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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 July, which is, in the form of monthly newsletter "Open Parliament", prepared by Parliamentary Service.

In July, fifth, seventh and ninth sitting, as well as tenth special sitting of the first ordinary session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2015 were held, during which 57 laws were adopted.

During July, committees considered 29 proposals for a law, four proposals for a decision, and held other activities within their oversight role.

In focus of this month's newsletter is the 24th Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, which took place from 5 to 9 July in Helsinki.

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

At the Fifth Sitting of the First Ordinary Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2015, the following were adopted: Law on Bankruptcy and Liquidation of Insurance Companies, Law on Amendments to the Law on State Surveying and Cadastre of Immovable Property, Patent Law, Law on Amendments to the Law on Consumer Protection, Law on Amendments to the Law on Accreditation, Law on Amendments to the Law on Air Protection, Law on Amendments to the Law on Integrated Prevention and Control of Environmental Pollution, Law on Cooperatives, Law on Amendments to the Law on Tobacco, Law on Amendments to the Law on Yachts, Law on Amendments to the Law on Amicable Settlement of Labour Disputes, Law on Cinematography, Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Kosovo on Police Cooperation, Law on Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Institutional Framework of the Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative for South Eastern Europe, Law on Ratification of the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the Southeast European Law Enforcement Center, Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Turkey on Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters, Law on Ratification of the Energy Charter Treaty, 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, Law

on Ratification of the Safety and Health in Construction Convention, No. 167 of the International Labour Organisation; Law on Ratification of the Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, No. 187 of the International Labour Organisation; Law on the Protection of Consumers-Users of Financial Services, Law on Settlement of Obligations to Workers of the SC Aluminium Plant Podgorica Who Retired Early Due to Bankruptcy of the Company, Law on Amendments to the Law on Social and Child Welfare, Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Prosecution Office, Law on Amendments to the Criminal Code of Montenegro, Decision on Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro, Decision on initiating a parliamentary inquiry and establishment of the Inquiry Committee for collecting information and facts on the events relating to the actions of competent state authorities in the protection of state property and public interest during the sale of assets of the SC Tobacco Plant Podgorica in bankruptcy, Second semi-annual report on the activities in the process of Montenegro's integration into the EU for the period July - December 2014; as well as the item of the agenda relating to the Implementation of the conclusions by the Parliament of Montenegro of 27 December 2014 relating to environment in Pljevlja.

At the Seventh Sitting of the First Ordinary Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2015, MPs adopted the following: 2012 Performance Report of the Fund for Protection and Exercising of Minority Rights, 2013 Annual Report on Performance and Financial Operations of Fund for Protection and Exercising of Minority Rights, 2013 Report on Development and Protection of Rights of Minorities and Other Minority National Communities as well as 2014 Report on Development and Protection of Rights of Minorities and Other Minority National Communities.

At the Ninth Sitting of the First Ordinary Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2015, the following was adopted: Law on Cooperation of Montenegro with Diaspora, Law on Ratification of the Protocol between Montenegro and the Republic of Slovakia together with the Agreement between the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Socialist Republic of Czechoslovakia on Regulation of Legal Relations in Civil, Family and Criminal Matters of 20 January 1964, Law on Amendments to the Law on Data Confidentiality, Law on Registers of Temporary and Permanent Residence, Law on Amendments to the Law on Flammable Liquids and Gases, Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Establishing the Center of Excellence in Finance (CEF), Law on Amendments and Supplements to the 2015 Budget Law, Law on Amendments to the 2015 Budget Law, Law on Amendments to the Law on Safety of Maritime Navigation, Law on Ratification of the Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control, Law on Amendments to the Law on Temporary Residence Fee, Law on Amendments to the Law on Animal Welfare, Law on Amendments to the Law on Game and Hunting, Law on Amendments to the Law on Water, Law on Amendments

to the Law on Planting Material, Law on Amendments to the Law on Seed Material of Agricultural Plants, Law on Amendments to the Law on Plant Health Protection, Law on Amendments to the Veterinary Law, Law on Amendments to the Law on Livestock Farming, Law on Amendments to the Law on Forests, Law on Amendments to the Law on Marine Fisheries and Mariculture, Law on Amendments to the Law on Animal Identification and Registration, Law on Amendments to the Law on Volunteerism, Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Turkey on Social Welfare, 2014 Performance Report of the Prosecutorial Council, 2014 Performance Report of the Public Prosecution Office, Decision on Accepting the Annex No. 1 of the Agreement on lease of hotels "Sveti Stefan" and "Miločer" in Budva, Decision on the establishment of the Committee on monitoring the application of laws and other regulations important for building trust in the election process, Arbitration Law, Law on Amendments to the Law on Civil Proceedings, Law on Personal Bankruptcy of Consumers, Law on Conversion of Loans in Swiss Francs CHF into Euros EUR, Law on Amendments to the Law on Social and Child Welfare, Law on Amendments to the Law on Health Care, Law on Amendments to the Deposit Protection Law, Law on Amendments to the Law on Higher Education, Conclusions of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget regarding the control hearing held on the topic "Implementation of the policy, namely the law in the field of concessions, with reference to the implementation of conclusions of the Parliament of Montenegro adopted regarding the consideration of the 2013 Performance Report of the Commission for Concessions (Official Gazette of Montenegro, No. 31/14)". In addition, the Parliament expressed positive position with regard to the appointment of Dejan Peruničić the director of the National Security Agency.

Parliamentary questions and Prime Minister's Hour

At the Tenth Special Sitting of the First Ordinary Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2015, within the agenda item *Parliamentary Questions and Prime Minister's Hour*, MPs posed seven questions to the Prime Minister, and 60 questions and nine additional to the ministers in the Government.

Proposals for a law deliberated in committees

- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Safety of Maritime Navigation** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget and the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Budget of Montenegro for 2015**, submitted by MP Aleksandar Damjanović was considered by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget; however, the proposal did not obtain the required majority. The same proposal was considered by the Legislative

Committee which decided to propose to the Parliament to adopt it.

- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Higher Education**, submitted by MPs Branka Tanasijević, Radosav Nišavić, Srđa Popović, Saša Pešić, Rešid Adrović, Draginja Vuksanović, Jelisava Kalezić, Branka Bošnjak, Milan Knežević and Srđan Perić was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Registers of Temporary and Permanent Residence**, submitted by MPs Milutin Đukanović, Branka Bošnjak, Vladislav Bojović and Janko Vučinić was considered by the Legislative Committee; however, the proposal did not obtain the required majority.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Social and Child Welfare**, submitted by MPs Azra Jasavić, Srđan Perić, Goran Tuponja, and Darko Pajović, 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 2015 Budget Law of Montenegro**, submitted by MPs Borislav Banović, Izet Bralić, Draginja Vuksanović and Džavid Šabović was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee. The same proposal was considered by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget; however, the proposal did not obtain the required majority.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Restriction of the Usage of Tobacco Products** 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 Pension and Disability Insurance Law**, submitted by MP Janko Vučinić, was considered by the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare; however, the proposal did not obtain the required majority.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Pension and Disability Insurance Law**, submitted by MP Srđan Milić was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee. The same proposal was considered by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget which submitted its opinion on the proposal to the Lead committee. The Proposal was also considered by the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare; however, the proposal did not obtain the required majority.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Regional Development**, submitted by MPs Azra Jasavić, Srđan Perić, Goran Tuponja and Darko Pajović, was considered by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget; however, the proposal did not obtain the required majority.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Corporate Profit Tax**, submitted by MPs Azra Jasavić, Srđan Perić, Goran Tuponja and Darko Pajović, was considered by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget; however, the proposal did not obtain the required majority.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Immovable Property Tax**, submitted by MPs Azra Jasavić, Srđan Perić, Goran Tuponja and Darko Pajović, was considered by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget; however, the proposal did not obtain the required majority.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Mandatory Social Security Contributions** submitted by MPs Goran Tuponja, Srđan Perić, Azra Jasavić i Darko Pajović, was considered by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget; however, the proposal did not obtain the required majority.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Social and Child Welfare**, submitted by MPs Dritan Abazović and Mladen Bojanić 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 Expropriation**, submitted by MPs Azra Jasavić, Srđan Perić, Goran Tuponja and Darko Pajović was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Deposit Protection Law**, submitted by MP Aleksandar Damjanović was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget and the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Personal Bankruptcy of Consumers**, submitted by MP Andrija Popović was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget and the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Ports**, submitted by MPs Draginja Vuksanović and Andrija Popović was considered by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget; however, the proposal did not obtain the required majority. The same proposal was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Health Care**, submitted by MPs Strahinja Bulajić and Emilo Labudović 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 Social and Child Welfare**, submitted by MPs Strahinja Bulajić and Emilo Labudović 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 International Convention for the Suppression of Counterfeiting Currency** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and Committee on International

Relations and Emigrants.

- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the 38th Convention on International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants.
- **Law on Ratification of the Agreement Between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Albania on Economic Cooperation** 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 Higher Education**, submitted by MPs of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Civil Proceedings** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration.
- **Proposal for an Arbitration Law** 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 Extra-Judicial Proceedings**, submitted by MPs Azra Jasavić, Srđan Perić, Goran Tuponja and Darko Pajović was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee. The same proposal 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 Amendments to the Law on Civil Proceedings** submitted by MPs Azra Jasavić, Srđan Perić, Goran Tuponja and Darko Pajović was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee. The same proposal 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 Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code**, submitted by MP Snežana Jonica, was considered by the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration; however, the proposal did not obtain the required majority. The same proposal was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.

Proposal for which a committee began deliberation during July is the following:

- Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Social and Child Welfare, submitted by MPs: Azra Jasavić, Srđan Perić, and Goran Tuponja was considered by the Legislative Committee, which postponed the voting on the proposal for the next meeting.

Proposals for other acts deliberated in committees

- **Proposal for a Decision on the establishment of the Committee on monitoring the application of laws and other regulations important for building trust in the election process**, submitted by MP Draginja Vuksanović was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration.
- **Proposal for conclusions with regard to control hearing held on the topic of: “Enforcement of policy, respectively laws in the field of concessions, with regard to implementation of the laws of the Parliament of Montenegro adopted on the occasion of considering 2013 Performance Report of the Commission for Concessions (Official Gazette of Montenegro, No. 31/14)”**, submitted by MP Aleksandar Damjanović was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget.
- **Proposal for a Decision on granting a long-term lease of Island Lastavica with fortress “Mamula”, Municipality Herceg Novi** was considered by the Legislative Committee; however, the proposal did not obtain the required majority.
- **Proposal for a Decision on Amendments to the Code of Ethics for MPs**, submitted by MPs: Srđan Milić, Snežana Jonica, Aleksandar Damjanović, Radosav Nišavić, Danko Šarančić and Danijela Marković was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.

Other activities of working bodies

- At the 96th meeting of the **Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration**, held on 9 July, the Committee considered and supported by the majority of votes the 2014 Annual Report on performance of the Judicial Council and general state of the judiciary.

At the 97th meeting, held on 16 July, the Committee considered and supported by the majority of votes the 2014 Performance Report of the Public Prosecution Office and 2014 Performance Report of the Prosecutorial Council.

- At the 41st meeting of the **Security and Defence Committee**, held on 3 July, the Committee considered and supported the 2014 Report of the Ministry of Interior on performance and situation in the administrative fields and 2014 Report on the Protection and Rescue System in Montenegro.

At the 42nd meeting, held on 20 July, the Committee considered 2014 Performance Report of the National Security Agency. Following the discussion, members of the Committee supported the report by the majority of

votes, and several conclusions were adopted unanimously.

At the 44th meeting, held on 30 July, the Committee considered the Proposal of the Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro for appointment of the Director of the National Security Agency. Upon invitation, the meeting was also attended by the candidate for the Director of the Agency Dejan Peruničić. Following the interview with the candidate and the discussion which was led, the Committee, with the majority of votes, adopted the Report in which it proposed to the Parliament of Montenegro to deliver to the Government the Opinion with the proposal to appoint Dejan Peruničić as the Director of the National Security Agency.



- At the 59th meeting, held on 28 July, **Committee on International Relations and Emigrants** reached a decision on establishing four new friendship groups of the Parliament of Montenegro. On the basis of proposals submitted by MP Groups for membership in the groups, friendship groups have been established with parliaments of Italy, Bulgaria, Georgia and Kuwait.
- At the 38th meeting, held on 10 July, **Committee on European Integration** unanimously adopted draft negotiating position of Montenegro for Intergovernmental Conference on the Accession of Montenegro to the European Union for chapters 15 - Energy and 19 - Social policy and employment, as well as reports on negotiation chapters 4 and 11.



At the 39th meeting, held on 28 July, the Committee unanimously adopted positive opinions on Report on Negotiation Chapter for Chapter 6 - Company law, Report on Negotiation Chapter for Chapter 7 – Intellectual property law, and Report on Negotiation

Chapter for Chapter 32 – Financial control.

- At the 105th meeting, held on 6 July, the **Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget** considered and decided to propose to the Parliament the adoption of Financial Statements and Report on Conducted Audit of Financial Reports with the Performance Report of the Insurance Supervision Agency for 2014. In addition, the Committee decided to propose to the Parliament the adoption of the 2014 Annual Performance Report of the Securities Commission and the state of capital market.

At the 106th meeting, held on 6 July, the Committee was informed of 2014 Annual Performance Report of the Deposit Protection Fund, as well as with the activities of the Fund during 2014, which were mostly related to obligations from the daily operations and obligations regarding harmonisation of the principle of deposit insurance with the European principles.



At the 108th meeting, held on 9 July, Committee considered and supported the 2014 Performance Report of the Agency for Protection of Competition.

At the follow-up of the 108th meeting, held on 15, the Committee supported the Annual Report of the Energy Regulatory Agency on the state in the Energy Sector of Montenegro in 2014.

At the 110th meeting, held on 20 July, the Committee was informed of the Performance Report of the Investment and Development Fund and Financial Statements of Investment and Development Fund, along with 2014 Report of the Independent Auditor.

During the 111th meeting, held on 24 July, the Committee supported 2014 Status Report on the Insurance Market, and considered implementation of Article 11 of the 2015 Budget Law on Montenegro.

At the 112th meeting of the Committee, held on 31 July, the Committee established the 2016 Draft Budget of the State Audit Institution. In addition, the Committee did not support the Initiative for holding a consultative hearing for the purpose of obtaining necessary information and professional opinion on the current status of three arbitration proceedings against the state of Montenegro, as well as on the manner of

defence of state interests in these proceedings and hiring of our legal representatives and experts, submitted by MPs Dritan Abazović i Mladen Bojanić.

- At the 52nd meeting, held on 20 July, the **Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms** considered and supported the 2014 Annual Report of the National Mechanism for Prevention of Torture. In addition, the Committee considered Report "Police Treatment of Children", Information of the Police Administration with regard to attacks on members and activists of LGBT community and undertaking of measures aimed at protecting their safety, Information of the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights on measures and actions aimed at raising public awareness regarding the prohibition of discrimination and training the police, prosecutors, and judges; and 2012-2016 Report on Implementation of the Strategy for Improvement of Position of Roma and Egyptians in Montenegro in 2014, with the Action Plan for 2015.



At the 56th meeting, held on 28 July, the Committee supported Report on implementation of activity plan of the Committee for the period January-July 2015. In addition, the Committee unanimously supported Conclusion regarding consideration of the following: Report "Police Treatment of Children", Information on activities and measures undertaken with the aim of improving the status of members of LGBT population (Information of the Police Administration with regard to attacks on members and activists of LGBT community and undertaking of measures aimed at protecting their safety, Information of the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights on measures and actions aimed at raising public awareness regarding the prohibition of discrimination and training the police, prosecutors, and judges); and 2012-2016 Report on Implementation of the Strategy for Improvement of Position of Roma and Egyptians in Montenegro in 2014, with the Action Plan for 2015.

- At the 53rd meeting, 17 July, the **Gender Equality Committee** held a consultative hearing of Tanja Ignjatović, coordinator of the Autonomous Women's Centre Belgrade was held. The hearing related to indicators for monitoring the application of the CoE Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence, drafted within the regional project "With joint efforts –

Towards new European standards for combating gender based violence" implemented in the period 2012 - 2014.



At the 54th meeting, held on 31 July, Chair of the Committee Nada Drobnjak informed the Committee members about the activities conducted in the period between meetings. Additionally, the participants exchanged opinions on the upcoming activities.

- At the 48th meeting of 23 July, the **Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning** considered the situation in Marine Fisheries and Mariculture sectors. Representatives of fishermen's associations informed the Committee about the difficulties faced by the fishermen for several years now. Issues the fishermen were facing involved issuance of fishing licences, lack of oversight, high tax debt, high contribution rates, barriers encountered when subsidising fuel, large amounts of legally or illegally imported fish.



- At the 61st meeting of the **Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports**, held on 28 July, the Committee considered the Report on the implementation of National Roma Integration Strategy and Decade of Roma Inclusion National Action Plan, for 2012 and 2013.



- At the 98th meeting of the **Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare**, held on 10 July, members of the Committee did not support the

initiative of the MP Janko Vučinić to organise a control hearing regarding the tragic incident which happened recently in weapons factory “Tara” in Mojkovac, where one person died, and multiple persons suffered minor and serious injuries. Furthermore, the members of the Committee supported the initiative by MPs Andrija Popović and Srđan Perić to hold a thematic meeting of the Committee regarding the official letter by the NGO “Krug života” (Circle of life), which undertook collecting smears from all hospitals in the territory of Montenegro as one of their activities.



At the 100th meeting of 22 July, the Committee held a control hearing of Zorica Kovačević, Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, Mirko Bulatović, Head of the Basic Public Prosecutor’s Office in Bijelo Polje and Angelina Međedović, Chief Labour Inspector in the Administration for Inspection Affairs on the topic: “Current situation regarding the tragic event that occurred in weapons factory ‘Tara’ in Mojkovac”.

- At the 39th meeting of the **Anti-corruption Committee**, held on 20 July, the Committee considered the current state in the negotiation process of Montenegro and the European Union in the part of anti-corruption and organised crime, with regard to Chapter 23 - Judiciary and fundamental rights and Chapter 24 - Justice, freedom and security.

At the 40th meeting, held on 29 July, the Committee considered the current state in the negotiation process of Montenegro and the European Union in the part of anti-corruption and organised crime, with regard to Chapter 23 - Judiciary and fundamental rights and Chapter 24 - Justice, freedom and security, which falls under the competence of the Public Prosecutor’s Office. The Committee also considered the review of mutual cooperation between the Public Prosecutor’s Office and the Anti-corruption Committee for the period since the election of Supreme Public Prosecutor.

- At the 22nd meeting, held on 9 July, **Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure** considered the course of privatisation of the mineral water factory “Bjelasica-Rada” SC Bijelo Polje.

The 23rd meeting of the Commission, held on 21 July,

was dedicated to the privatisation procedure of “Adriatic Shipyard” SC, Bijela; following which a conclusion has been adopted.



- At the third joint meeting, held on 23 July, the **Anti-corruption Committee** and the **Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration** adopted the report with conclusions from the second joint meeting, and determined their position on the manner of proposing the introduction of a new criminal offence “illicit enrichment of public officials” in line with Article 20 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.
- At the 54th meeting of 2 July, the **Administrative Committee** gave a positive opinion on the Rulebook on Organisation and Job Scheme of the Professional Service of the Commission for Prevention of Conflict of Interests. In addition, the Committee decided to initiate the procedure for appointment of three members of the Council of the Agency for Electronic Media, by sending a Public Call to authorised proposers from among representatives of universities, non-governmental organisations dealing with human rights and freedoms, and association of commercial broadcasters, whose representatives’ terms of office expire on 9 December 2015. The Committee also discussed the Request by the Senate of the Old Royal Capital of 11 May 2015 with regard to the Decision on Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Senate of the Old Royal Capital. With regard to that, the Committee concluded that Article 82 of the Constitution of Montenegro clearly determined the competences of the Parliament of Montenegro, while the Rules of Procedure of the Senate of the Royal Capital shall not impose obligations to the Parliament of Montenegro i.e. the Administrative Committee to appoint two deputy representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro in the Senate of the Old Royal Capital.



NEWS FROM PARLIAMENT



President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met with Victoria Nuland, US Assistant State Secretary

President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met on 12 July with Victoria Nuland, US Assistant State Secretary.

President of the Parliament Ranko Krivokapić and US Assistant State Secretary Victoria Nuland emphasized good and intensive bilateral relations between Montenegro and the United States of America in all fields and especially in Euro-Atlantic integration.



The interlocutors pointed out that a parliamentary dialogue on NATO and other key topics regarding integration and development challenges was inevitable for further strengthening of democratic processes in

Montenegro. The conversation focused on Euro-Atlantic integration of our country and awaiting invitation for Montenegro's NATO membership in December this year at the Ministerial Meeting. President Krivokapić emphasized that Montenegro was fulfilling the agenda of commitments on its Euro-Atlantic path with dedication, especially pointing out the activities on strengthening the rule of law. President Krivokapić stated the following: "Montenegro wants to be a part of the system of collective security and that is our foreign policy priority. NATO not only unites Montenegro with the community of secure states, but also with a system of values based on full democracy, rule of law, and multi-ethnic harmony".

The interlocutors assessed that Montenegro was achieving visible results at the path of reforms, and that intensification of such activities should be continued awaiting the Ministerial Meeting in December. Montenegro's integration path is important for stability of the Western Balkans region and rounding up NATO's line in Mediterranean.

It was conveyed at the meeting that Montenegro could count on partner support of the USA in integration process.

Committee on European Integration organises a public debate on the topic "Legislation of Montenegro and the EU in chapters 15 - Energy and 19 - Social policy and employment"

The Committee on European Integration organised a public debate on the topic "Legislation of Montenegro and the EU in chapters 15 - Energy and 19 - Social policy and employment".

In his introductory statement, Chair of the Committee Slaven Radunović presented the legislative framework and basic aspects of chapters 15 and 19, and pointed out that both topics strongly affected the everyday lives of the citizens. Radunović emphasised that, in the energy area, the key global goal is the increase of energy efficiency which could significantly contribute to improvement of the quality of life, stimulation of innovation and employment, and economic growth. On the other hand, the field of social policy and employment entailed the fight against the challenges such as long-term unemployment, youth unemployment, the discrepancy between the available and the required skills of the workforce, regional differences in the level of employment, and employment discrimination.

Head of Political, European Integration and Trade Section at the EU Delegation Alberto Cammarata emphasised that the energy policy should be based on diversification, competition, and sustainability, and in

that sense the European Union was working on establishing a new freedom – free energy flow, in the context of establishing the Energy Union. Cammarata especially emphasised the work of the European Social Fund, due to which 15 million of European citizens per year improved their work skills in order to find employment.



Negotiator for Chapter 15 Angelina Živković presented the tasks that Montenegro would be facing in the following stages of negotiations, and pointed out that Montenegro has largely harmonised its legislation with the *acquis*, and that the drafting of a new energy law was underway, which would make the country completely

harmonised with the Third Energy Package.

Negotiator for Chapter 19 Arijana Nikolić-Vučinić stated that the EU acquis in this field consisted of labour law, health, and safety at work, equal treatment of men and women regarding employment and social security, employment policy, and social dialogue. Nikolić-Vučinić emphasised that in March the Government adopted the Action Plan for Chapter 19, which was also an opening benchmark for opening of the Chapter.

During the debate, the participants were interested in the possibilities of employing persons with disabilities, projects for promotion of energy efficiency, and various models of resolving the problems with energy supply. The representatives of the NGOs also discussed the need for a stronger cooperation of the state institutions and the non-governmental sector, not only through working groups, but also in the overall negotiation process.

Deputy Chair of the Security and Defence Committee and a member of the Committee took part in a Seminar for MPs "21st Century Transnational Security Challenges: Role of the Parliament"

Deputy Chair of the Security and Defence Committee Snežana Jonica and member of the Committee Obrad Mišo Stanišić, participated in the seminar "21st Century Transnational Security Challenges: Role of the Parliament", which took place on 30 June and 1 July in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

At the gathering, organised by the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, the participants, inter alia, discussed contemporary security challenges, and mechanisms at the national, regional and international level for timely action towards the fight against organised crime, illegal trade, corruption and terrorism.

Additionally, during the continuation, a special attention was devoted to the role of parliaments in the reform of security and defence sector, situation in the field of energy security and the concept of rule of law and good management in this field.

Deputy Chair of the Security and Defence Committee Snežana Jonica spoke within the panel on the role of parliaments regarding the application of the gender equality principle in the security and defence sector, and in her remarks presented activities conducted in Montenegro with regard to application of the United Nations Resolution 1325, pointing out the

achieved progress but also experience in the last decades when the world has been facing a number of crises and fights, resulting in increased number of civil victims.



Bearing in mind the aforementioned, as well as other factors influencing the frequent violations of human rights worldwide, and reminding that in armed conflicts today almost 90% of victims were civilians, primarily women and children, MP Jonica stressed the importance of active engagement and overall approach at the national level in the application of principles stipulated by the United Nations Resolution 1325. Furthermore, she referred to the importance of improving and developing regional and international cooperation of parliaments at the said level.

PARLIAMENTARY GLOSSARY

Memorandum - "diplomatic document presented to the other negotiating party, which states the reasoning behind the request or explanation of the motive to solve a specific issue... – This regular memorandum is not to be confused with the Memorandum of Understanding, which is adopted extensively in Anglo-American practices. Memorandum of Understanding represents a written declaration on an oral international agreement, i.e. a document containing the exact text of the oral agreement."¹

¹ Pravna Enciklopedija, Beograd, Savremena Administracija 1979, p. 695

IN FOCUS



The 24th Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly held in Helsinki

OSCE PA President Emeritus and President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Milutin Simović and MP Goran Danilović participated in the 24th Annual Session of the OSCE PA, which took place from 5 to 9 July, and was dedicated to the fortieth anniversary of the Helsinki document “Helsinki +40”.

The Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly started with the meeting of the Standing Committee, when the new Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly has been elected, and the budget for 2015/2016 set. During the meeting of the Standing Committee, the participants discussed the absence of the Russian Delegation, based on the proposal of the EU member states, assessing that it had not been in the spirit of parliamentary dialogue, and that the attendance of the Russian Delegation was necessary for consideration of the pressing security issues.

The plenary session held on the first day was focused on the Helsinki +40 process, i.e. the importance of the anniversary of signing the Final Helsinki Act, being the articulation of innovative and comprehensive security concept. At the session, which brought together more than 300 parliamentarians from the OSCE region, it was emphasised that the future of the OSCE depended on preservation of Helsinki principles, mirroring the existence of political will, devotion to dialogue and compromise, and building of trust and joint action towards addressing challenges in the field covered by the OSCE.

During the 24th Annual Session of the OSCE PA, President Ranko Krivokapić officially met with his Finnish counterpart Maria Lohela. He assessed that Finland was giving an honest support to Montenegro’s European path, and that Montenegro’s aspirations towards NATO membership were a guarantee of peace and stability in the Western Balkans. They voiced willingness for strengthening cooperation of the two parliaments, particularly in the part of the EU integration through advisory and expert help.

The 24th Annual Session of the OSCE PA was continued with holding of meetings of three general committees with general resolutions of the following committees on their agendas: Political Affairs and Security Committee, Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment, and Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions. Margareta Cederfelt (Sweden), rapporteur of the Political Affairs and Security Committee, presented

the submitted resolution, which was adopted with certain amendments with regard to the original text. Members of the Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment adopted the general resolution with a majority of votes. At the end of the meeting of the Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions, participants noted the adoption of the said document, with certain amendments.

During the meeting of the OSCE PA Bureau, candidatures for the new leadership of the Parliamentary Assembly have been confirmed, and other organisational issues were considered.



Parliamentary Assembly committees considered and adopted declarations in fields followed by the committees, and those will be incorporated in the joint general resolution Helsinki +40 2015, which will be adopted by the OSCE PA at the end of the session.

The last day of the OSCE PA, over 50 parliamentarians participated in the debate at the plenary session led on the proposal of the Canadian Resolution titled “The Continuation of Clear, Gross and Uncorrected Violations of OSCE Commitments and International Norms by the Russian Federation”, which was adopted in the end by a majority of members in attendance. The absence of the Russian Delegation at the Annual Session resulted in withdrawal of their proposed resolutions and submitted amendments, which many assessed as the lack of opportunity to lead a constructive dialogue. The proposed resolutions have been incorporated into the joint declaration which included the issues of migrants and refugees, arms control, minority rights and climate change as well as numerous security issues in the field covered by OSCE.

Furthermore, following the verification of candidates at the Bureau, the general committees elected their chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and rapporteurs to a period of one year. The President of OSCE PA as well as four vice presidents were elected to the same period.

FROM THE HISTORY OF MONTENEGRIN PARLIAMENTARISM



TRADE LAW

22 January/ 4 February 1910

WE

NIKOLA I

By the grace of God

PRINCE AND SOVEREIGN OF MONTENEGRO

Declare and announce to each and every person

that the National assembly

has decided to order and we are ordering this

Trade Law

Part I

SECTION I

Merchants

§ 2.

As a rule, only persons who have reached the age of 21 shall be allowed to engage in trade. Each male or female that are not adults, but have reached the age of 18, may also engage in trade, provided that his/her father has granted approval. In the event that he/she is fatherless, or has a father, but is unable to attend, he/she is allowed to engage in trade if he/she obtains the approval of his/her guardian, along with the

approval issued by the competent court applying in both aforementioned cases (Article 638 of General Code on Property).

§ 5.

Each merchant, working independently or with a partner, is obliged to register the name of the firm under which it wishes to operate, moreover, with the court located in the area of his/her residence. In the event that he/she wishes to conduct business in more than one place, each court must be located in the areas where the business is to be conducted.

This announcement shall be published in the official paper or paper designed for this specific purpose by the merchant, whereas the court is obliged to publicly announce it on the Notice board.

Aside from the announcement, persons specified in paragraph 2 of Article 2 are obliged to publish the approval enabling them to conduct business, previously issued by the court.

Cetinje, 22 January 1910

Nikola, handwritten signature

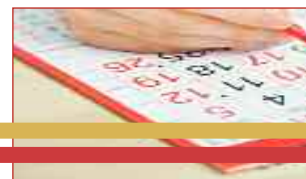
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FROM PARLIAMENT'S GALLERY

Modern Coat of Arms of Montenegro has been shaped and defined early in the history. It is the same coat of arms as the one used at the time when Montenegro was a principality, which represented Montenegro among 27 global and internationally recognised states. In its full beauty and grandeur it reflects the renewal of old symbols in our time, and thus confirms the continuity of Montenegrin statehood. Coat of arms of Montenegro is a golden crowned double-headed eagle with its wings lifted high, holding a scepter in its right talon and an orb in its left talon. On the eagle's chest is a shield with a golden lion passant. Leo is on a green base with a blue background. The crown above the eagle's head and a scepter in the right talon are made of gold. The orb is blue with golden shackles and a cross. Golden double-headed eagle symbolizes generosity, strength, size, resistance to the enemy. Above the eagle's head is a crown, a symbol of sovereignty. In the right talon of the eagle there is a sceptre, one of the royal insignia and a symbol of secular power, while in the second talon, i.e. the left one, there is an orb, also a royal insignia, which is a symbol of spiritual power. The shield on the eagle's chest entirely symbolically represent Montenegro. The green color on the shield, symbolising hope and joy represent Montenegro. Golden Lion, which is a symbol of generosity, power, fearlessness, dignity and grandeur, symbolically represents the residents, citizens of Montenegro. Blue background of the lion symbolizes loyalty and truthfulness.



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1 July

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić received for a farewell visit Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway Nils Ragnar Kamsvåg. The interlocutors deemed as commendable the constructive cooperation of both countries realised through numerous projects involving strengthening the rule of law and judiciary in Montenegro. Kamsvåg stated that Norway would be a partner to Montenegro in the future also when it comes to the reform process in the field of rule of law which, was of key importance for Montenegro's path to the EU.



- Chair of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget Aleksandar Damjanović participated in the Conference "Strengthening the Influence of the State Audit Institution in Montenegro". The Conference, which was aimed at providing more information to the public on the work and competencies of the State Audit Institution, referred to recommendations which the SAI provides in its reports; implementation of recommendations by the subjects of the audit; consideration of the SAI report in the Parliament of Montenegro, as well as following of implementation of SAI recommendations, which the Parliament of Montenegro adopts as conclusions during consideration of the final budget account; promotion of cooperation between SAI and working body of the Parliament competent for budget affairs; activities of the Government, or the Ministry of Finance, regarding implementation of the said recommendations etc.
- Deputy Chair of the Security and Defence Committee Snežana Jonica and member of the Committee Obrad Mišo Stanišić, participated in the seminar "21st Century Transnational Security Challenges: Role of the Parliament", which took place on 30 June and 1 July in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Topics discussed during the seminar were on contemporary security challenges, and mechanisms at the national, regional and international level for timely action towards the

fight against organised crime, illegal trade, corruption and terrorism.

- Members of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports Radosav Nišavić, Saša Pešić, Srđan Perić, Branka Bošnjak and Rešid Adrović paid a two-day visit to the Federal Republic of Germany, during which they met with Deputy Director of Culture and Communication at the Federal Foreign Office Andreas Meitzner, as well as representatives of the Department for Dual Education and Learning of the Administration for Education, Youth and Science of the Capital City – district of Berlin Rolf-Dieter Zehnel and Ralf Jahnke. In addition, the members of the Committee met with the Delegation of the Committee on Education, Research and Technology Assessment of Bundestag Patricia Lips and Thomas Feist, Christian Democratic Union (CDU).



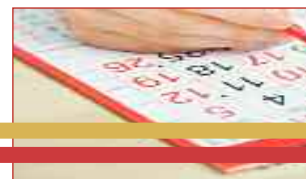
2 July

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met with Ambassador of the Republic of Finland to Montenegro Pekk Orpana. President Krivokapić informed the Ambassador about the efforts and results that our country was achieving in the field of strengthening the rule of law as well as the integration process towards the European Union, and also pointed out the role of the Parliament, which was influencing and carrying these processes more and more, through strengthening of its constitutional capacities. The Finnish Ambassador Orpana said to Krivokapić that Finland fully supports our country with regard to European integration, and that Montenegro was recognised as a country which was particularly mindful of good neighbourly relations and was significantly contributing to peace and stability in the Western Balkans.

3 July

- Committee on European Integration organised a public

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debate on the topic “Legislation of Montenegro and the EU in chapters 15 - Energy and 19 - Social policy and employment”, which was attended by Chair of the Committee on European Integration Slaven Radunović, Head of Political, European Integration and Trade Section at the EU Delegation to Montenegro Alberto Cammarata, Acting Director General of the Directorate of Public Roads at the Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs and member of the Negotiation Group for Chapter 15 – Energy Angelina Živković, Acting Director General of the Directorate for Preschool and Primary Education and Education of Persons with Special Educational Needs at the Ministry of Education and member of the Negotiation Group for Chapter 19 – Social policy and employment Arijana Nikolić-Vučinić.



- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met with Igor Crnadak, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The interlocutors, in addition to good relations of Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina, stated mutual satisfaction over the solving of issue Sutorina, which, as they agreed, unnecessarily burdened interstate relations of the two states. They also spoke about the upcoming signing of the agreement on interstate border. Krivokapić also spoke with Crnadak on Euro-Atlantic integrations of Montenegro and importance of that process for the region, and in that context, emphasised the support to integration in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

5 July

- OSCE PA President Emeritus and President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Milutin Simović and MP Goran Danilović participated in the 24th Annual Session of the OSCE PA, which took place from 5 to 9 July, and was dedicated to fortieth anniversary of the Helsinki document “Helsinki +40”. The Annual Session covered topics such as the crisis in and around Ukraine, the plight of migrants and

refugees, arms control, climate change and minority rights as well as diverse array of critical security issues on the agenda.

7 July

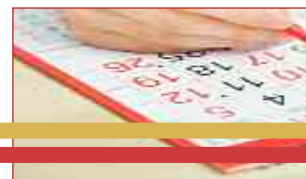
- Members of the Committee on European Integration met with Christian Danielson, Director General of the Directorate General for European Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations at the European Commission. The meeting was also attended by Dirk Lange, Head of Unit for Montenegro at the EC Directorate General, H.E. Mitja Drobnič, Head of the European Union Delegation to Montenegro as well as Alberto Cammarata, Head of Political, European Integration and Trade Section in EU Delegation. The meeting was marked by exchange of opinions on the current state of reforms in Montenegro as well as implementation of necessary steps aimed at successful accession of the state to the Union.
- Chair of the Gender Equality Committee Nada Drobňjak participated in the Conference "Education of women in Montenegro in the function of gender equality", which took place in Budva. Speaking on the topic of "Activities aimed at achieving the gender equality", the Chair of the Committee emphasised the results of the Committee's work, and presented successful cooperation with institutions and non-governmental organisations. The following participated in the Conference: representatives of the competent ministries, Parliament of Montenegro, Bureau for Education Services, Employment Office of Montenegro, Trade Union, University, Directorate for Development of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises, UNDP, economy, etc.



8 July

- Chair of the Security and Defence Committee Mevludin Nuhodžić participated in the Fourth Annual Discussion on the Implementation of the Code of Conduct on

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Politico-Military Aspects of Security, which took place in Vienna. The Fourth Annual Discussion was aimed at providing an opportunity for discussing the promotion and implementation of the Code of Conduct on politico-military aspects of security, including the annual exchange of information and organisation of evaluation discussion and examination of application of the said document in the context of the current political and military situation.

10 July

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić presented the 13th July award to this year's laureates: playwright Ljubomir Đurković, professor at the University of Montenegro Vesna Kilibarda and painter Srđan Vukčević. Ljubomir Đurković won the award for drama trilogy "Grci" (Greeks), Vesna Kilibarda for the book "Njegoš i Italija" (Njegoš and Italy) and Srđan Vukčević for the exhibition "Hipnosovo jezero" (Hypnos's Lake).



- Deputy Chair of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms Ljiljana Đurašković met with representatives of American NGO "The Advocates for Human Rights" Rosalyn Park and Amy Bergquist, and Executive Director of the NGO "Women's Rights Centre" Maja Raičević, upon their request. The meeting was focused on the protection against domestic violence, aimed at fact-finding and obtaining the information on implementation of laws in this area, for the purpose of drafting the Report with Recommendations.



- Members of the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare Andrija Popović, Izet Bralić and Srđan Perić met with representatives of American NGO "The Advocates for Human Rights" Amy Bergquist and Angela Liu. The meeting was also attended by Tanja Markuš, coordinator of "Women in Culture" programme at the Women's Right Center. The meeting addressed the topic of protection against domestic violence for the purpose of establishing the factual state in the field of implementation of the Law on Domestic Violence in Montenegro.

12 July

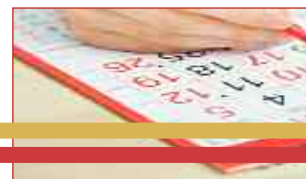
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met with Victoria Nuland US Assistant State Secretary. The interlocutors emphasised that a parliamentary dialogue on NATO and other key topics regarding integration and development challenges was inevitable for further strengthening of democratic processes in Montenegro.
- Deputy Chair of the Committee on European Integration Marija Maja Čatović participated in the Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the EU (COSAC), held in Luxembourg. Several sessions took place during the meeting, on the following topics: priorities of Luxembourg Presidency of the EU Council as well as the topic of strengthening of the political dialogue by introducing a "green card" and improvement of the reasoned opinion procedure ("yellow card").



17 July

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić received for a farewell visit Andrej Nesterenko, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Montenegro. The interlocutors concluded that the parliaments had increasingly efficient and important role in resolving open issues, especially through the example of the Vienna process led by President

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Krivokapić, as President Emeritus of OSCE PA, aimed at resolving the Ukrainian crisis through intensive cooperation of parliamentarians of Ukraine and the Russian Federation. They estimated that all countries were nowadays facing various global security challenges, and that it was important for every country to approach this constructively and seriously.

- President of the Parliament Krivokapić delivered the key remarks at the Conference “Implementation of electoral legislation”, organised jointly by the Parliament of Montenegro and Center for Democratic Transition (CDT).

23 July

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić convened the constitutive meeting of the Council of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption, and on that occasion he received the members of the Council, and H.E. Mitja Drobnič, Head of the EU Delegation to Montenegro.



President of the Parliament Ranko Krivokapić estimated that it was very significant who would be elected by the Council as the Director of the Agency, and also emphasised that the Council was facing a great challenge and added that the Parliament would monitor its work. President Krivokapić said that it was easier to demand results than to achieve them, adding that the corruption in Montenegro had become a systemic challenge in some areas. Let us recall that Vanja Čalović, Ristan Stijepović, Radule Žurić, Goranka Vučinić, and Bojan Obrenović were elected as members of the Council.

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met with ministers of foreign affairs: Péter Szijjártó (Hungary), Grzegorz Schetyna (Poland) and Bogdan Aurescu (Romania). The interlocutors agreed that Montenegro should use the

forthcoming months for the further continuation of fulfilling the commitments arising from Euro-Atlantic agenda, awaiting the Ministerial meeting in December. President Krivokapić stressed that the Parliament has been fulfilling its obligations devotedly, particularly in the part relating to adopting and amending laws, leading to strengthening of the rule of law, democracy and institutions. Ministers of foreign affairs of Hungary, Romania and Poland pointed out that the results that our country has made in the Euro-Atlantic path were visible, and that they encouraged the further continuity of those processes. It was assessed that Montenegro would be supported in the activities that result in the achievement of the common values of the Member States of the Alliance. Furthermore, it was assessed that Montenegro has been giving a significant contribution to the regional cooperation, stability and safety, and that participation of Montenegrin Army in the joint missions is a proof of commitment to peace, stability and partnering relations.

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met with representatives of the Party of United Pensioners and Disabled at their request. The topic of today's meeting with representatives of the Party of United Pensioners and Disabled was informing the President Ranko Krivokapić with their requirements, as well as issues of the position of pensioners in Montenegro.

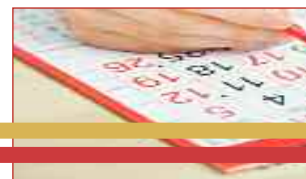
29 July

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić received for a farewell visit Niyazi Taniliri, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Montenegro.



The interlocutors deemed the cooperation of the two countries in numerous fields as commendable, and expressed hope that the cooperation would be improved and deepened. They also assessed that

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Montenegro's membership to the NATO was extremely important for the stability of the Western Balkans, but also for the stability of the whole region, particularly since that membership would complete the NATO line in the Mediterranean. They concluded that Montenegro has been achieving substantial results on its reform path, and that those activities should be intensified awaiting the NATO Ministerial Meeting in December. It was conveyed at the meeting that Montenegro may count in the future also on friendly and partnering support of Turkey in integration processes.

30 July

- At the second meeting of the Council of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption, Goranka Vučinić was unanimously elected President of the Council of the Agency. The Council of the Agency formed the Working Group composed of Vanja Čalović and Bojan Obrenović, who, in cooperation with other members of the Council of the Agency will prepare a proposal for the rules of procedure of the Council of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption. Members of the Council of the Agency agreed on the necessity of providing budgetary funds for the work of the Council and Director of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption, by 1 January 2016, and decided to address the Ministry of Finance about that. Council of the Agency addressed Aleksandar Andrija Pejović, Chief Negotiator for Montenegro's Accession to the European Union, with the Request for help of experts who have similar work experience in similar agencies from other countries, for drafting by-laws as well as help of experts in the field of information system, oversight and administrative investigation of financing of political parties, conflict of interests and illicit enrichment of public officials as well as experts in the field of whistle-blowers.



31 July

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić held consultations with heads of diplomatic

and consular missions. On the occasion, President Krivokapić said to heads of diplomatic and consular missions that democracy was particularly important for small countries, such as Montenegro. He emphasised that the commitments in front of Montenegro, in the light of Euro-Atlantic integration, require synchronization and intensification of work and activities of all diplomatic and consular missions of our country, whose role should be informing our partners on the efforts that we are making in the state, and results that we are achieving while expecting the invitation for the NATO, in December. In his talk with heads of diplomatic and consular missions, President Krivokapić stressed that Montenegrin Parliament has been continuously improving its capacities of parliamentary diplomacy, which resulted in visible results recognised by our friends and partners.



- Chair of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports Branka Tanasijević met with Minister for Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Kosovo Arsim Bajrami. Priorities of continuous improvement of efforts to raise the level of expertise were emphasised, the recognition of degrees on the principle of quality, raising of standard of all types of education, starting from early to higher education. In addition to the Chair of the Committee, the following also attended: Halil Duković, Chair of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, Miodrag Vuković, Chair of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants and Srđan Sentić, chargé d'affaires of the Republic of Kosovo to Montenegro.

