, organised by the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy.
- Vice-President of the Parliament Željko Šturanović met with the Vice-President of the European Parliament and member of the Delegation of EP for relations with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo László Surján. Vice-President of the European Parliament László Surján praised the efforts that Montenegro has made so far in fulfilling the criteria and pointed out the support of the European Parliament for the further enlargement of the Union, in light of opening the negotiations with Montenegro. Acknowledging that Montenegro is a young country, but with a long history, Vice-President Surján pointed out that during the whole EU integration process, role of the parliament is indispensable and that this would be the best opportunity for the Parliament of Montenegro to build its position.

CALENDAR



- Chairwoman of the Gender Equality Committee Nada Drobnjak headed the Montenegrin delegation in a study visit to the Republic of Slovenia, as a part of the Gender Equality Programme organised in partnership by the EU Delegation to Montenegro, the Gender Equality Department of the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights and the UNDP.

22 June

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met with Karl Schwarzenberg, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. Krivokapić expressed his gratitude to the Deputy Prime Minister Schwarzenberg for the support of the Czech Republic to Montenegro in the Euro-Atlantic integration process and emphasised the importance of Czech experience in the EU integration process, as well as the importance of its position towards the EU enlargement policy.
- The Committee on International Relations and European Integration, in cooperation with the EP, organised the Regional Inter-Parliamentary Workshop "Role of Parliaments in the EU Accession Process" on 21 and 22 June.



25 June

- Vice-President of the Parliament Rifat Rastoder received the newly appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Montenegro, H. E. Mehmet Niyazi Tanılır. Ambassador Tanılır thanked Vice-President Rastoder for cordial welcome and pointed out full support of Turkey to Montenegro on its Euro-Atlantic path.

26 June

- A two-day international conference "Cetinje Parliamentary Forum: Women, Peace, Security – Two Years Later" finished.
- President Krivokapić was a host to H. E. Leopold Maurer, Head of the EU Delegation to Montenegro, in a farewell visit. President Krivokapić and the departing Head of the EU Delegation to Montenegro Leopold Maurer agreed that the further integration process for Mon-

tenegro would be a stimulus for strengthening the rule of law, as one of the basic indicators of stability and maturity of every society.

27 June

- MP Hidajeta Bajramspahić, member of the Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure met with the expert for evaluation of the Strategy for Fight against Corruption and Organised Crime Marijana Trivunović. The meeting was organised on occasion of the preparatory activity of the Administration for Anti-Corruption Initiative, for drafting the new Action Plan, as well as to assess the progress achieved so far in realisation of goals set in the Strategy and measures in the accompanying Action Plan.
- President Krivokapić received the representatives of the Igman Initiative. Representatives of the Igman Initiative invited President Krivokapić to take part in the work of conference on the Nordic model of cooperation, which will be held in October in Zagreb.
- Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration Miodrag Vuković and Vasilije Lalošević were hosts to H. E. Leopold Maurer, departing Head of the EU Delegation to Montenegro in a farewell visit. H. E. Leopold Maurer congratulated on positive decision of the General Affairs Council of the EU on starting the negotiation process with Montenegro. He added that such decision was justified and expected and at this moment Montenegro represented a role model for other countries in the Western Balkans.

28 June

- Representatives of services of the Security and Defence Committee and the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget took part in a seminar for representatives of South East Europe parliamentary services, organised by the Center for Democratic Control of Armed Forces from Geneva (DCAF), in Miločer, on 26 - 28 June.

29 June

- Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the PACE attended the session of the PACE (25-29 June). The session was attended by MPs: Valentina Radulović-Šćepanović, Chair, and members substitutes: Zoran Vukčević, Snežana Jonica and Ervin Spahić.
- President Krivokapić awarded certificates and books to students – participants of 9th and 10th generation of the Internship Programme, within the project "Open Institutions", which is organised by the Parliament of Montenegro, in cooperation with the NGO Centre for Democratic Transition and Montenegrin universities.

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