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FOREWORD

Dear readers,

We present to you the key information on activities of the Parliament of Montenegro in the period from 1 to 31 December, which is, in the form of monthly newsletter "Open Parliament", prepared by Parliamentary Service.

In December, the Parliament held its second, fourth, fifth, seventh and ninth sitting of the second ordinary session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2014, and also its eighth special sitting of the second ordinary session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2014.

During December, committees considered 24 proposals for a law, 15 proposals for a decision and held other activities within their oversight role.

In focus of this month's newsletter is the Ninth meeting of the European Union - Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC) held on 1 and 2 December in Brussels.

The newsletter is published monthly through which the Parliament endeavours to bring its work closer to Montenegrin citizens.

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

*Respectfully,
Parliamentary Service*



LEGISLATIVE AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITY

During the continuation of the Second Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2014, the Performance Report of the Commission for Prevention of Conflict of Interests was adopted.

At the Fourth Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2014, the following laws were adopted: Law on Highway Bar – Boljare, Law on Lobbying, Law on Foreigners, Law on Effective Energy Use, Law on Amendments to the Law on DNA Register, Law on Amendments to the Foreign Trade Law, Law on Amendments to the Law on Scientific and Research Activity, Law on Amendments to the Law on Road Traffic Safety, Law on Communal Police, Law on Administrative Procedure, Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Procurement, Law on Budget and Fiscal Responsibility.

In addition, the following were adopted: 2013 Annual Report on Performance of Courts in Montenegro, 2013 Report of the Supreme Public Prosecutor's Office of Montenegro on Performance of the Public Prosecutor's Office, 2013 Performance Report of the Prosecutorial Council, 2013 Performance Report of the Agency for Protection of Competition, 2013 Performance Report of the Commission for the Control of Public Procurement Procedures, 2013 Report on the state in the power sector of Montenegro and 2013 Report on the implementation of the Regional Development Strategy of Montenegro for the period 2010 – 2014.

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Within the Agenda item *Elections and Appointments*, the following were elected as members of Commission for Prevention of Conflict of Interest: Slobodan Leković, as President of the Commission, and Goranka Vučinić, Ivo Đoković, Ana Raičević, Borka Smolović, Ristan Stijepović and Vahedin Feratović, as members of the Commission.

At the Fifth Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2014, the following laws were adopted: Law on Prevention of Corruption, Law on Amendments to the Law on Prevention of Conflict of Interest, Law on Funding of Political Parties and Election Campaigns. The Code of Ethics for MPs was also adopted, while Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Pension and Disability Insurance Law was withdrawn from procedure.

At the Seventh Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2014, the following were adopted: Law on Final Budget Account of Montenegro for 2013 together with: 2013 Report on Audit of the Final Budget Account of Montenegro and Annual Report on Performed Audits and Activities of the State Audit Institution for the period October 2013 – October 2014; financial statements with performance reports of independent regulatory bodies for 2013, for the following: Energy Regulatory Agency, Agency for Electronic Media, Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services, Insurance Supervision Agency, Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices, and Securities Commission; Law on Budget of Montenegro for 2015; financial plans with work plans of independent regulatory bodies for 2015, for the: Energy Regulatory Agency, Agency for Electronic Media, Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services, Insurance Supervision Agency, Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices, and Securities Commission; Law on ratification of the Maritime Labour Convention 2006; and Decision on deploying members of the Army of Montenegro in the international mission "Resolute Support - (RS)" in Afghanistan; Law on Ratification of the Additional Protocol 2 of the Agreement on Amendments of and Accession to the Central European Free Trade Agreement and the Additional Protocol 3 of the Agreement on Amendments of and Accession to the Central European Free Trade Agreement; Law on International Restrictive Measures; Law on Amendments to the Law on Internal Affairs; Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Gatherings; Decision on granting and financing of the public media in the Albanian language weekly "Koha javore"; Law on Amendments to the Law on Local Self-Government Financing; Resolution on Environment; Law on Amendments to the Pension and Disability Insurance Law; Law on Amendments to the Pension and Disability Insurance Law (MPs Marta Šćepanović, Zorica Kovačević, Veljko Zarubica and Radovan Obradović); Report on the course of European Integration of Montenegro for the period January - June 2014; Law on Amendments to the Law on Personal Income Tax and the

Law on Amendments to the Law on Agriculture and Rural Development.

Within the agenda item *Elections and Appointments*, Milutin Simović was elected Vice President of the Parliament.

At the Ninth Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2014, the following were adopted: Law on Amendments to the Law on Social and Child Welfare; Law on Amendments to the Law on Veteran and Disability Protection; Law on Founding the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and conclusions regarding the consideration of the current environmental situation in the Municipality of Pljevlja.

Prime Minister's Hour

At the Eighth Special Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2014, under the agenda item *Prime Minister's Hour*, MPs' questions were answered by Prime Minister of Montenegro Milo Đukanović. Seven questions were posed to the Prime Minister.

Proposals for a law deliberated in committees

- **Proposal for a Law on Financing Political Parties and Election Campaigns** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Amicable Settlement of Labour Disputes** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Labour Law** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare.
- **Proposal for a Law on Budget for 2015** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget. The same proposal was considered by the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning, the Gender Equality Committee, the Security and Defence Committee, Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports, Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration, the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, the Anti-corruption Committee, the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants, Committee on European Integration, Committee on Health, Labour, and Social Welfare, in part under their competence and submitted the opinion to the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget, as a lead Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on**

- Civil Servants and State Employees** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee. The same proposal for law was considered by the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration; however, the proposal did not obtain the required majority.
- **Proposal for a Law on Final Budget Account of Montenegro for 2013** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Security and Defence Committee and the Legislative Committee. The same proposal was considered by the Anti-corruption Committee.
 - **Proposal for a Law on Ratifying the Additional Protocol 2 of the Agreement on Amendment and Accession to the Central European Free Trade Agreement and Additional Protocol 3 of the Agreement on Amendment and Accession to the Central European Free Trade Agreement** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
 - **Proposal for a Law on Registers of Temporary and Permanent Residence** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
 - **Proposal for a Law on International Restrictive Measures** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants.
 - **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea adopted in 1974 and the Protocol of 2002 to the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea adopted in 1974** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants.
 - **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Pension and Disability insurance** submitted by MPs: Janko Vučinić, Zoran Miljanić, Ljiljana Đurašković, Milutin Đukanović, Goran Danilović, Andrija Popović, Azra Jasavić, Emilo Labudović, Branka Bošnjak, Radovan Asanović, Andrija Mandić, Izet Bralić, Džavid Šabović and Srđan Perić, was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare and the Legislative Committee.
 - **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Pension and Disability insurance** submitted by MPs: Marta Šćepanović, Zorica Kovačević, Veljko Zarubica and Radovan Obradović, was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare and the Legislative Committee.
 - **Proposal for a Law on ratification of the Maritime Labour Convention 2006** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants and the Legislative Committee.
 - **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Internal Affairs** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration.
 - **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Pension and Disability Insurance Law** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare.
 - **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Agriculture and Rural Development** submitted by MPs Neven Gošović, Aleksandar Damjanović and Obrad Gojković, was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee. The same proposal for law was considered by the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning; however, the proposal did not obtain the required majority.
 - **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Business Enterprises** submitted by MPs Aleksandar Damjanović and Danko Šarančić, was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget.
 - **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Criminal Code** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration.
 - **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Regional Development** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
 - **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Local Self-Government Financing** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget.
 - **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Gatherings** was considered by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms; however, it did not obtain the required majority. The proposal was considered once again by the Legislative Committee, but still did not obtain the required majority.
 - **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Travel Benefits of Persons with Disabilities** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare.
 - **Proposal for a Law amending the Law on Veteran and Disability Protection** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare.
 - **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Social and Child Welfare** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the

Legislative Committee and the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare.

Proposals for other acts deliberated in committees

- **Proposal for a Decision on Election of one member of the Administrative Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro** was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Decision on Election of one member of the Committee on European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro** was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Decision on Election of one member of the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare of the Parliament of Montenegro** was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Decision on Dismissal and Election of two members of the Anti-corruption Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro** was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Decision on Dismissal and Election of one member of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms of the Parliament of Montenegro** was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Decision on Dismissal of one member and Election of two members of the Committee on International Relations of the Parliament of Montenegro**, was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Conclusion with regard to the Law on the Highway Bar – Boljare** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for Conclusions regarding the consideration of the Report on implementation of the Regional Development Strategy of Montenegro 2010 - 2014, for the year 2013** was considered by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget; however, it did not obtain the required majority.
- **Proposal for a Decision on appointing two members of the Foreign Investors Council among the members of parliament** was determined by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget.
- **Proposal for a Decision on sending members of the Military of Montenegro to the international mission „Resolute Support – (RS)“ in Afghanistan** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Security and Defence Committee.
- **Proposal for a Resolution on Environment Protection** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning.
- **Proposal for a Decision on issuing and financing the weekly magazine on Albanian language „Koha javore“** was considered and proposed to the Parliament

for adoption by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget and the Legislative Committee.

- **Proposal for Conclusions regarding Proposal for the 2015 Budget Law of Montenegro**, submitted by MP Genci Nimanbegu, was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Decision on appointing one deputy member of the State Electoral Commission** was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Decision on appointing President and two members of the Council of the Agency for Personal Data Protection and Free Access to Information** was determined by the Administrative Committee.

Other activities of working bodies

- At the 29th meeting commenced by the **Security and Defence Committee** on 5 December, Snežana Jonica was appointed Deputy Chair of the Security and Defence Committee.
At the 31st meeting, held on 26 December, the Committee supported 2013 Annual Report on Foreign Trade in Controlled Goods and it expressed its support for the planned activities of the Ministry of Economy aimed at promoting oversight in this field.
- At the 36th meeting of the **Committee on International Relations and Emigrants**, held on 15 December, the Committee gave a positive opinion on the proposal to appoint Milan Lakić to the position of the Ambassador of Montenegro to Bosnia and Herzegovina, on a residential basis in Sarajevo.

At the 37th meeting, held on 22 December, the Committee gave a positive opinion on the proposal to appoint Antun Sbutega to the position of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Montenegro to the Italian Republic, who will perform his duty on residential basis, in Rome.

At the 38th meeting, held on 23 December, the Committee gave a positive opinion on the proposal to appoint Dragica Ponorac to the position of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Montenegro to the French Republic, who will perform her duty on residential basis, in Paris.



- At the 30th meeting of the **Committee on European**

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Integration, held on 12 December, the Committee members have unanimously appointed Marija Maja Čatović Deputy Chair of the Committee.

At the 31st meeting, held on 22 December, members of the Committee on European Integration considered: Report on the course of European Integration of Montenegro for the period January - June 2014; Second Report on the realisation of obligations under the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with the annual reporting table for the period September 2013 - September 2014; Third quarterly report on the overall activities in the process of integration of Montenegro into the European Union, for the period July - September 2014, as well as the First, Second and Third quarterly report on realisation of obligations from the Montenegro Accession Programme to the EU for the period 2014-2018. The Committee members were also informed on the Information on Bilateral Cooperation with the EU member states, and adopted the Strategy of promotion of communication of the Committee on European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro with the citizens via the social network Twitter.

At the meeting resumed the same day, the Committee supported the Report on the course of European Integration of Montenegro for the period January - June 2014 and proposed it to the Parliament for adoption.



- At the 83rd meeting, commenced by the **Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget** on 1 December, the Committee decided to propose to the Parliament to adopt Proposals for financial plans with the work plans of independent regulatory bodies for 2015, i.e. for the Securities Commission, Insurance Supervision Agency, Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices and Agency for Electronic Media. In addition, the Committee determined Proposal for a Decision on appointing two members of the Foreign Investors Council out of the members of parliament. MPs Filip Vuković and Strahinja Bulajić were proposed for members of the Foreign Investors Council.

At the 83rd meeting resumed on 18 December, the Committee supported the revised Proposal for financial plan with work plan of Energy Regulatory Agency for 2015 and revised Proposal for financial

plan with work plan of Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services for 2015 and decided to propose them to the Parliament for adoption.

At the 87th meeting, resumed on 19 December, the Committee was informed on the 2015 Financial Plan of the Central Bank of Montenegro.



At the 75th meeting, resumed on 27 December, the Committee hasn't determined Proposal for the Decision on appointment of one member of Senate of State Audit Institution.

- At the 39th meeting of the **Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms**, held on 4 December, the Committee supported the 2013 Performance Report of the Centre for Development and Preservation of Culture of Minorities, the Performance Report of the Centre for Development and Preservation of Culture of Minorities for the first ten months of 2014, and 2015 Work Program of the Centre for Development and Preservation of Culture of Minorities.

At the 40th meeting, held on 5 December, the Committee considered 2013 Report on development and protection of rights of minorities and other minority national communities; however, it did not obtain the required majority. In addition, the Committee considered Information on spending of funds allocated to the Fund for professional rehabilitation and employment of persons with disabilities.

At the 43rd meeting, held on 23 December, the Committee considered the 2013 Information on international legal proceedings against Montenegro before the European Court of Human Rights, submitted by the Representative of Montenegro before the European Court of Human Rights Zoran Pažin.

At the 44th meeting, held on 27 December, the Committee endorsed unanimously the 2014 Performance Report of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms. In addition, Members of the Committee agreed on implementation of the remaining activities from the 2014 Activity Plan of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, which will

be realised in January and February 2015.



- At the 37th meeting, held on 18 December, the **Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning** considered the current state of the environment in Pljevlja. The Committee decided to submit proposal of conclusions to the Parliament calling on the authorities to take all measures to protect the environment and its improvement, in all its segments (water, air, soil) in accordance with the law.



- At the 46th meeting of the **Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports**, held on 10 December, the Committee supported the initiative on holding control hearing of Sanja Vlahović, Minister of Education on the topic: "Current situation of the University of Montenegro".



At the 47th meeting, held on 16 December, the Committee considered Information on the implementation of the Law on Culture at the municipal level, adopted by the Government of Montenegro at its meeting of 9 October 2014 and reached the Decision on holding the control hearing of the Minister Sanja Vlahović, coordinator of the Ministry of Education, on the topic: "Current situation of the University of Montenegro".

At the 48th meeting of the Committee, held on 22 December, a control hearing of Minister Sanja Vlahović, who is being in charge of the Ministry of Education, was held on the topic "The current situation at the University

of Montenegro". Committee members and present guests posed a number of questions, and Minister Vlahović answered those within her competences, where upon Committee members gave their comments, suggestions and proposals regarding certain current activities at the University of Montenegro.

- **Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare** dedicated its 66th meeting held on 1 December to marking the World AIDS Day in Montenegro. The emphasis was on the importance of the data showing that during 2014, the number of infected persons was increased by 8. In addition to the Committee members, the following also attended the meeting: Mira Jovanovski Dašić, Assistant Minister of Health and Aleksandra Marijanović, specialist of social medicine from the HIV/AIDS counselling centre of the Public Health Institute.



At the 68th meeting, held on 12 December, the Committee held the control hearing of Mensud Grbović, General Director of the Directorate of Primary Health Care of Ministry of Health, Boban Mugoša, Director of Institute for Public Health of Montenegro and Tomislav Jeremić, resigning Director of the General Hospital in Bijelo Polje, on the topic: "Current situation in the General Hospital in Bijelo Polje".

At the 73rd meeting, held on 23 December, Committee members were informed on the project of the Government of Montenegro entitled "Supporting Implementation of the National AIDS Strategy". It was noted that the Committee, within its competence, would contribute to implementation of the National AIDS Strategy.

- The 25th meeting of the **Anti-corruption Committee**, held on 8 December, was dedicated to marking of 9 December - International Anti-Corruption Day, established by the United Nations Assembly by Resolution 58/4 of 31. 10. 2003, intending to point out the problem of corruption and the United Nations' role in preventing and combating corruption.

At the 26th meeting, held on 12 December, the Committee brought the Decision on holding a control hearing of Raško Konjević, Minister of Internal Affairs Mersad Mujević, Director of the Directorate of Public Procurement, and Ivica Stanković, Supreme State Prosecutor on the topic: "Building the premises of the

Police security center in Podgorica”.



At the 27th meeting, held on 22 December, which was attended by Duško Marković, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice, the Committee has considered achievement of action plans for the Chapter 23 - Judiciary and Fundamental Rights and the Chapter 24 - Justice, freedom and security in the light of the European Commission 2014 Progress Report of Montenegro and the latest views in this regard.

At the eighteenth meeting, held on 22 December, **Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure** considered the privatisation procedure of “MMK Standard” SC Nikšić and adopted Conclusions regarding privatisation procedure of “Crnagoraput” SC.



- At the 46th meeting of the **Administrative Committee**, held on 1 December, the Committee determined the Proposal for the List on the appointment of two members of the Council of the Agency for Electronic Media per authorised proposers. The Committee proposed to the Parliament to appoint Darko Ivanović, candidate of NGOs in the field of media, and Mladen Lompar, candidate of Montenegrin P.E.N. Center, as two members of the Council of the Agency for Electronic Media. The Committee also decided to continue with the procedure for appointment of the President and two members of the Council of the Agency for the Protection of Personal Data, after obtaining the copy from the criminal records under the name of registered candidates, issued by the Ministry of Justice.

At its 47th meeting held on the same day, the Committee established six proposals for decisions, and in relation to that decided to propose the following to the Parliament: to appoint MP Danka Marković as a member of the Administrative

Committee, to relieve MP Milutin Simović of his duty as a member of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants, and to appoint MPs Jasmin Sutović and Darko Pajović, to relieve MPs Milutin Simović and Andrija Mandić of their duties as members of the Anti-corruption Committee, and to appoint MPs Marija Maja Čatović and Zoran Miljanić as members of the Anti-corruption Committee, to appoint MP Jasmin Sutović as a member of the Committee on Health, Labour and Welfare, to appoint MP Marija Maja Čatović as a member of the Committee on European Integration, and to relieve MP Milutin Đukanović of his duty as a member of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, and to appoint MP Zoran Miljanić as a member of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms.

At the 48th meeting, held on 18 December, the Committee decided to propose Branka Bošnjak as the representative of the Parliament of Montenegro in Old Royal Capital Senate. Additionally, the Committee determined the Proposal for a Decision on appointing one deputy member of the State Electoral Commission. With regard to that, upon the proposal of MP Group of DPS, the Committee has proposed to the Parliament of Montenegro to appoint Ljubinka Popović Kustudić as a deputy member of the State Electoral Commission. The Committee decided to propose to the Parliament of Montenegro to appoint Radenko Lacmanović and Aleksa Ivanović as members of the Council of the Agency for Personal Data Protection and Free Access to Information. Procedure on appointing President and two members of the Council of the Agency for Personal Data Protection and Free Access to Information was postponed.

At the 48th meeting resumed on 23 December, the Committee determined Proposal for a Decision on appointing President and two members of the Council of the Agency for Personal Data Protection and Free Access to Information. The Committee decided to propose to the Parliament to appoint Muhamed Đokaj as the President of the Council of the Agency for Personal Data Protection and Free Access to Information, and Radenko Lacmanović and Aleksa Ivanović as members of the Council of the Agency for Personal Data Protection and Free Access to Information.



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NEWS FROM PARLIAMENT



President of the Parliament presented annual awards to the best civil servants and state employees

President of the Parliament of Montenegro presented on 24 December annual awards to the best civil servants and state employees.



President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić thanked employees for the contribution they had been giving by their hard work and devotion, and presented awards to the best civil servants in 2014: Vlatko Šćepanović, Jelena Ulić and Goranka Vučinić as well as to the best state employees: Persa Vučić and Tamara Čadenović. A symbolic award was given to Vesna Lakićević upon retirement. At the ceremony in the Parliament of Montenegro, a concert of Women's String Orchestra "Montenegro Muse" was organised. The members of the Orchestra are already affirmed musicians, members of Montenegrin Symphony Orchestra and professors in music schools.

International Human Rights Day marked

At the Parliament of Montenegro, on 10 December, on the occasion of marking the Human Rights Day, the Conference on "Accessibility and persons with disabilities" was held.

The Conference was organised by: Institution of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro, OSCE Mission to Montenegro, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights and the NGO "Civic Alliance", in cooperation with the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms.



The conference was attended by Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro Siniša Stanković, representatives of state institutions, diplomatic community, civil society and academic community.

During his speech, the Chair of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms Halil Duković particularly pointed to the adopting of Strategy for integration of persons with disabilities, for the period 2008-2016,

drafted with the aim to achieve a higher-level protection of persons with disabilities.

Within the discussion on the topic "Accessibility and persons with disabilities", Secretary General Stanković pointed out that since the beginning of 2011, the Parliament of Montenegro has issued three public invitations for procuring an inclined platform lift for the transport of disabled persons. However, all three public procurement procedures were unsuccessful, due to technical and legal reasons. The 2014 Action plan to adapt buildings in public use for access, movement and use of persons with reduced mobility, adopted by the Ministry of Sustainable Development, envisages the necessary elements of accessibility. In the first half of this year, the Directorate of Public Works called a tender for drafting of technical documents for all buildings included in the plan, including the building of the Parliament, and it would be followed by the tender for construction which would also be prepared by the Directorate of Public Works.

Secretary General Siniša Stanković emphasised that unrestricted access of persons with reduced mobility to the building of the Parliament represented a necessary prerequisite to fulfill the principle of openness and transparency and estimated that in the year to come these persons will be able to access the building of the Parliament. He recalled that the building had been built in 1954, which made it difficult to find an adequate architectural solution, sought for many years now.

Humanitarian Action "For the Children of Montenegro" held

Humanitarian Action "For the Children of Montenegro", initiated by President Ranko Krivokapić, was held on 15 December in front of the

building of the Parliament of Montenegro, and gathered MPs, resident ambassadors of foreign countries to Montenegro and employees in Service of the Parliament,

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with the aim to donate collected funds to one of the Montenegrin maternity wards. The event was attended by children from the primary school “Štampar Makarije” from Podgorica, children from kindergarten “Maša” – international part, as well as children from Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro where 1.204,30 euros were collected. The Parliament of Montenegro will allocate a certain sum of money from its budget savings, which it achieves every year despite the constant increasing of work and activities. This money along with the money collected in the action "For the Children of Montenegro" will be donated to a maternity ward. The Collegium of the President of the Parliament will make a

decision on the total amount to be donated and the maternity ward where it will be donated and how it will be donated.



Plenary session of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union-COSAC held

Members of the Committee on European Integration Šefkija Murić and Srđa Popović attended the Plenary session of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union – COSAC, held under the Italian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in Rome.

The meeting was opened by Pietro Grasso, President of the Senate, who assessed parliamentary part of Italian presidency as successful, which ends with this COSAC meeting. Grasso stated that in the semi-annual period, new relationships between the states were established, and with the adoption of the important strategic decisions in December, new framework would be established for successful policies at the Union level.

In the context of the debate on the role of the European institutions and national parliaments, toward five years from the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, the focus of attention was a deficit of democracy, the crisis of the European idea and hostility of European citizens.

Consideration of the Europe 2020 strategy was continued, with a focus on growth, employment and competitiveness. Parliamentarians agreed that it was necessary to reduce poverty and unemployment rate, especially among young people, which is unacceptably high in the Union.

The second day of the Conference was marked by a debate on the global role of the European Union and projection of its policy in the Mediterranean and Eastern Europe, where it was pointed out that the aforementioned region is of strategic interest for the European Union, and that it was necessary to make an adequate joint and unified response to the crisis areas through security strategies. Participants reminded of the important role of EU agencies in the implementation of EU policies in different fields, in the context of the debate on the democratic control of European agencies. At the end of the meeting, conclusions were adopted, where the European Union's enlargement strategy of 8 October 2014 was welcomed and the progress made by the Western Balkans countries in the field of European integration was recognised.



PARLIAMENTARY GLOSSARY

Final Budget Account. “Final budget account is adopted according to the procedure which is very similar to that of the budget. The final account represents an instrument made up at the end of the year which states all revenues achieved and the overall resource schedule in a financial year that has just passed and for which the final account is being adopted. The final budget account represents results achieved during the previous accounting year. The importance of the final budget account lies in the possibility of the representative body to monitor the implementation of the principles set by the government at the beginning of the fiscal year.”¹

¹ Dr Marko Radičić, dr Božidar Raičević, *Javne finansije-Teorija i praksa*, Beograd 2008, pp.226-227

IN FOCUS



Ninth meeting of the European Union - Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC) held in Brussels

President of the Parliament of Montenegro and President Emeritus of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Ranko Krivokapić co-chaired the Ninth meeting of the Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee, which took place on 1 and 2 December in Brussels.



President Krivokapić met with the new Chair of the Delegation of the European Parliament for relations with Montenegro Anneliese Dodds. It was stated in the meeting that the new composition of the European MPs in the committee would give new impetus to the process of Montenegro's negotiations with the EU. Krivokapić stressed that the up to now practice of European MPs being friendly critics was the fairest and most useful to the negotiation process, expressing the hope that this trend would continue in the new composition of SAPC.

At the opening of the SAPC, co-chair of the meeting Anneliese Dodds pointed out that the new composition of the European Parliament would continue to support Montenegro in order to create the conditions for accession to the EU, and maintain Montenegro's commitment regarding the implementation of necessary

reforms in the areas covered by Chapters 23 and 24.

Participants were addressed by Alberto Cuttilo on behalf of the Italian presidency of the Council of the EU, Aleksandra Kas Granje on behalf of the European Commission in order to give their view on the current state and dynamics of relations between the EU and Montenegro. Granje emphasised that the rule of law should be regarded not only as an obligation of Chapters 23 and 24, but as a prerequisite for attracting foreign direct investments that need a secure legal environment.

“European Union is a lighthouse of the region, and without it, the Western Balkan countries would be ships sailing with no landmark. For them, EU means more justice, more security and trust in order for state institutions to deal with challenges of transition.”

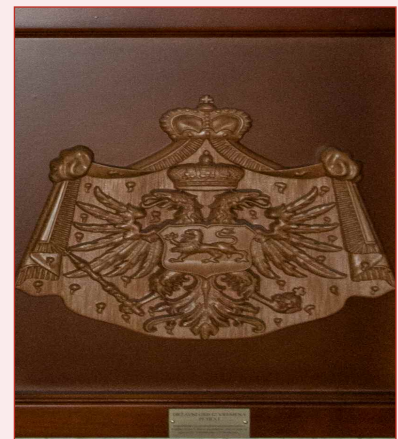
President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić

During the second day, the meeting was marked by the adoption of the Joint Declaration with Recommendations, and participation of members of the Parliament of Montenegro in the meeting of the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) and MPs of parliaments of European Union members states. MPs shared views with ministers of foreign affairs of Western Balkans countries and representative of the Directorate General for Enlargement on the topic of the progress of the region in the accession process to the European Union.

FROM PARLIAMENT'S GALLERY

Petar I Petrović Njegoš (1784-1830) is certainly the greatest and most important person in the history of Montenegro.

Petar I was a prince-bishop, statesman, lawmaker, legislator, intellectual, diplomat, writer, visionary and historical cult figure, who laid the foundations of the Montenegrin state. At the time of his reign, the State Coat of Arms was altered once again. This is when the foundations of state heraldry were built, which would later be altered only in terms of graphic design and colour. The foundation of state heraldry is the crowned double-headed eagle with spread wings, wide feathers, holding in its talons the state insignia, and a lion on the shield, positioned on the eagle's chest. A red cloak with gold fringe around its edges emerges from the crown.



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FROM THE HISTORY OF MONTENEGRIN PARLIAMENTARISM



LAW ON PUBLIC ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION

Article 7

We
NIKOLA I

By the grace of God
PRINCE AND SOVEREIGN OF MONTENEGRO
Declare and announce to each and every person
that the Parliamentary Assembly has decided and
that we have ordered and are ordering this

LAW
ON
PUBLIC ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION

Part I

On assembly in general

Article 1

Citizens of Montenegro have the right to peaceful assembly, which is aimed at reaching an agreement, as stipulated in the provisions of this law (Article 212 of Constitution).

Article 2

Assemblies may be public and private.

Article 3

An assembly shall be considered public if everyone or selective members of the society are allowed to attend.

An assembly shall be considered private if it is personally organised by someone and it may be attended only by individuals that have been invited. The ones that weren't invited shall not be allowed to see or hear what's going on during the assembly. The private assembly shall therefore be held behind closed doors.

PART II

Public assemblies

Article 6

A public assembly may be organised indoors or outdoors.

There is no need to notify the police authorities in order to hold indoor assemblies.
The term behind closed doors implies that the building in which the assembly is to take place is fully enclosed, and presidency members or assembly organisers may exclude whomever they want from the assembly.

Article 8

Organisers of assembly shall notify the state police authorities about assemblies envisaged to take place outdoors or in publicly accessible locations, at least 24 hours prior to the assembly.
The person who has submitted the notification will be issued a document by state authorities certifying that the notification was received.

Article 9

The request must specify the place and time in which the assembly shall take place, and it must contain signatures of at least two assembly organisers, one of them being a resident of the location where the assembly is envisaged to take place, and also their profession and place of residence.

Article 10

Montenegrin citizens with the right to elect MPs are the only ones entitled to organise assemblies.

Article 11

Underaged persons, pupils and individuals with no civic rights are not allowed to attend assemblies.

From the Law on public assembly and association

Cetinje, 14 February 1907

Nikola, handwritten signature

Pavićević, B, Raspopović, R, ur. Crnogorski zakoni
1796-1916, knj. IV (Montenegrin Codes 1796-1916,
Book IV), Podgorica, Istorijski institut Crne Gore,
1998, pp. 461-469

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1 December

- Ninth meeting of the European Union - Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC) took place on 1 and 2 December, in Brussels under the co-chairmanship of Ranko Krivokapić, President of the Parliament of Montenegro and Anneliese Dodds, Chair of the Delegation of the European Parliament for relations with Montenegro.
- Members of the Committee on European Integration Šefkija Murić and Srđa Popović attended the Plenary session of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union – COSAC, held under the Italian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in Rome.

2 December

- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Branko Radulović paid an official visit to the Federal Republic of Germany, i.e. German Bundestag and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from 2 to 5 December. The Vice President spoke with Vice-President of the Bundestag Johannes Singhammer, Chairperson and members of the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union, Chairperson and members of the Parliamentary Group for South-Eastern Europe, Chairperson and members of the Committee on Education, Research and Technology Assessment of the German Bundestag as well as with Special Representative for Southeast Europe, Turkey and EFTA States from the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



3 December

- Member of the Parliament Andrija Popović met with members of delegation of the Council of Europe, composed of: Head of the delegation Michael Petrou (Cyprus), Samuli Rasila (Finland), Janko Dvořak (Slovenia), Michal Rynkowski (Poland) and Mehri

Gafar-Zada (representative of the Secretariat for Sports of the Council of Europe). Members of the delegation of the Council of Europe expressed their willingness to provide logistical support to the Montenegrin sport on the path towards elimination of doping, as its greatest anomaly.

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro and President Emeritus of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Ranko Krivokapić met in Brussels with the Chairman of the Belgian Senate Christine Defraigne.



Krivokapić pointed out that it is important that MPs of the country whose capital city is also the capital of the European Union and NATO are timely informed about the progress of the aspirant countries for membership in both organisations. President Krivokapić stated that all the countries of the Western Balkans entered into the process of negotiations with the awareness that their future membership would depend on the success in meeting the obligations of Brussels. The interlocutors noted that the measurable results of Chapters 23 and 24 are the key factors which determine the call for full membership in NATO and further opening of the chapters in the negotiations with the EU. Importance of control role of Parliament for modern democracy was particularly emphasised as well as the obligation of parliamentarians to give contribution to the implementation of the adopted legislation, through the mechanisms of hearing.

- Chair of the Commission for Monitoring and Control of Privatization Process Janko Vučinić spoke with Aleksandar Milović, President of the Trade Union of the TC "PKB Herceg Novi" SC Zelenika and authorised representative of minority shareholders; Radivoje Popović, employee and shareholder, and Mirko Bulajić, employee and authorised representative of minority shareholders. The occasion of the meeting was a request made by the Trade Union of the TC "PKB Herceg Novi" SC Zelenika, asking for the control of privatisation procedure to be included in the work of Commission as soon as possible, due to the

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introduction of bankruptcy in the company, privatised in 2004.

4 December

- Head of OSCE Mission to Montenegro Janina Hřebíčková visited “Democracy Workshops” of the Parliament of Montenegro and spoke on the topic of human rights with students of the ninth grade of primary school “Radoje Čizmović” from Nikšić. The children had the opportunity to find out more on the importance of OSCE mission and its role in Montenegro, as well as on the activities that OSCE carries out in the field of promotion and protection of human rights. Ambassador Hřebíčková informed the children on historical reasons of establishing OSCE, as an organisation bridging cooperation between the East and the West who had been divided, as well as on today’s role of the organisation, which was much broader and different from before, and it also implied protection of human rights. Additionally, the Ambassador pointed out the importance of the organisation’s action through cooperation with all other organisations dealing with the issue of human rights at various levels.



- Representative of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration MP Marta Šćepanović participated in the Parliamentary Conference titled “Media Freedom and the security of journalists”, held in Paris. Within the first session the topic was reinforcing the protection of journalists against physical attacks, whereas the second session was marked by discussion on the topic “Protecting journalists’ and media freedom from misuse of the law”. The third session was marked by discussion on the topic: “Towards an early warning and rapid response mechanism of the Council of Europe for the protection of media freedom and the security of journalists”, followed by a round table held on the same topic.

5 December

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko

Krivokapić received Taner Yildiz, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Turkey. In his conversation with Minister Yildiz, President Krivokapić stated that the economic relations between Montenegro and Turkey were at the stage of intensifying which was mutually beneficial for both countries. Krivokapić emphasised the Trans-Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) project as especially important, not only for Montenegro, but also for the entire geographic area from Turkey to South-West Europe. Minister Taner Yildiz stated that there was significant interest on Turkey’s side to invest in Montenegro in sectors of mining, textile industry, agriculture and energy.

- Chair of the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning Predrag Sekulić, Deputy Chair of the Committee Jelisaveta Kalezić, and MPs Ljiljana Đurašković and Mićo Orlandić participated in the joint meeting, held between the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning of the Parliament of Montenegro and the Productive Activity, Trade and Environment Committee of the Parliament of Albania, on the topic “Promoting bilateral cooperation between parliamentary committees of Albania and Montenegro, with the aim of strengthening parliamentary oversight on environment issues”.

6 December

- Chair of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget Aleksandar Damjanović, and members of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget: Rešid Adrović, Almer Kalač, Strahinja Bulajić, Goran Tuponja and Nik Gjelošhaj, participated in the joint meeting held between members of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget of Montenegrin Parliament and members of Economy and Finance Committee of the Albanian Parliament. Topics discussed during the meeting were: Cooperation between Montenegro and Albania in the field of transport, fiscal harmonisation of Albanian and Montenegrin legislation with the European acquis, cooperation of the two countries aimed at attracting resources from regional and IPA funds in accordance with conclusions from the Berlin Summit.

9 December

- Chair of the Committee on European Integration Slaven Radunović participated in the European Policy Summit in Brussels, titled: “Balkan Revival: Kick-starting Stalled Policies”. The first session “An EU

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Western Balkans agenda 2015-2020” was focused on politics that would be implemented by the European Commission in its new mandate, with regard to providing support for the regional countries in implementing key reforms in better and faster way. The second topic titled “Economic development: Is the glass now half full?” was devoted to the perspective of economic progress of regional states.

10 December

- On the occasion of marking the Human Rights Day, the Conference on "Accessibility and persons with disabilities" was held. The Conference was organised by: Institution of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro, OSCE Mission to Montenegro, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights and the NGO "Civic Alliance", in cooperation with the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms. The Conference was attended by Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro Siniša Stanković, representatives of state institutions, diplomatic community, civil society and academic community.

11 December

- At the seventh meeting of the Working Group charged with solving the status of weekly newspaper “Koha javore”, published in Albanian, Working Group members considered the Draft Decision on solving the future status of the weekly newspaper. The Proposal for Decision will be submitted to the Parliament for adoption.
- PACE Monitoring Committee, at its meeting held in Paris, suggested closing the monitoring procedure in respect of Montenegro and opening of post-monitoring dialogue in the light of the progress made by the country since 2012. On the basis of the report prepared by Kimmo Sasi (Finland, EPP/CD) and Terry Leyden (Ireland, ALDE), the parliamentarians underlined that Montenegro has “made great progress in fulfilling its commitments and obligations” and shown willingness to continue the reform process in the context of the EU accession negotiation. In particular, the committee welcomed the steps taken by the Montenegrin authorities to fight discrimination and their efforts to host and integrate refugees and Internally displaced persons, including through amendments to the law on foreigners. Nevertheless, the committee warned that the country will have to complete a series of reforms – concerning the electoral process, the independence of

the judiciary, the fight against corruption and organised crime and the situation of the media – by the end of 2017 in order to avoid being returned to the full monitoring procedure.

- President Krivokapić hosted President of the Federal Council of the Republic of Austria Ana Blatnik, who paid an official visit to Montenegro, upon his invitation. Within the visit, there was also a ceremonious re-naming of parliamentary programme “Democracy Workshops” into Democracy Workshops “Barbara Pramer”, in memory of the deceased President of the Parliament of the Republic of Austria Barbara Pramer.

12 December

- Chair of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget Aleksandar Damjanović and members Damir Šehović, Filip Vuković, Strahinja Bulajić and Nik Gjeloshaj held a meeting with members of the Committee on the Economy, Regional Development, Trade, Tourism and Energy of the National Assembly of Serbia. The following topics were discussed during the meeting; equal regional development, policies, measures and results; trade relations of Montenegro and Republic of Serbia - trade in goods, mutual payment of goods and services and energy, oversight in the field of energy policy and policy of investing in energy.



15 December

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić organised a meeting that brought together the ambassadors of the EU member states and the US Ambassador to Montenegro. The main topic of the meeting was the current political situation in the light of the EU and NATO integration.
- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić met with the Deputy Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of Sichuan Province Zhang Dongsheng. It was stated at the meeting that relations between the two countries are constantly

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progressing, and that the economic investments from China are increasingly present in Montenegro. Dongsheng emphasised that, despite the geographical distance between China and Montenegro, there is a close friendship between the two countries. The meeting was attended by the Ambassador of China to Montenegro Cui Yiwei, who stated that the aim of the visit is establishing the cooperation between the Sichuan Province and Podgorica.



- Humanitarian Action “For the Children of Montenegro”, initiated by President Ranko Krivokapić, was held in front of the building of the Parliament of Montenegro, which gathered MPs, resident ambassadors of foreign countries to Montenegro and employees in Parliamentary Service, with the aim to donate collected funds to one of the Montenegrin maternity wards.

16 December

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić held a meeting with Kristina Mihailović, Executive Director of the Association of Parents and Dejana Ponoš, member of the Board of Directors. Mihailović informed President Krivokapić about the situation in Montenegrin maternity wards and urgent needs for solving problems and enhancing the quality of health services and system safety. President Krivokapić expressed gratitude to the Association for their social engagement and devoted dealing with the issue related to the most delicate part in the health care system – maternity wards, the place where the life starts. Interlocutors agreed that the current situation in Montenegrin maternity wards needed caring action of competent institutions that are the part of the health care system of Montenegro, as well as the general public. President Krivokapić stated that he would initiate a consultative hearing in the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare, so that the Committee, in consultation with stakeholders, could draw conclusions which would be intended to create a strategy for eliminating failures and improving the

quality of health care in maternity wards. President Krivokapić requested from the Association of Parents to submit by the end of the week the proposal for the maternity ward for which it is the most important to donate the money collected in the action “For the Children of Montenegro”, with the money that the Parliament will allocate from its savings.

17 December

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić received H.E. Đorđe Latinović, newly appointed ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Montenegro. Krivokapić stated that the two states that had a common history in the former Yugoslavia and shared the fate of the Western Balkans, are naturally one for other in support and understanding. Krivokapić assessed that every step of Bosnia and Herzegovina towards the EU means a more stable region.



Latinović stated that Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro, beside good bilateral cooperation, also have mutual understanding and respect. Ambassador Latinović stated that Bosnia and Herzegovina praised the achieved success of our country in Euro-Atlantic path.

18 December

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić opened the ceremony, organised by Alfa Centre, during which the awards “Safe Compass” were traditionally presented.

19 December

- Head of MP Group of Albanian parties (FORCA, AA), HGI and LPCG Andrija Popović held a meeting with representatives of the Union of Free Trade Unions of Montenegro (USSCG), Secretary General of USSCG Srđa Keković, and member of Secretariat of USSCG

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and President of the Trade Union of Banks Lidija Pejović. Representatives of the USSCG informed the MP on two initiatives from the field of social rights, which consider social needs a priority. Additionally, they also talked about the Agreement on Wage Policy of Employees, funded from the Budget, and in which the Government had committed to begin negotiating on increasing wages if the GDP increases for more than 3.5% during the validity period of the Agreement, which happened, but the wages were not increased in that period.



- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić met with H.E. Majid Fahim Pour, non-resident Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Vice President Mustafić stated that forming friendship groups in the two parliaments was an important prerequisite for establishing cooperation through mutual communication and visits. At the meeting it was also stated that Montenegro was taking the path of European and Atlantic integration, wanting to develop its society based on the rule of law, equality and stability, through achieving democratic standards.



22 December

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić presented the Annual Award to a volunteer of the year, and was the host of a ceremony organised on this occasion by Association for Democratic Prosperity – Zid.

23 December

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić presented certificates to participants of Democracy Workshops “Barbara Prammer”, who attended workshop in the period from June to December 2014. On this occasion, children from 52 elementary schools and 14 municipalities, were awarded 2469 certificates.
- At its 104th meeting, regarding the current state of the environment in Municipality of Pljevlja, the Collegium of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro considered the Report by the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning with the proposal for Conclusions.

24 December

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro presented annual awards to the best civil servants and state employees. Krivokapić presented awards to the best civil servants in 2014: Vlatko Šćepanović, Jelena Ulić and Goranka Vučinić as well as to the best state employees: Persa Vučić and Tamara Čadenović.
- Chair of the Committee on European Integration Slaven Radunović participated in a public debate, held on Chapter 19 - Social Policy and Employment. The debate was organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integrations. In addition to Chair Radunović, the following spoke: State Secretary – Chief Negotiator for negotiations over Montenegro's accession to the European Union Aleksandar Andrija Pejović, Ambassador and Head of the EU Delegation to Montenegro Mitja Drobnič, Ambassador of the United Kingdom Ian Whitting as well as Director of the Directorate for Labour Market and Employment of the Ministry of Work and Social Welfare Arijana Nikolić-Vučinić.



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